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Gardening tips from Waimarama Community Gardens

Do you have problems with your potatoes? Trouble growing tomatoes? The potato/tomato psyllid bacteria cockerel could be the cause. Come along to the Waimarama Community Gardens at 1pm on Sunday 4 December to learn how to identify this tenacious insect pest. You'll learn all about the crop and non-crop host plants it lives on and some management strategies you can use against it in the home garden. Annie Barnes, President of Nelson Tree crops will be the speaker.



Miyazu Deputy Mayor Kiyokazu Ueda and Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese shake hands after re-signing the sister city agreement.

Celebrating 40 year sister city relationship

Mayor Rachel Reese has formally re-signed Nelson's sister city agreement with Miyazu at a ceremony on Friday.

The relationship between Nelson and Miyazu is the longest-standing sister city agreement for the city and the event marks the 40 year milestone for this relationship, originally formalised in May 1976.

A six strong delegation from Miyazu visited the city to mark the important milestone, including Deputy Mayor Kiyokazu Ueda, Mr Minoru Adachi, President of the Miyazu New Zealand Association, and members of the Nelson-Miyazu Sister City Association.

Mayor Reese says, "To mark 40 years is a great achievement, and shows how strong this relationship is."

Earlier this year, Nelson also hosted a delegation from Miyazu schools. While in September, a Nelson delegation visited Miyazu.

"I am heartened to see that the close ties between our

two cities that have flourished over the years are continuing with the next generation. It was a pleasure to host a delegation from Miyazu schools earlier this year. During their busy visit the students were able to spend time with Nelson's Youth Councillors and I hope that planted new seeds of friendship between both sets of young residents that will be of long-term benefit for all," says Mayor Reese.

The relationship between the two cities has thrived over the past 40 years.

In 1996, a New Zealand-wide survey of Sister City programmes, undertaken by Massey University, showed that the Nelson-Miyazu link was the most focused and built on a solid base of people-to-people interaction. The Nelson-Miyazu affiliation was cited as a model to follow in setting up successful Sister City relationships.

Councils seek regional view on allowing Easter Sunday trading

Nelson City and Tasman District councils are seeking community feedback on whether to allow Easter Sunday trading in the region.

The Government has given local councils the power to decide whether to allow shops to open on Easter Sunday from 2017.

If the councils decide to allow Easter trading, employees have the right under the new law to refuse to work on Easter Sunday without giving a reason and without any repercussions from their employer.

The collaborative approach is an effective and efficient way to understand the community's views on Easter Sunday trading.

To provide your feedback, please fill out the survey at surveymonkey.com/r/EasterTradingNelsonTasman

which is open until 17 November.

The survey results will be used to inform both councils in their decision on whether or not to manage a public consultation process on a draft policy to allow or prohibit Easter Sunday trading.

If the councils do decide to proceed beyond the initial survey it is likely to take place from December 2016 – February 2017, before the councils have to make a final decision in time for Easter 2017.

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Community organisations to have their say on funding priorities

Council is seeking ideas and information from community organisations around strategic priority areas for 2017/18 Community Investment Funding.

A brief survey will open from 16–30 November 2016 at nelson.govt.nz/community-investment-survey.

If you are a not for profit community organisation we would greatly appreciate your feedback.

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Forestry – the way forward

Earlier this year, Council sought an expert review to determine how its production forestry should be managed into the future.

Council's 640ha of production forestry were established as a commercial investment and to protect Council's water supplies from the effects of erosion and any associated sediment.

The forests are in four main blocks: the Brook, Maitai, Marsden and Roding, comprising 87 separate stands. 92% of forest area is in Pinus radiata; Douglas fir makes up 6%, macrocarpa 1% and eucalyptus and other varieties another 1%. The current make-up is a legacy of previous attempts to diversify species planted.

Approximately 40% of Council's production forestry is nearing harvestable age. Harvesting prior to 2020 would put Council's forests slightly ahead of New Zealand's looming "wall of wood", a predicted glut in the market, making the harvest potentially more profitable.

The review highlighted how Council's involvement in forestry intersects with many of Council's activities, both regulatory and non-regulatory. It sets out proposed responses to a range of factors: proximity of residential development; the increase in mountain biking and impact of harvesting on tracks; possible Nelson Plan requirements; and the conflict between Council's investment in removal of wilding pines with its own Douglas fir stands.

A number of key recommendations were made to address these and other issues, which Council has now adopted. These include:

- Retire approximately 140ha of production forestry that is inappropriate for this use or uneconomic. This will remove this area from the portfolio held for investment purposes and allow for investigation of other uses for the land.
- Destroy the Douglas fir and acacia stands as a priority, as these species have a high risk of spreading into reserve land.

Work at Tahunanui Beach

Work will begin next week to construct a new footpath at Tahunanui Beach.

This will be an extension of the existing path along past the skate park and the main back beach carpark. This will make it much safer for pedestrians in the area.

You will also notice some areas looking a bit bare of vegetation. This is part of an ongoing programme at Tahunanui that sees weed trees and shrubs removed from some areas. Next winter, it will be replanted with natives that suit the coastal environment with the help of local school children and the Nelson community.

Join us for a Dog's Breakfast

Council will be holding a monthly Dog's Breakfast event from November to March, to raise awareness about toxic algae.

The first event will be on 29 November, from 10am to 1.30pm, on the Maitai Walkway by the Riverside Pool.

Call by to pick up information on how to keep your dog safe during the warmer summer months when toxic algae can bloom. Toxic algae mats have a strong musty odour which can attract dogs to eat them, but the algae contain toxins that are harmful to dogs and humans.

There will also be dog treats for your canine friend, plus useful information for dog owners. The event will be cancelled if wet.



Love Your Leftovers competition

Do you love your leftovers? Council is working with Love Food Hate Waste to encourage people to use up left over food rather than throwing it away.

Share your best tip for using up food leftovers and be in to win with the Love Your Leftovers competition.

The average New Zealand family wastes \$560 a year by throwing away edible food rather than using it up. Ways to reduce this are to buy only what you need, or use up leftovers for lunches and snacks. This competition is designed to encourage people to share their favourite leftover recipe so that others can use them. The winner will receive the River Cottage Love Your Leftovers cookbook, so enter now and be in to win.

To download a competition entry form or find out more, visit the Love Food Hate Waste page on Council's website.

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