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Sheep are back on the Grampians

Sheep have been reintroduced to the Grampians Reserve for grass and weed control.

They are currently just in the area around the zigzag track above Collingwood Street, but will soon also be on the north end of the west face as far as Ronaki Track. The areas where sheep are grazing will be clearly signposted.

The main threat to sheep is dog attacks, so we ask all dog owners to be extremely vigilant.

The Control of Dogs Bylaw requires all dogs to be kept under control by the owner when in a public place. The owner must decide whether this control can be achieved off lead in the presence of stock, but a lead must always be carried.

Please don't rely on a dog's normal recall and good behaviour patterns where stock are present – if in any doubt use a lead.

All dogs have natural animal instincts when stock are present so it is vital that you can control them when needed. Council will take action against dogs caught attacking sheep.



Celebrating women in local government

For the first time in the Nelson Tasman region (and most likely nationally), thirty former and current women Councillors gathered recently to share their experience in local government and celebrate their contribution to the community.

The event, hosted by Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese and Tasman Mayor Richard Kempthorne, was inspired by the 125th anniversary of women's suffrage in New Zealand.

Mayor Rachel Reese says, "I'm proud that the Nelson Tasman region has led the charge on bringing this group of women together for the first time and has documented women's experience in local government."

"For me, being Mayor is the greatest of privileges and I am humbly grateful to our community for trusting me to hold this role for the time I have their grace."

With the passing of the Electoral Act 1893 women became eligible to vote and be elected as councillors and mayors. It was not until 51 years later that the first woman councillor was elected in our region.

This honour went to Laura Ingram, who was elected to the Motueka Borough Council in 1944. Over the next 25 years, only a further five women were elected in the region.

It wasn't until the 1970s, that women began to be elected in any sizeable numbers. In spite of the efforts of many, in 2018 only 21 per cent of Tasman's and 23 per cent of Nelson City's elected councillors and mayors are women.

"I feel great pride that New Zealand led the way for women to vote," says Gaile Noonan, Councillor and Chair of the Community Services Committee.

"I am very humbled by the support given to me, first in 2013 and again in 2015, granting me a place at our Council table."

While the percentage of women serving on Council is only 23 per cent of the elected member total, I would like to encourage other women to stand for election next year, to provide a closer reflection of our community, along with other ethnicities."

The event also launched a booklet titled 'Women Decision-Makers Nelson and Tasman' documenting the experiences of 52 women in local government from 1944 to 2018. This booklet is available from the Nelson City Council, Customer Service Centre and the Elma Turner Library.

Suffrage Day has become an important date on the New Zealand Calendar. It presents opportunities to generate conversations about our future and the importance of civic engagement and participation. Suffrage Day also recognises and celebrates game-changing individuals, who do extraordinary things to create positive social change for women and New Zealand.

Nelson City Councillor Kate Fulton says, "Celebrating the women's suffrage movement provides an opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and milestones achieved by other women in the past. It also provides an opportunity to reflect on the current inequalities – often subtle in nature, which we are still confronted with as women working in local government everyday. Continuing to hold a strong presence as women, we slowly erode the patriarchy and its style of politics, which has dominated our democracy."

National recognition rewarding for Trafalgar Centre designers Irving Smith Architects

Gaining accolades from the architecture community on the national stage has been a satisfying experience for Irving Smith Architects.

The Nelson-based architects claimed their third Public Architecture Award for their work on the revamped Trafalgar Centre, along with a residential housing award at the NZ Architecture Awards earlier this month.

Designing the Trafalgar Centre was "one of the most complex projects" the Nelson-based architects have been involved with, but one of the most rewarding.

Among the challenges was accommodating the Nelson Giants basketball team for a season in the midst of construction.

"At this level, architecture is about many things, design, process, technique, suitability, but also joy," Director Andrew Irving says.

According to Director Jeremy Smith, they have had some success locally and internationally, but making the cut at a New Zealand event, where they picked up two awards, is a major achievement.

"It's always great being recognised by our peers at a national level, even more so when both projects are in our region," Jeremy says.

Irving Smith Architects started on the Trafalgar Centre project in October 2014, before finishing almost three years later.

"We thought it was important to use this project as a catalyst to encourage better use of Rutherford Park and the Maitai River walkway," Andrew says.

"We're delighted with the quality of the new Northern Pavilion, and the way it integrates the stadium with Rutherford Park."



Irving Smith Directors Andrew Irving, left, and Jeremy Smith, outside the Trafalgar Centre.

The cheapest time to buy your wood for next winter is NOW!

And to make it even more of a good deal, Council and selected Good Wood suppliers are offering a limited number of firewood discounts to Nelson residents who buy their wood in November.

The promotion finishes 21 December 2018, or until fully allocated, whichever comes first.

It offers a \$25 discount, for Nelson residents only, off the price of one load of firewood per household. Minimum load size 3m³ to qualify for a discount.

Good Wood suppliers are committed to supply to the public either:

- Dry, seasoned firewood, suitable for immediate use. This is wood that has a moisture content of less than 25% dry weight; or
- Green (unseasoned) firewood delivered sufficiently far in advance of winter so that, if properly stored by the user, the wood will be seasoned for use the following winter.

When discussing your firewood requirements with your Good Wood supplier, make it clear whether you are happy to receive green wood to dry over summer, or if you are planning to store it away immediately, whether you require dry wood.

The Good Wood suppliers taking part are:

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- Buyright Firewood, 021 127 8957
- Quality Firewood, 027 449 0622
- Richmond Wood and Coal, 544 6473
- Wholesale Firewood, 546 9595 or 027 922 9611

Some Good Wood suppliers are also offering buy now pay later terms, ask your Good Wood supplier for details.



COMMUNITY SEMINAR

TREES IN PRODUCTIVE LANDSCAPES

Thursday 29 November, 7.30–9.30pm, supper provided

Wakapuaka Community Hall (460 SH6, Main Road)

Awareness of the importance of protecting our soil resources and tree planting is growing. With the current Government's focus on planting a billion trees, and the possible funding opportunities available, planting the right tree for the right purpose is even more important.

If you are interested in finding out more about what you can achieve on your own land, come along to this informative evening to hear from experts. There will also be opportunities to talk to landowners about their own experiences of forestry.

Dean Satchell, Sustainable Forest Solutions
Dean will discuss alternative plantation forest species, including suitability for farm forestry.

Jane Gosden, Nelmac ecologist
Jane will speak about native forest restoration frameworks.

Dr Annette Litherland, New Zealand Landcare Trust
Annette is the regional co-ordinator for New Zealand Landcare Trust and will discuss the potential for carbon forestry in the Nelson Tasman Region.

Robert Appleton, Appleton's Tree Nursery
Robert will discuss the suitability of exotic species for erosion management, and for supporting land restoration goals.
Speaker schedule may be subject to change.

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