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Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese with comedian Penny Ashton at the launch of the Arts Festival 2018 programme.

Nelson Arts Festival launches its 2018 programme featuring ducks, swans, lobsters and everything else besides....

Nelson Arts Festival takes over the city from 11–26 October 2018 with a wondrous array of incredible performances, talks, exhibitions and community events, wrapping up with the much-loved Masked Parade & Carnivale and its theme of "Weird and Wonderful".

In 2018, Nelson Arts Festival is bringing the world to Nelson with shows coming all the way from Hungary, Canada, Australia and New Zealand! Loved by locals and visitors alike, the Festival is a heady mix of theatre, music, dance and free events as well as the **Page & Blackmore Readers and Writers** programme and the **Masked Parade & Carnivale**.

Mayor Rachel Reese said that the Festival will once again be a drawcard for locals and visitors. "This event brings us together as a community and celebrates our arts culture and creative spirit."

Highlights of the 2018 programme include the splendour of **Royal New Zealand Ballet**, the welcome return of Nelson local-made good **Rhian Sheehan**, the spine-chilling theatricality of **The Dunstan Creek Haunting**, one of Australia's best circus troops,

Casus Circus, with their latest show, **Driftwood**, and Australian National Living Treasure, cartoonist, writer, painter, philosopher and poet, **Michael Leunig**, best known for his characters Mr Curly and The Duck.

Festival Director Charlie Unwin is especially enthusiastic about the 2018 programme, saying, "We have searched the world to put together a programme of world-class acts that we know our audiences will love."

"As always, accessibility is vital to the success of any great festival. Festival cornerstone, the iconic Masked Parade & Carnivale, features many local performers and accessible experiences such as the ever-popular (and free) Pic's Granary Gigs."

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Nelson Arts Festival launches its 2018 programme... continued

"The 2018 programme will entertain, challenge, astound and amuse, and hopefully, get people up on their feet for some hip-shaking moves – I can't wait for Nelsonians to experience the treats we have in store."

Theatre-goers have a smorgasbord of storytelling with the likes of *My Best Dead Friend* by actor Anya Tate-Manning (last seen onstage in Nelson in *Hudson & Halls Live!*), raucous Dickensian tales with *Olive Copperbottom*, an investigation into consent, feminism and sexual empowerment with *Jane Doe*, and the extraordinary dance/theatre piece, *Lobsters*, by Borderline Arts Ensemble.

Music lovers are spoilt for choice with a stellar lineup of music from around the globe including our own *Tiny Ruins*, *The Eastern*, *Julia Deans* and *Louis Baker*, alongside Australians *Garrett Kato* with his beachy vibe, and *Sex on Toast* in all their wicked 80s-esque glory. A sure-fire hit will be Canada's high-energy funksters *The Shuffle Demons*, whose

gig at Neudorf Vineyards is sure to rattle the vines to their roots. The Festival is excited to be back in the Nelson School of Music Auditorium, with *NZTrio*, *Tākiri Ensemble*, and a spotlight on Nelson choirs with *Sounds Excellent 2018*.

A highlight of the visual arts is *The Flag Project*, with award-winning New Zealand artist *Miranda Brown* will working with local community groups and schools to create a series of 30 large flags, which will be hung throughout Founders Heritage Park.

There's plenty for the small ones, with the hijinks of *The Messy Magic Adventure!* and the sheer breathtaking wonder of *Ann-Droid* – a little robot on roller skates who sets out on an adventurous quest. And to end the Festival in true community style, the much anticipated *Masked Parade & Carnivale* will see thousands line the streets for one of Nelson's most colourful and joyous spectacles.

This year the *Page & Blackmore Readers and Writers* programme features more guests than

ever before, beginning in true Nelson style with an exclusive appearance by one of New Zealand's literary treasures, *Maurice Gee*, who will be discussing his new book, *Memory Pieces*.

