

# OUR NELSON

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## Rocks Road update

The NZ Transport Agency has determined the damage caused by the recent storm event was not as bad as first thought.

Crews are completing work on the cliff face and started the planned road reconstruction work last week. This work will now include footpath and seawall repairs.

The 30km/hour temporary speed limit along Rocks Road will stay in place until approximately the end of March, so please be patient.

Cyclists will need to merge with traffic through the work site, so please be very careful when travelling through this area.

For update updates please head to NZTA's project website.

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## Revamped Heritage Festival will celebrate Nelson's past

Nelson's much-loved Heritage Week has been rebranded as the Nelson Heritage Festival. The Festival will run from 9 to 29 April 2018.

The revamped event will revolve around community involvement. In the new format, Council is offering support to individuals and community groups to run their own events to celebrate and highlight Nelson's heritage.

Events will be held at Council-owned heritage facilities, heritage homes, art galleries, museums, heritage precincts and more. Many are being privately run with support from Council.

While event ideas are still rolling in, there's already an exciting programme of events planned including:

- **Nelson Heritage Homes Tour, Saturday 14 April** – A self-guided charity tour of homes run by the Cancer Society
- **Enviroschools Time Travel Challenge Week, 9–13 April** – A primary school active travel and dress up competition run by Enviroschools
- **Anzac Fair, Sunday 22 April** – A full day of heritage-themed

fun and games at Founders Park – including a rail project re-enactment by "Histrionics"

- **Past Mayors Cemetery Tour, 14 and 15 April** – A guided tour of early Nelson leaders' grave sites, by Cheryl Carnahan.

"This is a great opportunity to celebrate Nelson's rich history – its stories, peoples and places," says Gaile Noonan, Chair of the Community Service Committee. "I encourage people to get involved – if you have an idea for an event then we'd love to hear from you."

Community members who are interested in running an event should get in touch with the Heritage Festival Adviser Tom Ransom, [tom.ransom@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:tom.ransom@ncc.govt.nz), phone 03 546 0331.

[nelson.govt.nz/heritage-festival](http://nelson.govt.nz/heritage-festival)

## All day parking around the city

The car park around the Trafalgar Centre is a popular place for city workers to park for free for the day.

However, occasionally the car park needs to close to the public for the safe set up of an event, or to reserve the car park for people coming to an event. This is part of the hire arrangement.

At these times you can consider parking in Wakatu Car Park where there is no time limit in place and your first hour of parking is free.

Free all day parking is also available in four handy locations around the city if you register a carpool with Nelson City Council.

You just need to have a minimum of two people and two vehicles in your carpool and you must work in the central city.

You can get all the information you need and even sign up online at [nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz) (search = carpooling).

Once you are registered you can park for free all day (on a first come, first served basis) at one of the four parking locations: Haven Road by ANZAC Park, Harley Street, off Bridge Street, Kerr Street, by Smiths City and by the old Hunting and Fishing building on Achilles Avenue.

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## New citizen 'honoured' to become a Kiwi

Nancy Gandhi is one of New Zealand's newest citizens after Nelson's ceremony at the Trafalgar Centre on Wednesday 14 February.

Nancy moved to New Zealand from the city of Navsari in India, nearly seven years ago with her husband, Ankur, who fell in love with the Kiwi lifestyle and natural landscapes, when he studied at the University of Auckland.

The couple live in Nelson, with their two-year-old daughter Brianna.

"We just decided it's a beautiful place and we came to Nelson, it's an amazing, sunny town," says Nancy.

Nancy was one of 80 people to make Nelson their New Zealand home at the Ceremony.

"It's very emotional, to leave your country, it's a big decision, but to

be part of another country is a big privilege," says Nancy.

"We are honoured to be part of this country."

The larger than usual ceremony included a diverse mix of nationalities including American, Australian, British, Canadian, Czech, Dutch, Filipino, German, Indian, Irish, Malaysian, Myanmar, Russian, South African and Vietnamese.

They were welcomed by Mayor Rachel Reese, Councillor Bill Dahlberg, Kaumātua Andy Joseph QSM and a 40-strong Kapa Haka group from Nayland Primary School.

## Go By Bike Day

More than 100 people rode to work via the free breakfast station in the 1903 Square on Go By Bike Day.

