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Young driver coaching parents evening

There's a free information evening for parents who want to be involved in helping to keep their young person safe on the road. Tim Hartnell from Proactive Drive Trust, together with local driving instructors, bring a modern and fun approach to driver education for learner drivers and their parents. It's on Wednesday 21 March from 7.30pm at the Waimea College Hall. You can check out the website proactivedrive.org.nz for more information.

proactivedrive.org.nz



Celebrate Parks Week 2018

Nelson is blessed with plenty of great public open spaces. From rugged reserves to beautifully designed and manicured gardens, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Parks Week 2018 runs 10–18 March across New Zealand and Australia and it's a great chance to celebrate the important role parks play in creating liveable cities and thriving communities. And this year it could make you a winner!

It's a good time to remember why these amazing spaces are so important, let's all get out and enjoy them.

Reasons why we love our parks and reserves

- Visiting parks is good for your physical and mental well-being.
- Healthy parks are an essential ingredient for healthy people.
- Parks support health and well-being, enhance the ability to cope with and recover from illness and injury and help to reduce the risk of chronic disease.
- Parks build stronger and more connected communities by providing places where people come together for leisure.
- Parks provide environmental benefits to our cities.



Send us your snaps!

Nelson City Council is encouraging everyone to get out and do the things you love to do in your favourite park or reserve during Parks Week. Post a photo of you or your family having fun in a Nelson park, or just a shot of your favourite park, on the Nelson City Council Facebook page. All photos will go into a random draw to win a gift voucher from the Nelmac Plant Nursery.



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Who's got the Best Little Woodshed?

The 2018 Best Little Woodshed competition saw a great selection of wood storage ideas entered—from a re-purposed campervan to a hobbit house to sheds with blinds to pull down in wet weather.

Councillor Brian McGurk, Co-Chair of the Planning and Regulatory Committee, said that the range of ideas was fantastic.

"It's great to see people being creative with how they store their wood, and also making sure their woodshed has good air flow and keeps the rain off so that the wood keeps on drying while it is stored."

The Judges' three winners, who each won a cord of firewood from a Good Wood supplier, were:

1. Michael Meek
2. Graeme West
3. Lucy Pritchard.

Councillor McGurk commented on the winners, "It was clearly obvious that our people had put considerable thought into their woodsheds to make the best use of available space, accessibility for when the weather turns cold and wet and how they might keep the rain out as well as making their woodshed that something extra special".

The winner of the People's Choice voting on Facebook was Sarah Board, who won a free flue clean and burner check.



1ST PLACE

Michael Meek, left, with Councillor Brian McGurk.



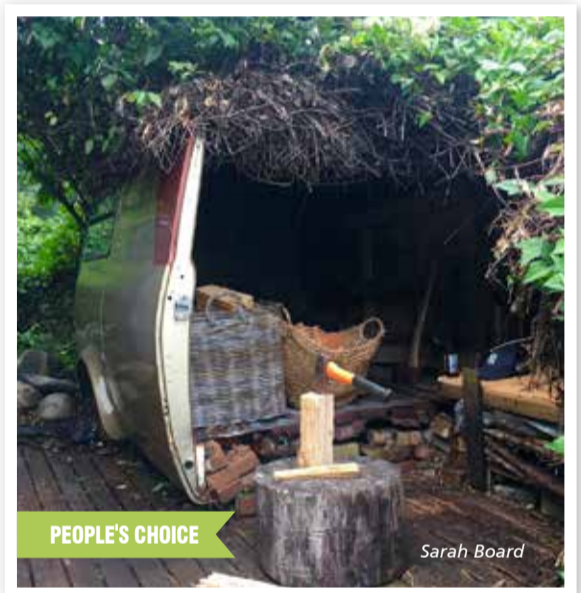
2ND PLACE

Graeme West



3RD PLACE

Lucy Pritchard



PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Sarah Board

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

What a spectacular night we enjoyed with Opera in the Park 2018 at Saxton Oval!

It was great to see so many people turn out to enjoy a stunning night of entertainment featuring world-class performers, to bring the curtain down on a diverse Summer Events season.

The New Zealand Symphony Orchestra with conductor Hamish McKeich, Bic Runga, Anna Leese and Simon O'Neill really brought the music alive throughout the night. Nelson's own local bands Anaglypta and Nelson City Brass did a great job of getting the party started.

There was a peek at the international space station passing by and of course, the epic fireworks display had everyone mesmerised and amazed to end the night.

While that completes the Summer in Nelson

events for this season, fear not, there is plenty more to look forward to in the year ahead.

There has been an amazing assortment of events over summer including the Buskers Festival, the Lantern Celebration, New Year's Eve Countdown, international cricket, Tahuna Summer Sounds, Summer Movies Al Fresco and Teddy Bears' Picnic.

The weather has also caused an eventful few weeks in the region and it is refreshing to see the way that people have come together to help each other out when the going gets tough.

While it was devastating the way that ex-Cyclone Gita caused damage in the wider Nelson region, if there was a positive to come from the event, it was seeing people and communities banding together to help each other out in such a difficult time.

Seeing friends, family and neighbours offering food, clothing and accommodation

showed just what a community focussed region we are.

Finally, I want to remind everyone to share your thoughts with Council on the important issues. Right now we're asking for feedback on and the Nelson City Draft Events Strategy. Later this month, our most important forward planning document—the Long Term Plan—will be released and we'd love to hear your thoughts on that. Make sure you have your say on the future of our city.





A night at the Opera – Nelson style, pitch perfect!

With more than 7,000 people spread out over the immaculate grounds, and the backdrop of a perfect summer's evening, Saxton Oval looked picture perfect.

The 2018 Opera in the Park audience was a mixture of locals and visitors, families and friends.

Janette Ward was especially well-prepped with a lace tablecloth adorned with flowers. Visiting from Melbourne, Janette's friends were particularly looking forward to the blueberry cake to accompany the second half.

Meanwhile, a whole contingent had arrived from Alaska, via Ngatimoti, where they have their biennial fishing trips.

"We love Opera in the Park," says group member Dan Busch. "This is the third time we've been so we know it's a great night."

Joining them was Rick Reichmann from Paris, Texas, who assured everyone he'd made the trip

just for the event, with a wink and a grin.

Musical Director Pete Rainey primed the audience for the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra's glorious return to Nelson after five years; they began the night with a rousing rendition of the theme to Star Wars.

Conductor Hamish McKeich was in fine form, welcoming world-class soprano Anna Leese to the stage for Dvorak's 'Song to the Moon'. Simon O'Neill, resplendent in a white tuxedo, opened with a Mario Lanza standard, 'Be My Love', before he and Anna came together for the catchy 'Lippen Schweigen' from *The Merry Widow*.

The second half belonged to singer/songstress Bic Runga, with the backing of the NZSO to show

her hits at their best to the obvious delight of some ardent fans in the audience, as well as a couple of contemporary classics by Jacques Brel and Bob Dylan.

Of course, no night of opera is complete without two essentials: a mighty tenor singing 'Nessun Dorma' – Simon O'Neill certainly fitted the bill – and a fireworks display to mark the end of the night, this time with NZSO playing the theme from *Mission: Impossible* bringing the crowd to their feet.

Finally, whoever managed to schedule the International Space Station to traverse the night sky during the interval, certainly deserves a special thanks.



Explore the Grampians!

The Grampians Reserve offers some great walking and mountain biking tracks just minutes from the city.

There are some steep sections of track but take your time and you'll be rewarded with stunning views across Nelson.

Nelson City Council has a revised information brochure available showing all the tracks, with approximate walking times

and distances, along with everything you need to know to explore this reserve.

Grab a copy of the new brochure from the Council Customer Service Centre in Trafalgar Street or check it out on the website, nelson.govt.nz, search = Grampians.