Audiences have the opportunity to hear the likes of bestselling author *Helen Brown*, join *Lizzie Marvelly* when she issues a battle cry for Kiwi women, and find out how to create wildly delicious kai with *Amber Rose*. *Paul Bensemenn* documents the fight for our forests, *Michèle A'Court* shares the secrets of long-lasting intimacy, and 2018 Ockham NZ Book Awards' non-fiction winner *Diana Wichtel* recounts the search for her father.

Nelson Arts Festival has something for anyone who is keen to see, hear, or be part of an experience that is sure to stretch their imagination!

Early Bird tickets available until 31 August.

YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE

Nelson Youth Council continues involvement with Nelson Arts Festival

Recently a group of Youth Councillors attended the launch of the Nelson Arts Festival 2018 Programme, which is running between 11–26 October.

This is a great few weeks for the youth of Nelson, as it introduces many to the wonderful, wacky and wicked world of art around them.

Throughout the Festival there will be many great performances, including fantastic local talent. On the last day of the Arts Festival to finish it off is one of the more popular youth events in Nelson: *The Masked Parade and Carnivale*.

Nelson Youth Council, for many years now, has proudly supported and aided in the organisation of this specific event. We believe that it's important for young people to get involved with their community, so what better way than through an event that brings together all the local schools, parents and businesses.

We are also proud to support the *Carnivale* that occurs later on in the night, usually catering to the older youth. This is a great opportunity for the youth in our region to enjoy a night in a safe, alcohol and drug free environment.

By *Latai Funaki*



Area closed for tree felling

The far Back Beach car park and an area of the Tahunanui Back Beach will be closed for up to four weeks from next week so a large number of dying trees can be felled and removed.

The pine trees are dying as a result of salt damage from the February storm surge and must be removed for safety reasons.

While our contractors will be taking all care when felling the trees, please obey all the signage in place to ensure you and your dog stay well away from the closed area for your own safety.

Time for a spring clean-out



Second Hand Sunday returns on 2 September, with the opportunity to declutter your house for spring by getting rid of items you don't want. Second Hand Sunday also provides treasure-hunters with a great chance to pick up free pre-loved goods.

It's an excellent way of reducing 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 31 August, so pick up a list and head out, you don't need to register to participate. 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 has some great information on how to recycle leftover items.

nelson.govt.nz/second-hand-sunday



Pontoon poised for snapper season

The boat ramp pontoon at Nelson Marina is now ready for use. This is the first phase of developments that were identified in the Nelson Marina Strategy 2017.

The pontoon cost \$375,000 to install and will help make launching watercraft safer and quicker.

It was designed and built by Bellingham Marine from Auckland who are specialists in pontoon and wharf construction.

Council has opted for the concrete pontoon over PVC or timber because it provided more stability for users and better long term durability.

The pontoon is 90 metres long and has been specifically designed for this location at Nelson Marina with the challenges of a large 3m plus tidal zone.

The contractors are still making some fine tuning adjustments to the pontoon, but it is open and ready for Nelson's busy snapper fishing season.

Tahunanui Pathways update

At the end of June, the Works and Infrastructure Committee signed off on the preferred route for the Tahunanui Pathways project moving to the detailed design phase.

Work on this is now underway so Tahunanui residents may see surveyors or other contractors working along the route gathering information that will be needed for the detailed design process.

The current proposal is to widen the existing footpath to a shared path on the southern end of Annesbrook Drive. On Parkers Road, Muritai and Waikare Streets, the preferred approach is a two-way

separated cycleway. The research being carried out now will give us a clearer picture of how that can be achieved.

Council will be keeping in touch with directly affected residents and the community groups that have been involved so far as the project evolves. Updates will also be available on the Council website, nelson.govt.nz/tahunanui-pathways.



Nelson's Upper Trafalgar Street in the running for the Best Street Award

Finalists for the Keep New Zealand Beautiful Awards 2018 have just been released and Nelson City Council is proud to announce that Upper Trafalgar Street 'A street to go to – not through' is a finalist for the Best Street Award!

The Best Street Award, proudly sponsored by Resene, recognises and celebrates a street in New Zealand that clearly stands out for its beauty, cleanliness, plantings and sense of community pride.

Upper Trafalgar Street is part of the main central business district, traditionally a place for shopping and business. From 1 December 2017 to 31 March 2018 it was transformed into a people-place when Council trialled opening this area to foot traffic only over the summer months.

The lines of parked cars were replaced with greenery-filled planter boxes. Restaurants and cafes provided couches, picnic tables and umbrellas so that people could relax. Music from the street piano filled the air and people lingered to enjoy the atmosphere and the beauty of the area.

Due to public popularity the pedestrian zone will be in place again from 8 November 2018 to 30 April 2019.

Mayor Rachel Reese says that Council is delighted to be a finalist.

"Feedback from the public on the pedestrian zone was overwhelmingly positive. Locals and visitors told us that it created a unique and inviting space to socialise, dine and be entertained. It proved to be a great drawcard, bringing residents and visitors alike to the city centre, and provided another opportunity to showcase what our wonderful city has to offer."

The winners will be announced, at the Beautiful Awards Gala Dinner, in Auckland, on Friday 26 October.

Council has identified CBD Development as one of its four priorities in the Long Term Plan 2018-28 and is working on a City Centre Programme Plan for focus areas within the city centre.

Mayor Rachel Reese also noted that our neighbour Tasman District Council has been selected as a finalist for their work on Queen Street.

"The fact that two of the three finalists for Best Street Award are from the Top of the South is a credit to our communities who recognise that streets and the areas surrounding them are important for more than just traffic, and that they are also community spaces where people come together," Mayor Reese says.

New land development guidelines proposed

We're working with Tasman District Council to adopt a joint set of standards for infrastructure to guide development around the regions.

It includes standards for such things as new footpaths, road design, vehicle crossings, drainage and stormwater management, wastewater and water connections, reserves and other infrastructure that the council will take ownership of when the development is complete.

Joint standards across the regions simplify and align the development requirements for businesses, professionals, contractors, and landowners in both areas.

What's in the Land Development Manual?

The land development manual contains both mandatory standards that developers are required to follow, and good practice advice that a developer can consider during the design process.

Associated practice notes for bio-retention (rain gardens), wetlands and coastal and freshwater inundation have also been produced

to provide guidance on 'acceptable solutions' when implementing the land development manual.

The process

- We're consulting on the land development manual and practice notes at nelson.govt.nz/land-development-manual
- We're taking feedback on a draft proposal to update the NRMP to reference the land development manual as a set of standards and practice notes
- A joint Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council hearing panel will consider public feedback and then make recommendations to each council later in the year.

If adopted, a formal resource management plan change will follow in 2019. Learn more and have your say at nelson.govt.nz/land-development-manual before 28 September 2018.

nelson.govt.nz/land-development-manual

Are you eligible for free plants?

Nelson City Council delivers plants once a year to eligible properties for planting in roadside berms, on request from residents.

This year there are a small number of plants still available.

You can check on the Council website if the berm outside your place is suitable for planting and if you meet the criteria. Then you can complete a plant request form and up to ten plants will be delivered to your property next month for planting in the roadside berm.

Please be aware that once you plant anything, it needs to be maintained so that it does

not encroach too close to the edge of the footpath.

You'll also need to think about where you plant as you don't want to cause visibility problems for driveways or around corners.

Please be aware that utility services are often located in the berm area so please check before you dig!

Get all the information on our website.



nelson.govt.nz/berm-planting



Tree work happening in Branford Park

Work will be happening in the next month or so to remove some poplar trees and carry out maintenance work on some other trees at Branford Park (on the right as you look up the Maitai Valley).

An inspection by an arborist revealed extensive decay in the large trees, to the extent that seven will be removed and maintenance work, including trimming limbs, will be done on several others. Two smaller trees will also be removed.

The decay is so extensive that it would be dangerous to leave the trees as they are, especially in such a busy and popular reserve.

Poplar trees can be prone to these issues so the Parks team has planned ahead and has been planting replacement trees in this area for the last 15 years. They will have the chance to come into their own once the larger trees are removed.

Access to this part of the reserve will be restricted while the work is carried out, so please keep out of the area once work starts, for your own safety.

When it is safe to enter the site, the timber from the felled trees will be available for anyone to collect for firewood but please remember you cannot operate a chainsaw in a Council reserve.

Go live in October for building control digital solution

Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council are going live on 1 October 2018 with the AlphaOne building consent system. This will allow you to submit and track applications, including building consents, certificate of acceptances, exemptions and code compliance certificates.

We will also be streamlining inspection bookings, using the AlphaOne booking app.

We will be offering two information evenings, which will give you the opportunity to see how AlphaOne works and set up your customer login. Food and refreshments will be supplied.

If you are looking to submit an

application, make sure you come along and see the demonstration.

Please Note: Due to the change of system, building consent submissions using the current Go-shift system should be completed and submitted before 17 September 2018, as any draft documentation will be deleted on 27 September. The new system will be available from 1 October.

Event details

When: Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 September

Where: Sports House Board Room – Saxon Field

Time: 5–7.30pm

RSVP: By Friday 7 September to BCDS@tasman.govt.nz



Reducing waste – how can we do better?

Our communities generate a lot of waste, and about 62,000 tonnes from Nelson and Tasman ends up in the landfill each year.

We estimate more than half of that waste could be dealt with in a better way: By being reused, recycled or composted – or avoided altogether.

The Nelson City and Tasman District councils are working together to minimise and manage waste in our region.

We've developed a plan to guide us – but we can't make a big impact on our own. Everyone has a part to play in reusing and recycling the resources we have, reducing waste and protecting our environment from its effects.

Our proposed update to the Nelson Tasman Waste Management and Minimisation Plan sees a greater focus on waste

avoidance and getting our whole community on board. Our goals are to work with the community to:

- avoid the creation of waste
- improve efficiency of resource use, and
- reduce the harmful effects of waste.

In our proposed plan we outline where we are now, where we want to be and how we plan to get there.

Now we need to hear from you. Are we on the right track with the draft plan? Is there more we could do? What part can you play?

Find out more

- Head online for more information and to make a submission – nelson.govt.nz/waste-plan
- Copies of the draft plan are also available at Council offices and libraries.

Consultation is open until 17 September 2018.

nelson.govt.nz/waste-plan

Can you compost that coffee cup?

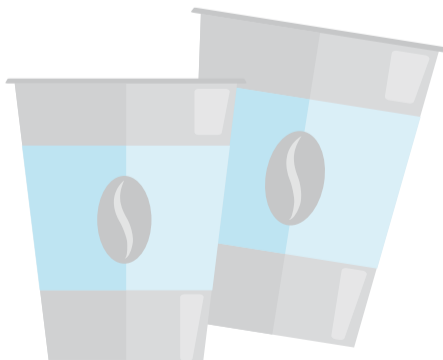
Have you put a compostable coffee cup in your compost, and found it hasn't broken down?

Research is ongoing in this area as we all try to do our best to stop plastics getting into our precious natural environment, but at the moment we recommend reusable coffee cups over cups – or any other container – made from 'compostable' plant plastics.

The reason for this is that while these plant-based plastics will break down in a commercial composting facility, they won't break down in your garden compost bin as it's just not hot enough. Nelson-Tasman doesn't have an industrial composting facility that will cope with plant plastics.

So, although it's a nice idea, the jury is still out on whether plant plastics are

going to be part of the plastic problem solution. If you've got questions about this, check out the Q&A from the Commissioner for the Environment at pce.parliament.nz (search = compostable plastics), or email your query to lesswaste@ncc.govt.nz.



pce.parliament.nz

Search = compostable plastics

Let's keep Nelson beautiful

Keep New Zealand Beautiful Week is coming around again, and as always it's a great chance for everyone to take care of the place they live in, and show it a little bit of love.