Go By Bike Day has been an annual event in Nelson for more than 10 years – the last four years at the 1903 Square. This year free breakfasts and coffees were given out to hungry cyclists, and many riders left with new lights and armbands so they are set to keep riding into the winter months. Entertainment was provided by the Plinkers ukulele group.



## Saxton Velodrome opens

Tasman District Council Mayor Richard Kempthorne and Nelson City Council Sport and Recreation Chair Tim Skinner had the first ride at the official opening of the Saxton Velodrome on Tuesday 13 February, though their official track record didn't last long!

The velodrome is a joint project between Tasman District Council, Nelson City Council and the Saxton Velodrome Trust to build an outdoor cycle velodrome at Saxton Field. This is a new regional facility to replace the existing track at Trafalgar Park. With a 333m-long sealed competition track and a learn-to-ride area, the velodrome is for all ages and abilities to enjoy.



Tasman District Council Mayor Richard Kempthorne (left) and Nelson City Councillor Tim Skinner

## Brighter lights for driving

Nelson residents will notice a white, rather than orange glow to their street lights in the coming months, as 3850 of the city's street light luminaires are progressively replaced with new light-emitting diodes – LEDs.

Contractors will be replacing approximately 100 fittings per week, starting in late March 2018, with all replacements being completed by the end of the year.

LEDs have advanced greatly recently and provide several features and advantages that improve amenity, environmental, safety and financial outcomes in towns and cities, and with the evolution of street light technology there is an opportunity to make potential savings to maintenance and power costs.

Nelson City Council is taking up NZ Transport Agency funding to replace the existing street lighting with new LED luminaires.

There are a number of benefits to be realised by undertaking this replacement programme:

- Power savings
- Maintenance cost savings
- Reduction in light spill on to nearby properties
- Environmental benefits from removal of old light fittings
- Cost effectiveness
- Improved lighting for night driving.

The replacement programme is for street lights only. Parks, car parks and pathways will not be upgraded as part of this project, they will be replaced over time.



## NRSBU Resource Consent Application

The Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit treats wastewater from Tahunanui, Stoke, Richmond, Mapua, Brightwater and Wakefield, at the Bell Island Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Their application is for the consents required to continue discharging odours to air and discharging up to 25,000 cubic metres per day of treated wastewater to the Waimea Inlet on outgoing tides, and other associated activities.

See [tasman.govt.nz](http://tasman.govt.nz) for full details.

Submissions close:  
4.30 pm Friday 23 March 2018.

[tasman.govt.nz](http://tasman.govt.nz)

## February 1 storm repair update

Council is making good progress in repairing some of the damage caused by the storm surge on 1 February.

The toddlers play area at the Tahunanui Playground has re-opened. For now it has a bark surface but will be re-sown later in the year.

Conolly's Quay fishing platform and Sunderland Pier are available for use but the Wakefield Quay Gardens by the Coastguard building is likely to remain closed for a few weeks until repairs can be completed.

Please note that the missing panels from the Early Settlers wall are not related to storm damage. They are currently being removed and refurbished as part of scheduled maintenance.

Repairs to the ladders and handrails along Rocks Road will be starting later this week and they will reopen after that work is completed.

An amount of sand is still to be moved from the Back Beach to back fill some of the dunes and one of the car parks at the Back Beach is likely to remain closed for some time.

**Council does not provide sandbags**

Just a reminder that Council does not provide sandbags to the general public. If you live in a property that is potentially prone to flooding in heavy rain or storm events, you should ensure you have a supply of sandbags on hand. Council simply doesn't have the resources to meet this need during a weather event.



## Applications opening for Community Investment

Applications for 2018/19 Community Investment Fund (CIF) Agreements will open online from Friday 23 February and close Monday 9 April.

This year applicants can apply for up to three years of funding, for amounts of \$2,500 p.a. and upwards.

Community Investment Funding is open for applications from not-for-profit community organisations. This year applicants will be asked to consider how their project meets the Community Investment Funding

Contribution Areas and Priorities for 2018/19, that were developed through engagement with the community last year. Guidelines covering the criteria are now available at [nelson.govt.nz/community-investment-funding](http://nelson.govt.nz/community-investment-funding) and application forms will be available online from Friday 23 February.

