

OUR NELSON

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

Wheelie bins – really good!

Thanks Nelson – you’ve done a great job adjusting to the new recycling wheelie bin service. This is Week One for collections so please check the sticker on the side of the bin. If it says Week One – make sure you get your bin out on the day specified on the sticker. Glass still goes in the blue crate and it goes out on the same day too. Make sure it’s all out by **7am**. If you use Nelmac bags and bins – they are collected on your recycling day too. If you use a different service provider, please check with them.



New Council sworn in

A new Council has been sworn in and will now lead our city for the next three years.

Mayor Rachel Reese commences her second term as Mayor, with four new Councillors around the table.

Cr Paul Matheson is appointed to the role of Deputy Mayor, continuing in the role that he held in the last term, and new Committee Chairs and membership have also been established.

“Paul and I bring a different range of skills to our roles which is very important in any successful team. I look forward to working closely with him to build a strong council that continues to listen to, and work with, our community.”

“It’s an exciting time at the table, with an enthusiastic and capable team of councillors, ready to work together to make Nelson an even better place,” Mayor Reese says.

The Mayor has established a new committee, Sport and Recreation, in addition to the four committees set up in 2013 – Community Services, Works and Infrastructure, Governance and, Planning and Regulatory.

“Committees were reintroduced in my first term as Mayor in order to streamline information and decision making and to make Council more understandable and accessible to the public,” Mayor Reese says.

“The addition of Sport and Recreation as a new committee shows our commitment to this important area, and will allow us to work more closely with the community and to plan strategically,” Mayor Reese says.

“I am pleased to see some returning Councillors step up into the position of Committee Chair, and I look forward to working with the new faces around the

table too, some of whom bring important skills and experience to the table and in their new roles.”

“I’m looking forward to a busy three years with some exciting work in front of us. Our focus will be on excellence across all we do to ensure we use resources wisely and deliver outcomes that support the wellbeing of our community now and into the future.”

The Committee Chairs and Deputy Chairs are as follows:

- **Sport and Recreation**
Cr Tim Skinner – Chair
Cr Mike Rutledge – Deputy Chair
- **Community Services**
Cr Gaile Noonan – Chair
Cr Mel Courtney – Deputy Chair
- **Works and Infrastructure**
Deputy Mayor Paul Matheson – Chair
Cr Stuart Walker – Deputy Chair
- **Governance**
Cr Ian Barker – Chair
Cr Bill Dahlberg – Deputy
- **Planning and Regulatory**
Cr Brian McGurk – Co-Chair
Mayor Rachel Reese – Co-Chair

For more information on the new Council and committee details see nelson.govt.nz.

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Enjoy a day out Among the Roses

Come and experience one of Nelson's beautiful historic house and gardens at Among the Roses, on Sunday 13 November, 12–5pm.

Previously known as Broadgreen Rose Day, Among the Roses is the new-look event you mustn't miss, at Broadgreen Historic House and Samuels Rose Gardens.

Come along and sip, snack, relax and enjoy the beautiful roses, markets and music at this stunning location.

Savour Melrose Café tea and cakes, sip Mahana wine and wander the cottage

market, while listening to music from four different performers: Nelson Youth Jazz Collective, Avid Opera, La Vida (string quartet) and Nelson Jazz band.

Free guided tours of the house as well as rose garden tours, along with face painting by Faerie Lou and sand saucers and stories by Nelson Public Libraries for the children.

Event details

What: Among the Roses

Where: Broadgreen Historic House and Samuels Rose Garden

When: Sunday 13 November, 12–5pm



Nayland's back for a summer splash!

Nayland Park Pool reopens for the summer season this Saturday 5 November.

This much-loved facility will be bursting back into life, offering fun programmes for the season.

The Nayland Park pool facilities includes a 50 metre lane pool, toddlers pool, diving boards over a 4m deep dive well, a 20m teaching pool and a brand new slide.

A range of programmes will be running including the SwimMagic Swim School, Pool Programmes, Chill Out After School Care and Holiday Programme.

Nayland Park Pool offers a great mix of health, fitness, recreation and fun, all in the great outdoors.

Check out the website nelson.govt.nz (search = Nayland Pool) for opening hours and more details.

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Search = Nayland Pool

Nelson's new home for football

Trafalgar Park has been a hive of activity recently, in the lead up to the football season, which has now kicked off.

Nelson hasn't had a national league side since the early 90s. But with Tasman United's introduction into the expanded Stirling Sports Premiership for the 2016/17 season, Trafalgar Park has become home to the new side, hosting excited fans and players in pre-season match warm ups.

Tasman United General Manager, Clive Beaumont, says the Park is an ideal home base for the new team.

"We have a great opportunity to continue the momentum of our sport with the addition of Tasman United in the top league."

"Trafalgar Park is a great spot, right in the heart of the city, and with football being the number one sport in the region, it's great to be able to host this level of football here again."

Mayor Rachel Reese says Trafalgar Park is the perfect home for football, and is pleased to see Tasman United field a team in the premiership league.

"Having a Nelson football side return to the national league is exciting, and to host them at Trafalgar Park is a real treat. It's a great location, so close to the city."

"Top level sports events are continuing to make their way to Nelson and we will continue to show our support and enthusiasm for hosting sports events in our region."

The first premiership match will be held at Trafalgar Park on 13 November with a total of nine matches to be played in Nelson, ahead of the final rounds in March 2017.





Be in to win with 'rates by email'

You currently have the chance to win travel with rates by email. Just choose to receive your rates and water accounts by email now and go in to win a \$350 travel voucher.

Sign up to pay by direct debit at the same time and the total prize increases to a \$500 travel voucher!

Remember you need to do it by 2 December to make sure you are in to win.

If you already get your rates notice via email then you are already in to win the \$350 voucher. Complete a direct debit form now and that prize goes up to \$500.

It's easy to do – get it all started

online at Council's website, nelson.govt.nz/rates-by-email.

Please note: The competition is open to Nelson City Council ratepayers only. Councillors and Council staff are not eligible to enter. The winner will be drawn on 20 December and notified by email. The prize cannot be exchanged for cash.

nelson.govt.nz/rates-by-email

POOL OWNERS CHECKLIST

If you have a swimming pool on your property, you can expect an audit visit approximately every three years. In between audits, it is a good idea to do your own regular checks to ensure your pool is safe and secure and complies with regulations.

- ✓ My pool fence or barrier is at least 1.2 metres high all the way around the pool.
- ✓ My pool gates and doors open away from the pool, self-close and latch from 150 millimetres and the latch is at least 1.5 metres high or can only be accessed by reaching over the gate.
- ✓ I have no openings in the pool barrier greater than 100 millimetres.
- ✓ I have a backflow preventer on the tap I use for maintaining my pools water level so I don't risk contaminating my household water supply.
- ✓ I don't have anything climbable closer than 1.2 metres from the fence or barrier. *(Check over the boundary fence to make sure your neighbour hasn't inadvertently created a ladder by stacking things against the fence, or do the trees need a prune?)*
- ✓ I only have pool related activities in the pool area. *(It's not a good place to plant my vegetable garden or store the kid's toys).*

Remember that 'take home and pop up' pools with a water depth of over 400mm must meet the requirements of the Fencing of Swimming Pools Act 1987.

For more information, contact the Pool Compliance Officer or visit nelson.govt.nz (search term = swimming pool consents) to read the pool guide and find out what else you can do to make sure your pool is secure.



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Nelson City Council
te kaunihera o whakatū

Mayor's Message



What an October! Thank you to the people of Nelson for allowing me the privilege of continuing to serve our region as your mayor. The election result affirms my commitment and enthusiasm in leading Nelson and I'm looking forward to a busy end to the year.

Reflecting on October, I couldn't have asked for a better end to my first term as mayor. What an honour to acknowledge Liam Malone, the outstanding New Zealander and athlete, with a civic reception at the Church Steps, where he was presented with the Key to the City of Nelson. Thank you to the thousands of people who came out to support this event. He is one of the finest young champions I have met. Sporting success continued over Labour Weekend with Tasman United's debut in the Stirling Sports Premiership, giving our region the chance to compete in football at the top national level and I'm looking forward to our first home game at Trafalgar Park on 13 November when Tasman take on Hawkes Bay.

Over the weekend, the Makos took on Canterbury in the Mitre 10 Cup final. Finals rugby is always exciting, and even more so when your home side runs out onto the field. While it wasn't meant to be, with Canterbury too strong this time around, it was still a hard fought game. I look forward to seeing the team build on their momentum to come back next year with fire in their belly, ready to win that national title for the first time.

Of course, the Arts have also been in the spotlight over October too. Here's just a snapshot. The Governor-General, Her Excellency The Rt Hon Dame Patsy Reddy, honoured us with her presence to open The Suter Gallery. Occasionally, I visit a building that is a taonga, a treasure, and The Suter is just that rare thing. To all involved, including the ratepayers of Nelson, congratulations on an outstanding result.

The Suter was just the right place to launch this year's Adam Chamber Music Festival – recognised as the premier music festival in New Zealand – this has gone from strength to strength, and tickets are selling fast.

The Nelson School of Music Redevelopment is underway with a \$1.5m government grant to support heritage preservation and to top it off, the Nelson Arts Festival has delighted us again showcasing some excellent talent.

Meanwhile, the Brook Sanctuary celebrated the completion of its pest-proof fence, Nelson Mountain Biking Club negotiated access to Wairoa Gorge, and Nelson Nature continues to bring back the birds and engage our schools in conservation projects.

Of course, a new Council term has now begun and we have welcomed four keen new councillors to the table, Mel Courtney, Bill Dahlberg, Mike Rutledge, and Stuart Walker. Together they bring a wealth of experience and plenty of energy to serve the people of Nelson.

There certainly is a lot going for this place we call home. Long may it continue to thrive and let's remember to celebrate aspiration, hard work and success.



Liam Malone and Mayor Rachel Reese at the civic ceremony held in October. Photo credit: Tim Cuff.



Environmental Score Cards for 2015/16

Council's Environmental Score Cards for 2015/16 show some steady improvements in air and water quality for our city.

Council is working hard to improve our environment, and tracks its progress through annual monitoring of Bathing Water, River and Stream Health and Air Quality.

Council projects that contribute to this improvement are Nelson Nature, Project Maitai, Woodburner Better Burning and many others.

People who use their woodburners wisely, don't let anything but rainwater in to our stormwater drains and get involved with streamside planting projects are also making a great contribution to a better Nelson. These efforts are reflected in steady improvements in annual monitoring results.

River and Stream Health

The 2015 annual water quality results for river and stream health reflect a long-term improvement in water quality.

Rivers and streams have important natural and cultural values, and supply water for drinking, farming and horticulture, recreational and industry use, so Council is working with the community to make improvements.

Our water quality is affected by storm events, pollutants and sediment, human activity and wildlife. Water that is too warm, contains a lot of sediment, or has high levels of bacteria or heavy metals will result in falling populations of river life, and be unsuitable for us to use.

Four of Council's stream monitoring sites showed improvements in the population of river life they are supporting, indicating that stream health is improving. Biodiversity surveys were undertaken for the first time in the Whangamoia area and included the first recording of a bluegill bully.

Recreational Bathing Water Quality

**Water samples were collected in both wet and dry weather and readings may be higher after rain – Council advises no swimming after heavy rain.*

Swimming water quality at Nelson's rivers and beaches is generally very good, with occasional high bacteria levels – usually after rain.

The Maitai river at Collingwood Street bridge is starting to improve in quality – this year there were three red alerts compared to six last year, although a health warning is still in place. There is also a health warning not to swim in the Wakapuaka River at Paremata Flats, as water quality here still needs to improve.

Air Quality

Air quality monitoring showed an ongoing improvement with just one exceedance for the year, in Airshed A.

Air quality in Nelson is affected by particle emissions (PM10) from woodburners, industrial activity and transport. Nelson is divided in to four airsheds, and air quality varies between these airsheds.

Air quality is measured against National Environment Standards (NES). Airshed A (Nelson South) has seen a steady reduction in emissions since 2001. Airsheds B1 (Tahunanui) and B2 (Stoke) also improved with no NES exceedances. Airshed C (Nelson City) had no exceedances but did show a minor increase in emissions.



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Search = Environmental Score Cards

Council works with Victory School to establish new Meteorological Station

Council have worked with Victory Primary School to establish a new meteorological station at The Broads playing fields.



Students from Victory School looking at the new weather station equipment with Science teacher Sterling Cathman, Joy Oakly, (sister of PJ Lamb), and NIWA technician Ralph Dickson.

The new station is a relocation of the meteorological station previously sited in St Vincent Street, which was installed in 2000. During 2012 a new 10 metre tall industrial building was constructed adjoining the met station, potentially compromising the integrity of meteorological information from the site, hence the need to look for another site.

At about the same time, Victory Primary School received a bequest from a past student, Peter Lamb, to purchase and install a meteorological station for the school. Victory Primary School and Council agreed to establish the meteorological station using the mast purchased by the school and hardware and software owned by Council.

After searching for a suitable location near Victory Primary School, Council staff were successful in negotiating an agreement with Nelson College to install the station

on land owned by the College known as The Broads playing field.

The PJ Lamb Met Station, which began operating in early October, comprises a portable NIWA mast (stayed) and research quality sensors compatible with the National Climate Network. This provides essential information for Council's air quality management – in particular temperature, humidity, wind speed and wind direction at a 10m height.

Council will be responsible for maintenance of the station, as well as management, acquisition, archiving and processing data from it. NIWA have been engaged to undertake annual calibration and regular maintenance of the station. Council will also be responsible for arranging the display of data from the met station on a website that is accessible by the parties. School students will benefit from the use of the data.



Wellness month at the Libraries

Nelson Public Libraries are celebrating health and wellness in November, with a month of talks, activities and displays. Most of the sessions are free and all are welcome. The programme is still growing, so watch our website for more details.

Tuesday 1 November, 12.30–1.30pm

Pilates taster session with a focus on people recovering from cancer or ill health. All welcome.

Friday 4 November, 10–11.30am

Finding your bones for internal support with Patricia Greenhough. Bookings to Nelson Womens Centre (\$5 charge).

Friday 4 November, 12–1pm

Medicine and the Law – A new session presented by Community Law. All welcome.

Friday 11 November, 10–11am

Yoga taster session with Tiffany Bird. All welcome.

Saturday 12 November, 10.30am–1pm

Colour your life – book launch. An introduction by Sandra Quiggin on how to use colour as a coaching and motivation tool.

Tuesday 15 November, 12–1pm

Tai Chi taster with the Nelson Taoist Tai Chi Society.

Wednesday 16 November, 3.30–5.30pm

Maddy Bellcroft with healthy food presentation and sampling. All welcome.

Thursday 17 November, 8.15–9.15am

Health online at Stoke Library. Bookings required.

Friday 18 November, 12–1pm

Display and demonstration of mobility aids from Access Mobility. All welcome.

Tuesday 22 November, 12–1pm

Five ways to wellbeing – Wendy Strawbridge from Health Action Trust talks about simple actions which can improve wellbeing in everyday life. A fun session for all.

Thursday 24 November, 12–1.30pm

Epilepsy New Zealand – Talk and get together.

Friday 25 November, 10am–1pm

Heart Foundation – Free blood pressure and general health checks. All welcome.

Tuesday 29 November, 12.30–1.30pm

Forget Cooking demonstration and workshop with Sally Rees of Natural Nosh. All welcome.

Wednesdays, 12–1pm

As part of **Epilepsy Month**, Epilepsy New Zealand will be available to provide information and talk about the condition every Wednesday throughout November.

For more information contact library@ncc.govt.nz or 03 546 8100.

Displays: Arthritis New Zealand, Asthma and NZ Stroke Foundation.



The Bestseller Collection: launch of a new collection!

A new collection of our most sought after books will be launched this month.

The 'Bestseller Collection' will include both fiction and non-fiction titles, and will allow readers to borrow popular books for up to two weeks, for \$5.

This new collection offers our readers a chance to borrow at a small price, while helping to ease the long waiting list for these titles.

If you would prefer to wait for these books, they will still remain available in our main collection.

Look out for the Bestseller Collection display in the centre of the Elma Turner Library.

Mauri Ora HEALTH AND WELLNESS MONTH
at Nelson Public Libraries
1 – 30 November 2016

Celebrate Science 2016 with Victory Community Centre

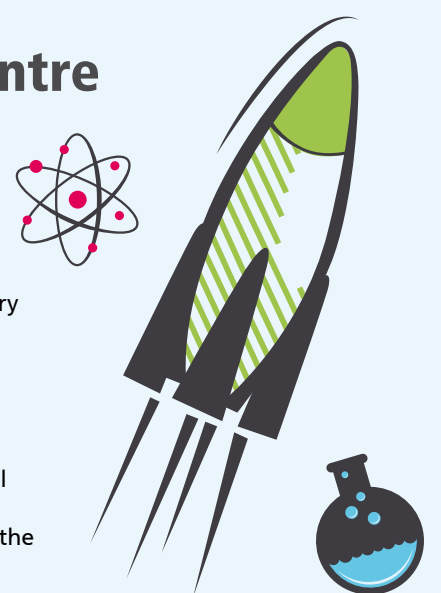
Join the Victory Community Centre this weekend to Celebrate Science with a three-day science showcase, offering activities for everyone. The theme for this year's event is The Elements: Earth, Fire, Water and Air.

- **Thursday 3 November, 6pm:** The Tour De Science show, with David Klein. David is a science story teller, currently travelling New Zealand by bicycle with his one man science show, Tour De Science. Entry koha/donation (suggested \$5).

- **Schools Day, Friday 4 November:** A range of interactive science activities for primary school students.
- **Community Day, Saturday 5 November, 10am–4pm:** A free activity event for the general public, with activities for children of all ages to play and explore with science.

Celebrate Science is run by Victory Community Centre and Mister Science, and proudly supported by Sealord and Gloucester Food Parlour.

For more information contact Victory Community Centre, email vccreception@victory.school.nz, phone 03 546 8389 or drop into the centre on Totara Street.



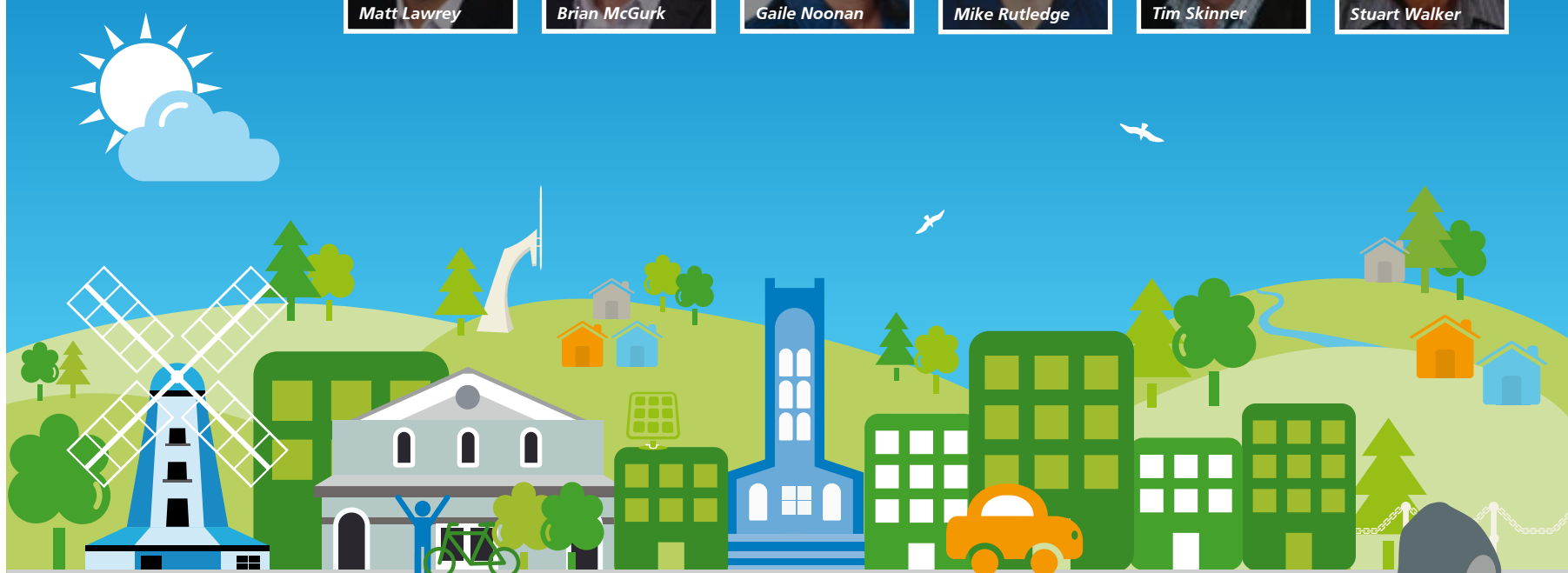
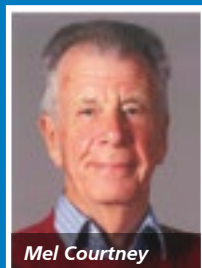


INTRODUCING YOUR NEW COUNCIL

MAYOR



DEPUTY MAYOR



As part of the new Council term, five committees have been established:

Governance Committee

- Ian Barker (Chair)
- Bill Dahlberg (Deputy Chair)
- Gaile Noonan
- Tim Skinner
- Paul Matheson
- Mike Rutledge
- Mel Courtney
- Mayor Reese
- External Appointees x2

Planning and Regulatory Committee

- Mayor Reese & Brian McGurk (Co-Chairs)
- Bill Dahlberg
- Kate Fulton
- Stuart Walker
- Ian Barker
- Luke Acland
- External Appointee x1

Community Services Committee

- Gaile Noonan (Chair)
- Mel Courtney (Deputy Chair)
- Kate Fulton
- Matt Lawrey
- Brian McGurk
- Mike Rutledge
- Paul Matheson
- Mayor Reese

Sports and Recreation Committee

- Tim Skinner (Chair)
- Mike Rutledge (Deputy Chair)
- Kate Fulton
- Ian Barker
- Mel Courtney
- Stuart Walker
- Brian McGurk
- Mayor Reese

Works and Infrastructure Committee

- Paul Matheson (Chair)
- Stuart Walker (Deputy Chair)
- Luke Acland

- Matt Lawrey
- Bill Dahlberg
- Gaile Noonan
- Tim Skinner
- Mayor Reese

Two subcommittees to the Governance Committee have been established as follows:

Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee

- External Appointee (Chair)
- External Appointees x2
- Bill Dahlberg
- Ian Barker
- Mayor Reese

Commercial Subcommittee

- External Appointee (Chair)
- External Appointees x2
- Luke Acland
- Mel Courtney
- Mayor Reese

Further information on these committees, including additional subcommittees and their appointments can be found at nelson.govt.nz (search = Council committees).

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Search = Council committees



Youth development projects receive funding in latest community investment round

The latest community investment funding round has been completed, with nearly \$150,000 to be distributed across the community.

For 2016/17, the funding panel also allocated funding, at the request of Council, for Youth Development projects. Council received a total of

11 Youth Development Agreement applications, of which seven were allocated funding.

A further 30 Community Investment Fund Grant applications were received, of which 21 that were allocated funding, as well as one additional Community Investment Agreement.

For further information on all the allocated funds, please visit nelson.govt.nz (search = community investment fund).



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Search = community investment fund

2016/17 Community Investment Fund Grants

Organisation	Purpose of funding	Amount
Community Art Works	To provide a programme of visual and performing arts, aimed at providing access to these disciplines for youth, who are disadvantaged and cannot access these arts via the mainstream.	\$10,000
Nelson Tasman Youth Workers Collective	To support the administrative, maintenance and operational costs involved in supplying sound equipment for community groups and young people.	\$10,020
1000Sport Tasman	To provide a top of the south skatepark tour event that includes Nelson over the 2016/17 summer, and to engage local lower socio-economic youth in the outdoors.	\$11,000
Tahunanui Community Centre	To support a youth action group and offer youth drop in and cafe sessions after school and youth events at Tahunanui Beach in school holidays.	\$40,000
The Nelson ARK	To provide educational and rehabilitative programmes by ARK graduates for young people using animal assisted therapy.	\$13,825
Volunteer Nelson	Training for ten youth leaders; enabling four volunteer action events; organising a youth summit; organising six youth volunteering roadshows; developing and maintaining a youth volunteer Facebook Page; providing a Start-Up Fund for youth volunteer projects.	\$7,000
Whenua Iti Trust Inc	To provide Waka Ama Journeys as a vehicle for personal and social growth and development for Nelson youth.	\$7,500
Total allocated		\$99,345

2016/17 Community Investment Fund Agreement applications

Organisation	Purpose of funding	Amount
KidsCan Charitable Trust	To provide support in 2017 to Nelson partner schools, providing food, clothing and health items to disadvantaged children.	\$6,120

2015/16 Annual Report adopted

Council has adopted its 2015/16 annual report, with Mayor Rachel Reese highlighting a solid financial performance over the last 12 months.

"Our raised credit rating from Standard and Poor's from AA- to AA, gives assurance that the decisions we make are sensible ones," says Mayor Reese.

"I am committed to balancing the investment needed to make Nelson an even better place now and into the future, with affordability and financial prudence."

Those investments over the past 12 months have included a significant amount of work including the completion of the Maitai Pipeline duplication, the York Stream flood upgrade, the first stage of the Saxton Creek flood protection work, as well as nearing completion of the Corder Park pump station upgrade.

Major work has also continued across some of Nelson's most treasured



Photo credit: Dom Channon

facilities including the Trafalgar Centre, Rutherford Park redevelopment and the Suter Gallery.

Mayor Reese also highlights the importance of partnerships to deliver many of these key projects.

"One area that I have been very focused on is working closely with the community in a partnership approach to ensure our city continues to thrive.

"An example of seeing success in this space is our biodiversity project, Nelson Nature, where we are working closely with other agencies to restore the region's natural environment.

"We have had a successful year, and it is thanks to a team of people - councillors, officers, volunteers, and those who call Nelson home - who continue to work in close partnership to make Nelson an even better place."



What a festival!

The 2016 Nelson Arts Festival saw the city come alive with art and performance filling the streets, the stages and the hearts and minds of Nelson. This year's festival was better than ever with world class shows, thrilled audiences and fantastic reviews.

The festival returned to the Suter Theatre after its extensive refurbishment. Founders Heritage Park came in to its own as art gallery and outdoor studio, with The Billboard Project artists working every day under the public gaze, and a retrospective of Anne Rush's installations delighting audiences in the Granary and Mainstage.

The Masked Parade drew the crowds with its 'Flights of Fancy' theme, as people of all ages from tiny tots up, danced, twirled, drummed and swirled their way through the city streets.

This year's Page & Blackmore Readers and Writers events were well supported. Author Witi Ihimaera was a warm and welcoming opening act; The Thinking Brunch got people talking – and thinking – and with authors like Helene Wong, Laurence Fearnley and Jillian Sullivan, and poet Hera Lindsay Bird on stage there was something to interest everyone.

Festivals Team Leader Axel de Maupeou said the festival had been one to remember.

"We'd like to thank our sponsors, as always, the volunteers and crew, the audiences and the performers for taking part in a Festival that delivered on so many levels."



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



Founders Heritage Park

The New Zealand Cider Festival: Cider makers from around the country are going to descend on Nelson bringing with them their finest wares, 12 November, 12pm

Trafalgar Park

Tasman United v Hawkes Bay United: 13 November, 2–4pm

Tasman United v Waitakere United: 27 November, 2–4pm

Saxton Field Sports Complex

SI Secondary Schools Junior Volleyball Championships: 22–24 November

Broadgreen Historic House

Among the Roses: A day out to sip, snack, relax and enjoy the beautiful roses, markets and music, 13 November, 12–5pm

Isel House and Park

Isel House and Park Market: Until 27 April

Nelson Public Libraries

Elma Turner Library

A Nelson Institute talk: A Different Perspective on the Second World War, November 6, 2pm

Django Junkies – as part of the Live Music Series at the Library: November 6, 2.30pm

Health and Wellness Month: There are many different activities happening in November, including taster sessions of Tai chi, Pilates, Yoga and Yuangong Qigong. Pop into the Nelson Public Libraries and pick up a brochure today or see the events listed on page 5. Most of the sessions are free and all are welcome.

Sew easy: Micheline will have a sewing machine and be available for sewing advice and guidance, Wednesdays, 10am–12pm

Junior Reading Club: Tuesdays 3.30–4.30pm, until 6 December

Small Time at the Children's Library: Stories and songs for under 2yr olds, Wednesdays, 10.30am, during term time only

Story Time at the Children's Library: Stories and songs for over 2yr olds, Thursdays, 2pm, during term time only

BookChat: Second Tuesday of each month, 10.30am, until 13 December

STEMwriters: Second Tuesday of each month, 2pm

Alzheimers Nelson: Free drop in sessions, fourth Wednesday of each month, 10–11.30am

Library Knitters: Every Thursday from 10am onward

Stoke Library

Library Knitters: Monday afternoons, 1.30–2.30pm, until 19 December

BookChat: Third Wednesday of each month, 5.30pm, until 21 December

Small Time: Stories and songs for under 2yr olds, Tuesdays, 10.30am, during term time only

Story Time: Stories and songs for over 2yr olds, Wednesdays, 10.30am, during term time only

Alzheimers Nelson: Free drop in sessions, fourth Thursday of each month, 9.30–11am

Nightingale Library Memorial

Alzheimers Nelson: Free drop in sessions, fourth Thursday of each month, 11.30am–1pm

Museums and Galleries

Nelson Provincial Museum

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

Balls, Bullets & Boots, From Rugby Field to Battlefield: Until 7 February

Suter Art Gallery & Theatre

Exhibitions On Screen: Painting the Modern Garden – Monet to Matisse: Until 2 November

Nelson Japanese Society Annual Free Film: Join the Nelson Japanese Society at their annual free film event, 9 November, 7.20pm

Choice: A documentary about peace, 12 November, 5.30–7.30pm

Between Yesterday & Tomorrow Exhibition: Until 13 November, 10am – 4.30pm daily

Top of the South Film Festival: 18 November, 7.30–10pm

Refinery ArtSpace

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

A sense of love and belonging: Until 5 November

Worth: Showcasing some of Te Tau Ihu o Te Waka a Maui's more inventive art practices, 21 November–17 December

End of Year NMIT, Level 6: A showcase by students as part of their level 6 end of year assessment, 9 November–18 November

CHECK OUT...

Tasman United vs Hawkes Bay United, Sunday 13 November, 2–4pm

Tasman United are taking on Hawkes Bay United in their first home game in the premiership football league. Head to Trafalgar Park on Sunday 13 November from 2–4pm to take in all the action. This is followed by Tasman United taking on Waitakere United at the Park on Sunday 27 November from 2–4pm.