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Light Nelson – coming soon

Make sure Light Nelson is in your diary for 6–10 July.

As one of Nelson's favourite free events, Light Nelson is a celebration of community, creativity and the wonder of light. So rug up, come out, and be blown away by the beauty and fun of Light Nelson. Join @lightnelson on Facebook for the most up-to-date information.

facebook.com/lightnelson



Second Hand Sunday: a fun way to get rid of unwanted household items

The people of the Nelson Tasman region are invited on a fun scavenger hunt, as Second Hand Sunday returns on 17 June.

Not only is it an opportunity to de-clutter and freshen up your home for winter by getting rid of things you don't want, but Second Hand Sunday provides treasure-hunters with a great chance to pick up free pre-loved goods.

It's an excellent way of minimising waste in our city and giving used items a new home.

If you have items you want to give away, 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 put your unwanted goods 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.

The list of participants will be available for download from 12pm on Friday 15 June, so pick up a list and head out for a treasure hunt. The event will take place rain or shine, but please respect the 10am start time. Home owners are responsible for taking back in anything that doesn't go on the day. The Nelson Environment Centre (nec.org.nz) has some great information on how to recycle leftover items.

nelson.govt.nz/second-hand-sunday

Groom Creek Planting Day

Come and join us at a community planting day at the new wetland at Groom Creek, on Saturday 16 June, from 11am to 2pm.

We have 1000 native trees to plant, where Groom Creek meets the Maitai River, just downstream of the Maitai Campground.

Bring your gumboots and a spade (if you have one – otherwise we will have some available). Barbecue provided.

Help us with the establishment of this new wetland, which will support the native flora and fauna of the Maitai Valley.



Mayor Rachel Reese unveils an information panel in honour of Joy Bonnington and Edith Shaw in the Fern Garden of Queen's Gardens, with Councillor Mel Courtney and Adrienne, daughter of Edith, left, and Derek, son of Joy, right.

Ferns are always a feature at Queens Gardens

Around 140 years ago, our many varieties of ferns helped to make Nelson a tourist attraction. In the 1880s, the country was in the grip of pteridomania, or fern madness. The passion for fern collecting put Nelson on the map as people came to enjoy the diverse range of species on offer here.

The fernery area of the Queens Gardens was established as a result of this trend, and it was completed in 1914.

The history of the fernery is laid out on an information panel on the site. It also pays tribute to the late Edith Shaw and Joyce Bonnington, alongside other members of the Nelson Fern Society, for the tireless work they put in during the 1990s to revive and enhance this section of the much-loved gardens. The information panel was unveiled earlier this year by members of Edith and Joyce's families, Councillor Mel Courtney and Mayor Rachel Reese.

Recent plantings, path improvements and new informative signage mean this is the perfect time to visit or re-visit the Queens Gardens Fernery and rediscover why these amazing plants captured the enthusiasm of the nation all those years ago.

Winter at the Children's Library

It's officially winter and trips to the beach, walks on the hill and playing outside just aren't as much fun anymore. Luckily there is a lot going on at the library over these colder months.

Our Story Time sessions are a fun way to spend the day and are now held six days a week, as we introduce our brand new **Saturday Story Time!**

Held at 11am in the Elma Turner Library, the whole family is invited to read stories and do craft activities with us on those cold winter days. The next session will be on Saturday 16 June and we hope to see you there.

Following the success of our Summer Reading Challenge for children, we've launched our first **Winter Reading Challenge**, which runs until 31 August. Children will be given a puzzle piece each time they complete an activity challenge, which will help their puzzle grow over the weeks. When the participants complete the challenge, they will have their own jigsaw puzzle!

Children can sign up by visiting any of our branches.

Meanwhile, Anna Maitland, will be playing the flute at the Elma Turner Library as part of the Live Music series on Sunday 24 June at 2pm.



Fees and charges increase

From 1 July 2018, various fees and charges for Nelson City Council services will increase. Almost all of the increases are at the standard Consumer Price Index adjustment of 1.6 per cent.

The increases will affect water connection and application fees, road closures, transfer station fees including green waste.

You can see what all the fees and charges will be from 1 July on our website.

nelson.govt.nz

Walkers only on Betsy Eyre trail

In Council's Out and About – Off Road Tracks and Trails Strategy, it was signalled that the trail between Andrews Farm and the Brook St Bridge that runs nearest to the Brook Stream (Betsy Eyre track on the map) would be allocated exclusively for walking.

As the Brook Recreation Hub is now being developed, Council will be adding signage to better direct walkers and cyclists to the correct tracks. We ask that riders please stick to the shared trail (AMP Up on the map) which runs above and parallel to Betsy Eyre trail.

Riders, please don't use the embankment between the two trails as a shortcut as this is doing damage to the new native planting in this area.

We ask everyone to stay safe and respect other users.



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