For further information please contact [nicola.gausel@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:nicola.gausel@ncc.govt.nz) or call 03 546 0217.

[nelson.govt.nz/community-investment-funding](http://nelson.govt.nz/community-investment-funding)



# Don't start building without a consent

Council's Building Inspections staff have found increasing instances where work has started before building consent has been issued.

When this happens, it can cause significant issues for the builder and the property owner, as any work completed before the issue of a building consent cannot be covered by that consent, and must either be removed or a certificate of acceptance applied for the works completed. A certificate of acceptance may exclude work that cannot be inspected or established as complying with the building code.

Our Building Inspectors have also had situations where consented plans are not held onsite. If there are no plans on site, Licenced Building Practitioners need to check if a building consent has, in fact, been issued. Most contractors still refer to paper copies,

and need to be working from a stamped, consented set of drawings. Building Inspectors also need to see the consented documentation when they come to inspect the site.

"Everyone involved – Licenced Building Practitioner, engineer and owner – needs to make sure that the consent has been issued, and consented plans are held on site," says Clare Barton, Group Manager Strategy and Environment. "Failing to have an issued building consent before you start work can lead to difficulties with issuing code compliance certificate, and in worst case scenarios there may be fines issued."



## Keeping active this summer

A free activity programme for seniors is here, with plenty of opportunities to keep active. Why not come along and find out more!

The older body loves to move – and that's a fact! While up until a couple of decades ago, older people were told to put their feet up and take a well-earned rest, research now shows that continuing to be active is good for the ageing body.

That's why Nelson City Council and Age Concern Nelson Tasman have joined forces to

put on a programme of activities – from walking to bowls, tai chi and singing in the park – for people aged 65 and over.

So, why not come along, try something new and meet new people in the process. Everything is free and there's no need to have tried it before.

The Summer Activity Programme kicked off on Monday 19 February and runs until the end of March, all taking place in outdoor locations in the Nelson and Stoke areas.

For further information, please call Marrit at Age Concern on 03 544 7624, or email [community@ageconcernnt.org.nz](mailto:community@ageconcernnt.org.nz).

## Have you got your entry in for the Best Little Woodshed Competition?

There's still a few days left to enter the Best Little Woodshed competition.

We'll have prizes including firewood vouchers, chimney cleans and woodburner checks, for the Judges Choice and People's Choice winners.

Entries close 5pm 23 February, so don't miss out, enter now!  
To enter visit [nelson.govt.nz/burn-bright](http://nelson.govt.nz/burn-bright).

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## MEETINGS

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

Council meeting 9am	22 Feb
Planning and Regulatory Committee – (please note change to start time, previously advertised to commence at the conclusion of the Council meeting) 1.15pm	22 Feb
Council meeting – to deliberate and decide on submissions to Waimea Community Dam 9am	27 Feb
Chief Executive Employment Committee – Ruma Ana 2pm	27 Feb
Council meeting 9am	1 Mar
Community Services Committee To commence at conclusion of Council meeting	1 Mar
Hearings Panel – Other 2pm	6 Mar
Regional Transport Committee – to hear submissions to Regional Land Transport Plan and Regional Public Transport Plan 9am	7 Mar
Governance Committee 9am	8 Mar
Nelson Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit – Ruma Mārama 9.30am	9 Mar
Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit – Ruma Mārama 1pm	9 Mar
Forestry Advisory Group – Ruma Mārama 2.30pm	15 Mar
Regional Transport Committee 1.30pm	19 Mar
Council Meeting 9am	20 Mar
Joint Committee of Tasman District and Nelson City Councils 9.30am	27 Mar
Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee 1pm	27 Mar
Commercial Subcommittee 3pm	27 Mar
Regional Pest Management Joint Committee – hearing of submissions to Regional Pest Management Plan – Tasman District Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond 9.30am	28 Mar
Works and Infrastructure Committee 9am	29 Mar

### Other Meetings

Nelson Youth Council 1pm	27 Feb
Nelson Youth Council 1pm	21 Mar

#### Notes:

- Unless otherwise shown, the meetings will be held in the Council Chamber, Civic House, Trafalgar Street, Nelson.
- 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 a Governance Adviser on 546 0200.
- 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.
- Agendas and minutes for Council meetings can be viewed on Council's website [nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz).