



Your Nelson,
Your Say

The next issue of Live Nelson will be a special eight-page edition covering the key issues in the Council's 10 Year Plan. Consultation is open 24 March to 24 April and this will be your chance to have your say on Nelson's future.

MAYOR'S BOUQUET



This month's recipient is Coral Haussmann for the amazing volunteer work she does.

Every Friday, Coral is found at the Nelson Hospice Hospital, looking after the practical needs of patients. Her compassionate approach also sees her spending time simply sitting and listening to those who may be struggling. On top of this, Coral trains other volunteers and will always put up her hand to pick up extra shifts without a second thought.

Coral's caring ways extend to other community work as well, often making costumes for Nelson Musical Theatre and cooking meals for their dinner performances.

It is my pleasure to be able to acknowledge Coral, not only for her volunteering work, but also for the passion she shows in the work she does.

If you know someone you consider worthy of a Mayor's Bouquet, just follow these easy steps:

- Submit the nominated recipient's name and contact details, along with 150 words on why they deserve recognition - usually for going the extra mile to perform services to our community unpaid and unsung.
- Send via post to Mayoral Bouquet, Nelson City Council, PO Box 645, Nelson 7040 or email to mayorsbouquet@ncc.govt.nz. Remember to include your name and contact details.

The Mayor's Bouquet is brought to you in association with Woodlea Florist, Bridge Street, Nelson.

Household food waste: the invisible scandal

It looks like perfectly edible food straight from the supermarket. Instead, it's perfectly edible food straight out of household rubbish bins!

A recent study reveals that every year the average New Zealand family throws away more than \$563 worth of edible food. The food wastage was discovered when an audit of rubbish bins collected by Councils was undertaken to try and find out exactly what foods New Zealanders were throwing away and why.

Tasman District and Nelson City Councils have been part of this nationwide project, which surveyed 1,365 people and investigated 1402 rubbish bins.

Nelson City Councillor Gaile Noonan says, "This audit has revealed a staggering amount of



A rubbish audit at a local school illustrates the high proportion of unnecessary food waste.

edible food is thrown away every week. Whole loaves of bread, unopened yoghurts, uneaten apples are just some of the foods that have been found in these audits."

The results found that 27 per cent of households admit to being large food wasters, throwing out more than \$21 per week of edible food, while 38 per cent of households admit to wasting \$8 per week. In Nelson and Tasman, 19 local families took part in a kitchen diary, recording all their food waste in a week. This found they disposed

of an average 3.3kg of edible food per family each week.

A few ideas to reduce food waste and keep hold of those dollars longer include: storing your bread in the fridge or freezer instead of on the counter to stop it going mouldy or stale; stewing over-ripe fruit or adding it to a smoothie; checking your fridge before you go shopping to see what needs using up; turning your leftover vegetables into a frittata, or making fried rice.

Elma Turner Library extended hours

You will now have more time to enjoy your Saturdays at the Library with the Elma Turner Library trialling extended opening hours. The new Saturday opening hours will be 10am-4pm (extending from 10am-1pm) and will apply from Saturday 4 April.

Oh dear! Oh dear! Don't be too late!

What is "a hopper of ditches, a cutter of corn, a little brown cow without any horns"?

With Easter nearly upon us, the Elma Turner Library is celebrating all things 'rabbit' at its first Readers' Evening of the year on Thursday 26 March at 6.15pm.

Learn about Rabbit Island from the Tasman District Council and about rabbits themselves from Natureland staff; read rabbit folktales, and enjoy other bunny-related activities.

The evening is suitable for all ages with a rabbit-related reading list as well as separate children's activities. How many rabbit-related books do you know? Light refreshments will also be served. RSVP to library@ncc.govt.nz not essential but would be appreciated.



Streets turn festive for Neighbours Day Aotearoa

Many Nelson streets will be turned into venues for social gatherings on the weekend of March 28 and 29 as neighbourhoods get into the spirit of Neighbours Day Aotearoa.

At least 65 neighbourhood gatherings are planned for the weekend and all the meat pack and bakery vouchers offered by Neighbourhood Support Nelson for Neighbours Day events have been snapped up.

Events planned include potluck dinners, afternoon teas, working bees, and games afternoons for children.

Neighbours Day Aotearoa has been running nationally since 2011 with the aim of bringing neighbours together and turning streets into neighbourhoods.

Volunteer Nelson's youth programme

Following a successful Youth Summit last July, Volunteer Nelson's youth programme has seen over 70 Nelson College for Girls students sign up to its youth-led programme.

Spearheaded by year 13 student Sophie Ross, the students have jumped at the opportunity to volunteer for a range of community organisations across the city.

"The response from both staff and students has been extremely positive, with over 60 students registering their interest," she says. "This group has a huge range of skills and a huge amount of enthusiasm, making it an ideal source of volunteer help for any organisation or event."

From assisting with fundraisers to sports coaching, small groups of students are getting involved and gaining experience in the not-for-profit sector. A system of logging hours will see students' volunteer work recorded and validated



Youth Volunteers helping out with the Junior Kickers programme.

which in turn can assist with work experience and future employment.

Volunteer Nelson plans to run the programme in other Nelson secondary schools once the current pilot is fully established. Jacqui Irwin of Volunteer Nelson says that the programme is unique and the first of its kind in the country. Volunteer Nelson is also receiving calls from volunteer centres across the country wanting information on the programme and how they can replicate it in their community.

Volunteer Nelson is supported by Nelson City Council's Community Assistance Funding, which aims to foster community wellbeing.

volunteernelson.org.nz

Anzac Day 2015: a century on from Gallipoli

Next month's Anzac Day marks the centennial of the Allied landings at Gallipoli during World War I. Many events are offered to residents over the Anzac weekend to mark the occasion.



Nelson Provincial Museum director Peter Millward with the museum's WWI roll of honour, listing all those who served during the war. Credit: Nelson Mail

Saturday 25 April

- Centennial Dawn Service will be held at Trafalgar Park.
- Nelson Provincial Museum's new exhibition, WWI - Their Stories - Our History opens.

Sunday 26 April

- Nelson's Christ Church Cathedral hosts a commemorative Anzac remembrance service.

Monday 27 April

- Founders Heritage Park hosts "Anzac Apple Day."

The city's heritage houses, Broadgreen, Isel and Melrose, will also hold commemorative activities during the weekend.

Contribute a WWI story related to the region on theprow.org.nz. For more information on all these events head to itson.co.nz.

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Ngawhatu sewer upgrade

Work has begun this week on upgrading the existing sewer from Main Road Stoke to Ngawhatu Road. Construction is programmed to take 18 weeks with work progressing from Main Road Stoke toward Ngawhatu Road.

Motorists using Polstead Road, Suffolk Road and Ngawhatu Road should expect short delays while work is completed along each respective road. Traffic will be reduced to one lane at times between 7am-6pm weekdays and all traffic will be limited to 30km/h within the worksite during all hours.

Council thanks you for your patience.

Queens Gardens closure

Queens Gardens will be partially closed from Tuesday 7 April - Friday 24 April to allow for the resurfacing of main path systems. The Hardy Street lawn area will remain open, as will the Chinese Gardens.

Positive Ageing Expo

When? Friday 27 March, 10am-3pm.
Where? Headingly Centre, Richmond.

The Expo showcases Nelson and Tasman's recreational, health and social services that help make ageing a positive experience. Admission is free so come along and talk to the 60+ stallholders. There will also be seminars, demonstrations, and a range of activities, including free health checks. Complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits provided, with lunch available for purchase.

Nelson gets tick of approval as host city

Six teams involved in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2015 were able to experience Nelson at its best, with the city hosting three games at Saxton Oval.

The Mayor was presented with a falcon, the national symbol of the United Arab Emirates, by David East, Emirates Cricket Board Chief Executive, to thank the city for hosting the UAE team.

Meanwhile, the International Cricket Council was also impressed with Nelson's performance as a host venue for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2015.

In the referee's report after the Bangladesh vs. Scotland match, it gave the pitch a 'good' rating and the outfield a 'very good' rating (the highest standard available).

It also highlighted how the ground was completely dry before the match started, and that the bounce was consistent.

The referee's report says, "The pitch had a good and even covering of straw-coloured grass, and scores of 300 showed it was a very good batting pitch."



Meetings

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

March 2015
Council meeting
9am 23 Mar

Works and Infrastructure Committee
9am 26 Mar

Regional Transport Committee
1pm 27 Mar

Hearing for exemptions to Fencing of Swimming Pools Act
9am 1 Apr

Planning and Regulatory Committee
9am 2 Apr

Planning and Regulatory Committee - to deliberate on submissions to the Urban Environments Bylaw to follow ordinary Planning and Regulatory Committee meeting
2 Apr

Community Services Committee
9am 14 Apr

Governance Committee
9am 16 Apr

Joint Shareholders Committee
1.30pm 17 Apr

Civil Defence Emergency Management Group to follow Joint Shareholders Committee
17 Apr

Council meeting
9am 30 Apr

Other Meetings
Nelson Youth Council
1pm 1 Apr

Nelson Youth Council
1pm 23 Apr

For a full list of Council meetings go to:

nelson.govt.nz/meetings

What's on

At a Council venue near you?

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itson.co.nz

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