Please note: Dogs are allowed on the Grampians but please keep them on a lead around livestock grazing on the Reserve to control weeds and reduce the fire risk.



Changes to the Total Mobility Scheme

Total Mobility is a door-to-door passenger transport scheme using regular taxi and private hire vehicles and modified taxis for wheelchair access. Its purpose is to help people with disabilities to have better and affordable access to passenger transport.

The scheme entitles eligible people to receive a discount on their transport fare. This was previously by way of Total Mobility vouchers presented for each trip, but this is going to change.

In April all current members of the Total Mobility scheme will receive a personalised photo ID swipe card for use subject to local conditions. These cards can be used in other regions of New Zealand, replacing the old paper vouchers. The current local discount rate is 50% to a maximum discount of \$10 per trip.

If you are a member of the Total Mobility scheme and you haven't heard from Council to let you know about the new personalised cards, please contact Nelson City Council immediately on 03 546 0200 to ensure you are all set to use the scheme in the future.

Participating transport services operators

- Freedom Companion Driving Services, 03 539 4856 or 021 355 843
- Nelson City Taxis, 03 548 8225
- Sun City Taxis, 03 548 2666
- Ray of Sunshine Assisted Living, 03 544 5004
- Driving Miss Daisy, ph 03 547 2133

Who can use Total Mobility?

This scheme is only available to people with a disability which impairs their mobility to a level that stops them from using a public bus service or requires the constant assistance of another person. All applicants are assessed for eligibility by an agency approved by the Council.

For more information on eligibility visit the Council website, nelson.govt.nz, search = total mobility.

How to join Total Mobility

The agencies listed below are responsible for assessing people's eligibility to join the Total Mobility Scheme.

- Age Concern Richmond, 03 544 7624
- CCS Disability Action Nelson Marlborough, 03 548 4479
- Epilepsy NZ (Nelson), 03 546 6398 or 0800 202 122
- Idea Services Nelson (IHC), 03 538 1100
- Royal NZ Foundation for the Blind, 03 547 6616 or 0800 243 333
- SF Nelson (Mental health), 03 546 6090
- Stroke Foundation, 03 545 8177 or 025 216 0675

Wakapuaka – Bursting with Life!

The Nelson North community around the Wakapuaka River is partnering with Council and the Landcare Trust, in a project that aims to restore the health of the Wakapuaka River and strengthen community connections in the area.

The project will be driven from within the community with support from Nelson Nature and the Landcare Trust, particularly in recognising the values of the river, and working to restore its natural values.

Much of the land in the Wakapuaka catchment is in private ownership, so work to improve water health issues such as E.coli and raised nutrient levels will focus on enabling the community to continue to care for its river. The project will recognise previous work in this area, build on the community's demonstrated willingness to care for their treasured waterway and encourage it to grow its strengths.

Nelson Nature will support this programme through monitoring water quality and quantity to identify issues that need fixing; helping with tree planting and fencing along the river; running a rainwater harvesting project; working with the school to strengthen student connections with the values of the river;

supporting best practice septic tank management, and learning more about the history of community and the river that touches the lives of many.

Wakapuaka – Bursting with Life! will be launched at a community barbecue and outdoor movie, starting at 6.30pm on Friday 9 March at the Hira Reserve (or at the Fire Station if wet).

Nelson Nature will also be supporting Landcare Trust to run a landowner workshop in late March to encourage best practice land management to improve the river's health.





Second Hand Sunday

The next Second Hand Sunday on 25 March is an opportunity to de-clutter and freshen up your home before winter. It's a great way of minimising waste in our city and giving pre-loved items a new home.

Most of us have things lurking in our cupboards that we no longer need. Have a clear out on Second Hand Sunday and give them a chance to be used and enjoyed by someone else. To take part, simply register online, print off a poster (or pick one up from Council's service centres) and put it on your mailbox on the day.

Second Hand Sunday starts at 10am, so once you have sorted out your items to give away, put them on your driveway (not on the footpath) with the poster on display. Please do not put out food or dangerous goods, like faulty electrical equipment, chemicals, or firearms.

Treasure hunters—this is a great chance to pick up free recycled goods that need a new home. The list of participants will be available for download from midday Friday 23 March, so pick up a list and head out for a treasure hunt—you'll be amazed at what you might pick up.

The event will take place come rain or shine. It is up to the householder to put items out or not. Please respect the 10am start time.

Home owners are responsible for anything that isn't taken on the day. Nelson Environment Centre has ideas on how to recycle leftover items.

nelson.govt.nz/second-hand-sunday

No entry to Beatson Road in the mornings

Drivers are reminded that there is no entry for through traffic to Beatson Road from the Whakatu Drive roundabout on weekday mornings.

Drivers using the road as a rat run to avoid queues in the morning peak had been a source of complaints from residents and drivers alike for many years. This prompted Council to do trial closure in 2014 which has since become permanent.

Traffic counts recently have shown more vehicles are ignoring the signage and still entering Beatson Road from that end.

Please do right by the local residents and your fellow motorists, remember it's no entry to Beatson Road (except for residents) from 7am to 9am Monday to Friday.

From the Youth Council

Youth Councillors will be given an invaluable opportunity to chat with and get to know Nelson's City Councillors in the coming weeks.

The 2018 Nelson Youth Council met for the first time this year in February, with one of the most prominent features on the Youth Council's calendar for the coming weeks being the Council meet and greet.

This is a fantastic way for the voice of the youth of Nelson to be heard in matters of local government, and is a first step for many youth Councillors in forming working relationships with Nelson's City Councillors, a necessity for the year to come.

For youth to have a say in the way their community runs is hugely important, as the decisions made today shape tomorrow. Because young people in Nelson are able to have such a say in the way things are run, their views, needs, and concerns are able to be addressed and the community that we will inherit will be better for it.

Several upcoming projects were also discussed at the Meeting, like the Nelson Heritage Festival 2018, and proposed Youth Council involvement with Age Concern Nelson Tasman.

Community Awards celebrate 25 years

Local community organisations can share in an increased prize pool for this year's Trustpower Community Awards. Entries are open now.

The Awards, which recognise and reward the efforts of volunteers, first took place 25 years ago.

Trustpower Community and Communications Advisor Abbie Siely says reaching this milestone has inspired the company to adopt a fresh approach—increasing prize money and widening the celebration to include neighbouring districts.

"Over the past year, we've met with Councils, attendees, past and present winners, and the wider community to find out what people value most about the Trustpower Community Awards, and what they think we can do better.

"While it's clear that locals love the chance to celebrate the efforts of volunteers in their community, it's no surprise that for many community organisations finances are a constant concern. That's why we've increased the prize money available."

This year, the category prize money will double to \$1,000. Regional Supreme Winners will receive \$2,000—up from \$1,500 last year—and a trip for two to the 2018 Trustpower National Community Awards.

In a change from previous years, both Nelson and Tasman will each name a Supreme Winner, meaning two groups will progress to the

Trustpower National Awards held the following year.

This year, Nelson, Tasman and Marlborough will celebrate their community spirit and the achievements of volunteers together at a shared event in Nelson. Each district will have its own Supreme Winner and award recipients, but the ideas and inspiration will extend out into the wider region.

Miss Siely said host locations will alternate each year, and Trustpower will provide transport for groups from neighbouring districts.

- The Trustpower Community Awards are open to all community organisations with a voluntary component.
- Trustpower Community Award recipients are recognised for services to the community in areas including, but not limited to: Heritage and Environment; Health and Wellbeing; Arts and Culture; Sport and Leisure; Education and Child/Youth Development.
- Anyone can enter a group—groups can even enter themselves.
- Enter online at trustpower.co.nz/communityawards.
- Entries close Thursday 31 May.



Some of the Project Jonah volunteer medics after a hard day at the February 2017 Farewell Spit stranding



Council working to enhance the profile of Nelson

Nelson has a long history of unique creative activities that have grown into iconic events loved by many, such as the Masked Parade, World of Wearable arts, and Adam Chamber Musical festival.

“The Nelson City Draft Events Strategy is an expression of Council’s commitment to developing the city’s events offering. It sets out a vision, objectives and criteria for publicly funded support”, says Gaile Noonan Chair of the Community Services Committee.

“Events encourage a sense of community identity and belonging, and events with a local focus make Nelson a more enjoyable place to live. Stimulating the local economy with a range of events that bring visitors to the city is also a key objective of the strategy”.

Events are an increasingly important economic contributor, growing the visitor market and helping make Nelson an attractive destination for new residents. They provide a valuable opportunity to showcase the unique

and compelling identity of the region and the extraordinary city experience that Nelson offers.

Council funding of events now stands at nearly \$400,000 per annum. A streamlined and overarching events strategy will provide clearer direction for that funding and also help ensure that ratepayers receive the best return on investment. The strategy also provides an avenue for funding of community events.

Feedback on the Nelson City Draft Events Strategy is welcome until 25 March 2018. No hearings are planned.

For more information on how to make a submission, visit the Nelson City Council website, search = Draft Events Strategy.

nelson.govt.nz

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Cycle trail funding welcomed

Nelson City Council has welcomed the announcement from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment that it has allocated \$2.4m to extend and upgrade the Great Taste Trail.

The funding will see the track extended to become a multi-day ride. This is the first major investment to be made through the

Nga Haerenga, the New Zealand Cycle Trail Enhancement and Extension Fund. The trail will be extended by about 40km south between Wakefield and Woodstock; and other sections will be upgraded, including 33km between Woodstock and Brooklyn.

Mayor Rachel Reese says “We’re delighted to have receive this funding from MBIE. There are already great benefits for Nelson as the gateway to the Great Taste Trail. This planned extension will be another great tourism draw card for the Nelson Tasman region.”

“Our Council’s planned contribution of \$550,000 over three years to the cost of the trail

extension recognises the current and future benefits that cycling and mountain biking tourism brings to our city as well as the wider region. This is another partnership project that we can all be proud of.”

The Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust has worked with landowners to secure the land needed for the extended trail.

As well as the \$2.4 m from MBIE (Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment), funding for Stage 2 is being provided from Tasman District and Nelson City Councils, New Zealand Transport Authority, corporate sponsorships, volunteers and grants.





Weathering the storms

Recent extreme weather events have resulted in Council and the Nelson Marlborough District Health Board advising people to avoid swimming due to possible water contamination.

What is being done?

Council has an ongoing programme of work around detecting and fixing infrastructure where contaminants may be entering stormwater, or where stormwater is able to enter the sewers.

This involves upgrading older sewerage infrastructure as well as increasing capacity within the stormwater system.

As part of this work, we've recently upgraded the Hampden-Little Go Stream (under Waimea Road) and Railway Reserve stormwater infrastructure and the Corder Park Sewer Pump station. All these projects are assisting in Council's commitment to minimise flows to our natural system.

We're currently working on the York Stream and Saxton Creek stormwater upgrades, the Saxton Road East Culvert Replacement and the Neale Park sewer pump station upgrade. Another project starting soon is the Nile Street East stormwater upgrades.

In addition to major infrastructure improvement projects, Council is also encouraging people not to put anything other than water down drains. Council is working directly with industrial premises to ensure best practice stormwater management; carrying out riparian planting and fencing of waterways; and working with Tasman District Council—as run-off from the wider region can be carried down the Waimea River and impact on water quality at Tahunanui Beach.

What can you do?

Feeding downpipes from roofs into gully traps, or low lying gully traps collecting rainfall from back yards, can have a considerable impact on the capacity of the sewer system to cope with storm flows.

Gully traps empty into the sewerage system, not the stormwater system, so in heavy rain they can really add to the problem. Feeding rainwater into the sewage system is not a permitted activity.

Check that your stormwater and sewer connections are going into to the correct system.

Other steps you can take are to make sure that nothing other than water goes down the stormwater drain, and to fence and plant any waterways on your property.

What does Council do when there is a water quality issue

Council works closely with the District Health Board to ensure that notifications are in place, and are only lifted when the water quality is good. Council's responsibilities are governed by the Health Act and the Resource Management Act.

If the advisory is issued, water samples are taken and tested daily. Only when the results for bacterial levels are at acceptable level are the public advised it is safe to go back in the water. This process can take some time, depending on the level of contamination, as it takes 24 hours to process each batch of samples.

You can keep up to date with the most recent monitoring results at nelson.govt.nz/can-i-swim-here.

nelson.govt.nz/can-i-swim-here



A gully trap

MEETINGS

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

Council meeting	9.00am	8 Mar
Governance Committee following the Council meeting		8 Mar
Nelson Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit—Ruma Marama	9.30am	9 Mar
Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit—Ruma Marama	1.00pm	9 Mar
Forestry Advisory Group—Ruma Marama	2.30pm	15 Mar
Regional Transport Committee	1.30pm	19 Mar
Council meeting	9.00am	20 Mar
Joint Committee	9.30am	27 Mar
Audit, Risk and Finance Committee	1.00pm	27 Mar
Commercial Subcommittee	3.00pm	27 Mar
Works and Infrastructure Committee	9.00am	29 Mar

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

Changing tides at Tahunanui beach—the Tahunanui Beach Coast Care project

When storm winds coincided with a full moon king tide in February to inflict damage along the Nelson coast, the dunes at Tahunanui Beach were hit too, but thanks to the Tahunanui Beach Coast Care Programme, the damage was limited.

The dunes work as a buffer, which absorbs the energy of high tide storm waves, protecting the land behind.

In 2005, the Nelson City Council constructed a stormwater diversion and wave energy dissipator, and restored the foredune, to control erosion at the eastern end of Tahunanui Beach.

The 174-metre-long seawall has two purposes.

First, to reduce the impact of waves bouncing off the wall, a sloping concrete shelf has been built on top of the existing concrete wall.

Second, the seawall encloses a new pipe that carries stormwater – which used to drain out at the top of the beach between the carpark and the playground – further down the beach.

Engineering solutions like the seawall are only a part of the answer to Tahunanui's erosion – the Coast Care programme seeks to restore and protect the sand dunes for years to come.

Coast Care is a low-cost dune management programme based on an understanding of the natural processes of erosion and accretion that occur in all beach and dune systems.

The aim of Coast Care is simple. It is to make sure the right sort of plants are growing on the toe of the dune to trap sand as soon as possible after each erosion event.

Most of the sand that was lost in the February event had accumulated naturally by the sand trapping plants used at the beach over the years.

On a wilderness beach, the plants are ready and waiting, and there is no need to do anything. At urban beaches like Tahunanui, the continual trampling by beach users often prevents the plants from establishing or spreading.

This is one of the reasons the Programme uses posts, ropes and signs to help protect the sand binding plants so they can do their job. These protection measures will be reinstalled during the next few weeks, right after some sand replenishment of the dunes at the Rocks Road end of the beach has been completed.

This restoration work will be complemented by Council's ongoing dune revegetation programme with school and community plantings scheduled this autumn/winter.

What's on at the Library?



Library talk from visiting author, Fiona Kidman

We have an exciting author talk lined up for March courtesy of The Friends of the Library. Dame Fiona Kidman will be visiting the Elma Turner Library to discuss her works and career as a short-story writer, novelist and poet.

Fiona has been the recipient of numerous awards and was honoured with an OBE and a Dame Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for her services to literature. Her most recent novel 'All Day at the Movies' was set in 1950s Motueka and won the NZ Heritage Prize for Fiction in 2016.

You can see Fiona at the Elma Turner Library on 18 March at 2pm. Entry is \$2 to be paid on the day and her books will be available for purchase. A big thank you to the Friends of the Library who support these monthly talks with the funds raised through monthly book sales

and trolley sales.

Keep your eye on our website and newsletter to find out who will be speaking each month.

Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting us on 03 546 0414, library@ncc.govt.nz or in person at any of our branches.



Breathe art installation at the Elma Turner Library

If you are passing the Elma Turner Library in Nelson, you'll notice an installation of illuminated fish in the windows facing onto the

Maitai Pathway. This is *Breathe*—an interactive installation developed through the Te Wairepo/York Stream project to illustrate the impact of stream water temperatures on aquatic life.

The fish in the installation are digitally connected to sensors in York Stream and change colour when the stream warms up or cools down. The colours of the fish correspond to the conditions in the stream—red lights show when the temperature is too hot for our fish to breathe easily.

The acrylic fish and sensors used in *Breathe* were designed and made by students from four schools - Auckland Point School, Victory Primary School, Nelson Intermediate and Bronte House at Nelson College for Girls.

This installation is accompanied by a programme of public talks by the team who helped the students make the work and access the data:

- **Sunday 11 March, 2–3.30pm**, Mel McColgan—river ecology: The stories fresh water creatures tell and the importance of caring for our environment
- **Saturday 17 March, 2–3.30pm**, Vicki Smith—art making for community engagement projects: Te Wairepo/York Stream project and story of the artwork *Breathe*
- **Sunday 25 March, 2–3.30pm**, Andrew Hornblow—picaxe: Creating the sensors to source the temperature data.

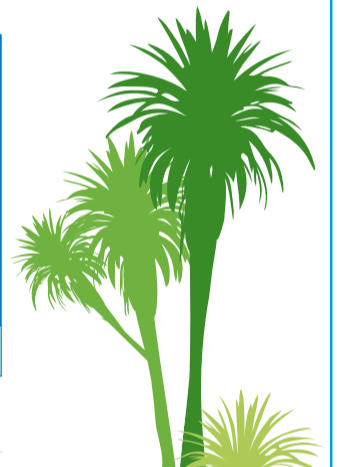
Breathe will be on display at the Library until 29 March 2018



New swimming advisory signage

If you spend much time at any of Nelson's favourite swimming spots, you'll soon notice some new signage going up to help people decide whether it is OK to swim.

It is recommended to avoid contact with the water for 48 hours after heavy rainfall, when the water is discoloured, as surface run-off could be a health risk.



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



Trafalgar Centre

Nelson Churches Network hosting Jesus Heals with John Mellor: 9, 10, 11 March, 7pm

Trafalgar Park

Relay For Life: 17 March, 10am–10pm

Maitai Boulevard

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

Founders Heritage Park

Jazz on the Village Green: 11 & 18 March, 1.30pm–4pm

Tai chi for Seniors: 19 March, 10–11am

MarchFest: 24 March, 12–9.30pm

- Jöel Fafard: 12.30–1.30pm
- Sonic Delusion: 1.45–2.45pm
- The Miltones: 3.15–4.15pm
- Mel Parsons: 4.45–5.45pm
- Weird Together: 6.15–7.15pm
- Hollie Smith: 7.45–8.45pm
- The Immigrants: 9–9.50pm

Stoke Memorial Hall

Nelsons Model Railway Exhibition: 24–25 March, 10am–4.30pm

Isel House and Park

Isel Twilight Market: Thursdays, 4.30pm–dark

Tots & Toys Isel Park: 13 March, 10–11am

Museums and Galleries

Nelson Provincial Museum

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

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

50 Greatest Photographs—National Geographic: 17 March–27 May

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

French Film Festival: 14–28 March

Refinery ArtSpace

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

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

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: Every Thursday, 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

Young Adult Reading Club: 14 & 28 March, 3.45–4.45pm

Live Music Series—Man in Accord: 25 March, 2pm

Nightingale Library Memorial

Story Time at the Library: Every Friday, 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

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