This is the largest national clean-up event in New Zealand, with almost 40,000 volunteers taking part in 699 events in 2017. Taking part couldn't be easier – get together a group and decide where you'd like to do a cleanup. Then register on the Keep New Zealand Beautiful website and you're on your way. Registrations close on 3 September. Nelson City Council will be accepting Keep New Zealand Beautiful clean up bags free of charge from 11 to 23 September at the Transfer Station at Vivian Place, off Pascoe Street.

knzb.org.nz/clean-up-week-2018-registrations-open

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Reduce and reuse first, recycle second

Since January this year, when China stopped accepting recycling globally, material collected in Nelson had been stockpiled.

In the last month, new markets have been found and the stockpile has now been cleared, but the income from mixed plastic recycling is around 10 per cent of what it has been in the past.

The reality is that the global market for recycling is unpredictable, and recycling isn't a sustainable long term option so we all need to think about how we can reduce what we buy in the first place and how we can re-use rather than recycle. We also need to make what we do recycle as useful and valuable as possible.

Look out for an upcoming series of articles in Our Nelson telling the Reduce, Reuse and Recycle story and how we can all contribute.





Nelson welcomes Miyazu Sister City student delegation

Mayor Rachel Reese, along with Councillors Paul Matheson, Ian Barker, Brian McGurk and Gaile Noonan welcomed a student delegation from our sister city Miyazu recently.

The Chair and members of the Nelson-Miyazu Sister City Association, the Sister Cities Coordinating Group, the Nelson Japanese Society, Councillors and Youth Councillors also attended this special event.

Miyazu is our oldest Sister City, it was established in 1976 and there have been many reciprocal visits.

Recently, Miyazu experienced severe flooding, and our thoughts are with the people of Miyazu as they recover from this natural disaster.

Trial treatment for Modellers Pond

Later this month Nelson City Council will begin trialling a biological method to treat the ongoing issues with weeds and algae that have, for many years, afflicted the Tahunanui Stormwater Detention Pond, also known as the Modellers Pond.

The trial will use Diatomix (a diatom fertilizer), in an effort to create a more stable environment in the stormwater detention pond, with the aim of reducing the filamentous algae and aquatic weeds.

The trial is being implemented with the support of the Modellers Pond Project Group, which includes representatives from Council, the Modellers Society and the Tahunanui Business Association.

Works and Infrastructure Committee Chair and Project Group member Cllr Stuart Walker says "This is an approach that has worked effectively in similar situations in Australia. Research indicates that it may provide a suitable solution and all members of the working party are enthusiastic about the trial."

Sport and Recreation Committee Chair and Project Group Member, Cllr Tim Skinner says, "There could be real environmental benefits to this approach. For a start, we are using a biological control for a biological problem, rather than using chemicals to manage the

water quality and consequentially, the ecosystem of the pond."

The trial will last between 3–18 months depending on results. The pond water will be monitored throughout the trial and signage will be placed at the pond to advise the public if they should avoid water contact at any stage.

How it works

Sometimes referred to as "nature's best water cleaners", diatoms are micro-organisms found in waterways that generate oxygen.

The trial involves the use of nano-silica mixture called Diatomix. Only diatoms feed on silicates, making this non-toxic product the perfect food source for these micro-organisms.

While diatoms are thriving on the nutrient boost from Diatomix, other less desirable forms of algae (filamentous etc.) are starved out.

Conducting the trial will determine if using Diatomix is suitable for the long-term stability and health of the stormwater detention pond.

Social development activities a priority for Community Investment Fund

The Community Investment Fund plays an important role in supporting the work of grass roots community groups.

The latest community investment funding round has been completed, with \$268,000 distributed to 32 successful applicants across the community, on top of the \$50,000 available for small scale grants. Funding was allocated by a panel made up of four community representatives and one Council staff member. The grants are made to organisations with a focus on social development activities that support the well-being of the wider Nelson community, and complements Council's funding support for community and social outcomes in a number of other areas.

Interest was shown from a wide range of not-for-profit organisations and funding has been allocated for projects that support youth, older adults, people with disabilities, new parents and newcomers to Nelson. Many of these community groups have received funding over three years which gives them greater financial certainty and reduces the burden of completing funding applications each year.

The applications have provided a great insight into the positive and beneficial work being done in our city by community groups.

For more information on this funding, go to:

nelson.govt.nz/funding

Festival of Adult Learning Ahurei Ākonga

Take part in the Festival of Adult Learning Ahurei ākonga at Nelson Public Libraries from 3 – 9 September.

The library encourages adult learning at all levels and is offering a range of classes, workshops, drop-in sessions and activities that celebrate learning of all kinds.

Learn more about launching a small business, brush up on your Te Reo, have your tech questions answered at an extended Device Advice session or get creative with the self-directed crafts set up in the Library.

Throughout the week you can go into the draw to win one of two \$50 Warehouse Stationery vouchers simply by writing down your ideas and adding them to the box by the Red Wall, or by attending one of our events.

Go to our.nelson.govt.nz or email library@ncc.govt.nz for more information about the activities available.



Festival of Adult Learning
Ahurei Ākonga



Experience rugby history: All Blacks vs Argentina game day fan trail

Saturday 8 September, 1pm – 5.30pm, Nelson CBD

Nelson is excited to be hosting the All Blacks versus Argentina Investec Rugby Championship test match at Trafalgar Park on 8 September and something extra special is happening alongside this major event...

With Nelson being the birthplace of rugby in New Zealand in 1870, it is only fair that we celebrate the historic occasion of our first ever All Blacks test match with a BIG pre-game street party in the Nelson CBD for everyone to experience and enjoy, whether they are going to the game or not. The whole city is getting involved and you can be part of the fun too!

Upper Trafalgar Street will be closed to vehicles and the main stage at 1903 Square will entertain you with high energy performances throughout the afternoon. Enjoy Kiwi and Argentinian culture, local artisan food, history, entertainment and a dedicated family fun area where kids can be entertained and have their faces painted in their team colours. Explore the shops, galleries, cafes, bars and restaurants, then make your way to the game and participate in rugby history! Alternatively, if you don't have a ticket, stay in town to watch the game at one of the many bars and restaurants.

This event is all about the birth place of rugby in Nelson, celebrating this historic occasion, having fun with the whole family and enjoying our beautiful Nelson city.

To make it even easier to be part of the fun, there's free transport between 3pm and 11pm

on game day. Nelson City Council is putting on free buses from Richmond, travelling along the usual NBus routes, to pick up passengers through Stoke, Tahunanui and along Waimea Road into Nelson city. Just hop on and join in the fun. With an influx of more than 21,000 people expected for the game, plus street closures around Trafalgar Park and the central city, it's vital to leave home early in the afternoon and make a day of it in town. Then wander down to Trafalgar Park at 5.30pm when the gates open. A live band will entertain and you can see both rugby teams warm up before kick-off.

Visit the dedicated page on the Nelson Tasman website – gamedaynelson.nz – where you will find more information, or download the Nelson App for an opportunity to win and get live updates from 24 August. Street closures, parking and bus transport details will be here soon too, so you can easily plan your own EXPERIENCE RUGBY HISTORY day.

There are still limited tickets available to the game, so get in quick. These can be purchased at the official ticketing website allblacks.com!

Don't miss your chance to be part of rugby history!

gamedaynelson.nz



MEETINGS

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

Chief Executive Employment Committee – Ruma Ana	2pm	4 Sep 18
Governance Committee	9am	6 Sep 18
Forestry Advisory Group – Ruma Mārama	3pm	11 Sep 18
Council meeting	9am	20 Sep 18
Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee	9am	25 Sep 18
Works and Infrastructure Committee – Ruma Mārama	9am	28 Sep 18

Other meetings

Nelson Youth Council	1pm	24 Sep 18
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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

Road closures for All Blacks test match

Under the Local Government Act 1974, notice is given that Tasman Rugby Union and Nelson Regional Development Agency will temporarily close the roads listed below to ordinary traffic for the All Blacks Game and City Activation.

- **Hathaway Terrace, Hathaway Carpark and Trafalgar Park Lane** from 6am on 7 September until 11pm 8 September 2018.
- **Paru Paru Road** 6am until 11pm on 8 September 2018.
- **Trafalgar Street (SH6–Halifax Street), Wainui Street, Grove Street (Trafalgar Street –Collingwood Street) and Elliot Street** from 4pm until 11pm on 8 September 2018.
- **Trafalgar/Halifax Intersection** closed as required from exit approximately 9.15pm until 11pm.
- **Trafalgar Street (Bridge Street–Hardy Street), Hardy Street (Church Street–Collingwood Street), Park Lane and Hope Street** from 11am until 7pm on 8 September 2018.
- **Trafalgar Street (Hardy Street–Selwyn Place), Morrison Street, Wakatu Carpark (outside carparks only)** from 11am until midnight on 8 September 2018.

There will also be no parking permitted on the streets listed above from 6am on the 8 September 2018.

National Poetry Day

On 24 August, the Elma Turner Library along with the rest of the country, will celebrate poetry with Phantom Billstickers National Poetry Day.

Take part in an open mic session at midday. Come to read, or just listen to Nelson's local poetry talent, with the support of the Nelson Live Poets.

Bring along your best poems to share on our oversized Poetry Fridge Door! While you're here browse our poetry collection for further inspiration and try out our fun poetry generator.



Know Your Streams – The Brook Stream; Waimarama

This is the first of a series of articles about our local streams, many of which have fascinating histories.

The Brook Stream originates on the eastern side of Cummins Spur and Bullock Spur on the Dun Mountain. It has a catchment of 110 hectares and travels approximately six kilometres before joining the Maitai/Mahitahi at the Domett Street Bridge. Along its length, it is crossed by fourteen bridges.

The Māori name Waimarama means clear or transparent water, and it is possibly for this reason that the stream was used as a water source, first by local Māori, then by early European settlers. In 1865 the Provincial Government provided a substantial loan (£20,000) for the purpose of providing a stable water source for sanitation and firefighting. The waterworks opened for business in 1867, with a 17.5 cm pipe transporting water from the upper reaches of the Brook to the Nelson Township. This was eventually replaced with the Roding River scheme in 1943, which in turn was superseded by the Maitai scheme in 1987.

In a heavy rain event in 1970, an overflow from the reservoir was augmented by the water coming from flooded creeks and culverts, raising water levels and flooding the

Brook Valley. Roadways and river margins subsided, concrete bridges were smashed, and houses and sheds were undermined. One resident, Mrs J.E. McCarthy of Bronte Street was swept away to her death while trying to open a jammed door. The concrete channel between the Brook Dairy and Sowman Street was built after this tragedy.

Although sections of the stream are much changed from its natural state, there is still plenty of biodiversity to be found in the stream with tuna (long and short finned eels), inanga, koaro, banded kokopu, torrentfish, bullies, smelt and koura (freshwater crayfish) all present. Fish passage work has helped improve fish spawning upstream.

An unusual fact: In 1924, an American film company shot a film in Nelson called Venus of the South Seas. A section of the old Brook reservoir was glazed and filled with water to shoot underwater scenes. You can view it at youtube.com (search = Annette Kellerman in Venus of the South Seas, 1924).

If you've got historical information – stories, images or footage that might be of interest, please contact joanna.wilson@ncc.govt.nz.

Live Music Series

Lissa Cowie (cello) and Pauline Boyd (keyboard), will be performing at the Elma Turner Library for the Live Music Series.

Lissa has worked with orchestras in the UK and NZ and now teaches cello and plays chamber music in Nelson. She will play Bach No.2 and a selection of Scottish songs.



Event details

When: 2pm, Sunday 26 August 2018
Where: Elma Turner Library

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



Trafalgar Centre

Super Club Netball: 3pm – 9.30pm, Sunday 19 August – Friday 24 August.

Art Expo Nelson: From 10am daily, Friday 31 August – Sunday 2 September.

Trafalgar Park

All Blacks vs Argentina: 7.30pm, Saturday 8 September.

Trafalgar Street

Game Day Fan Trail: Experience Rugby History! 1pm – 5.30pm, Saturday 8 September.

Maitai Boulevard

Nelson Farmers Market: 8am – 2pm, every Wednesday.

Founders Heritage Park

Nelson Sausage Festival: 3pm – 7pm, Sunday 2 September.

Feminist Fables and Women's War Stories: 7.30pm, Tuesday 4 September

Nelson Public Libraries

Elma Turner Library

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

Story Time at the Library: 2pm, every Thursday

Saturday Stories: 11am, every Saturday until 25 August

Library Knitters: 10am–12pm, every Thursday

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

BookChat: 10.30am, second Tuesday of each month

STEMWriters: 1pm, second Tuesday of each month

Young Adult Reading Club. 3.45–4.45pm, every Wednesday

Talk & Talk: 10am–11.30am, every Friday

Alzheimer's Nelson: 10–11.30am Wednesday 22 August

Device Advice: 10am, every Tuesday and 2pm, every Thursday

Recording family history on social media: 8.15am, Friday 24 August.

Bloodline Tour – Ancestors Attic: 10am, Saturday 25 August.

Bloodline Tour – Nelson public library research room: 9.30am, Tuesday 28 August.

Live Music Series – Lissa Cowie, cello: 2pm, Sunday 26 August.

Friends of the Library Book Sale: 10am, Saturday 1 September.

Gambling Harm Week – Community Corner: 10am, Wednesday 5 September.

Nightingale Library Memorial

Story Time at the Library: 11am every Friday

Alzheimer's Nelson: 1pm, Thursday 26 July

Stoke Library

Small Time at the Library: 10.30am every Tuesday

Story Time at the Library: 10.30am every Wednesday

Young Adult Reading Club: 3.45pm–4.45pm, every Wednesday

Device Advice: 2pm, every Wednesday and 11am, every Friday.

Alzheimer's Nelson: 10am, Thursday 23 August.

BookChat: third Wednesday of each month

Computer Classes: Thursday 9 August–Thursday 13 September.

Family History Month 2018 – Your Family History on Social Media: 8.15–9.15am Friday 24 August

Museums and Galleries

Nelson Provincial Museum

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

It All Comes Back To Thread: Friday 6 July–Friday 31 August

A Century of Saying Cheese: Friday 17 August–Sunday 25 November

The Suter Art Gallery and Theatre

Open daily, 9.30am–4.30pm

Richard Stratton: Living History. Saturday 9 June – Sunday 26 August.

The Centre of Things Nga Puna Raranga. Saturday 14 July – Sunday 9 September.

NZ International Film Festival. Wednesday 8 August – Wednesday 29 August.

Nga Hau Ngakau: Robin Slow – Brian Flintoff – Bob Bickerton. Saturday 11 August – Monday 22 October.

Prospects Farful: Caroline McQuarrie and Shaun Matthews. Saturday 1 September – Sunday 11 November.

Thursday Talk: How to Look at Art. Thursday 23 August.

Thursday Talk: Floor Talk. Thursday 6 September.

Thursday Talk: Guided Tour. Thursday 13 September.

Arts + Climate Innovation: The Role of the Arts – Nelson. 2pm – 4pm, Sunday 5 August.

Refinery ArtSpace

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

What Brings you Here? A Tale of Two Towns: 11am – 5pm, Monday 6 August – Saturday 1 September.