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

24th Nelson Arts Festival Programme out this week!



This year's fabulous action-packed programme will be available from 9 August, in Council's Customer Service Centre and from the i-SITE, libraries, venues and other outlets around town. Early Bird discounts run until 31 August, so pick up a copy and get your tickets! Show details will also be on the Festival website and the Nelson App from 9 August. If you'd like us to post you a Festival brochure, please email festivalenquiries@ncc.govt.nz with your postal address and we'll pop one in the mail for you.

nelsonartsfestival.co.nz



NBus rides again around Stoke!

A new look NBus service is back on the streets of Stoke.

There are five services every weekday, starting from the Tennis Courts at Main Road Stoke and travelling around the suburb between Saxton Road East, Quarantine Road, The Ridgeway and Seaview Road.

The first bus of the day leaves at 9.15am and the final one is at 2.15pm. That means the Stoke Loop is always FREE to Super Gold Card users. Otherwise there is a flat fare of \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children (children under 5 are free on all NBus services).

The Stoke Loop is a "Hail and Ride" service so there is no need to wait at a formal bus stop. Just signal the driver and the bus will stop where it is safe to do so. You might be able to catch it right on your doorstep!

Other changes

The new low floor buses on all local routes are looking fantastic and they make it so much easier to get on and off. People with prams can wheel them right on to the bus and wheelchair users or people with limited mobility will

find them much more convenient.

We also made some minor timetable changes on other routes that started on 30 July, including weekend services between Nelson and Richmond running until later in the day.

Grab a copy of the new timetable from the depot on Bridge Street, the Council office or libraries and get all the details online at nbus.co.nz



International Super Club netball tournament puts Nelson on world stage



Howzat! ODI cricket returns to Saxton Oval



Help us eradicate Taiwan cherry

New Housing WoF app available through Council website

Council has added a link to a Rental Housing Warrant of Fitness App to its website.

The app, which can be found at nelson.govt.nz/rental-housing-wof will help landlords to target improvements to the standard of rental properties and provide benefits for both landlords and tenants.

The rental housing Warrant of Fitness (Rwof) is an evidence-based housing quality checklist. There are 29 criteria, covering aspects such as ventilation, heating, safety and hygiene.

More information can be found at healthyhousing.org.nz.

nelson.govt.nz/rental-housing-wof



International Super Club netball tournament puts Nelson on world stage

The Nelson region will get the opportunity to feature on the world stage when the Super Club netball competition returns to the Trafalgar Centre on 19–24 August.

Eight teams, including five international club sides and New Zealand's top three ANZ Premiership finishers, the Central Pulse, Southern Steel and Silvermoon Tactix, will go head-to-head in the tournament.

This season features South African Premier League champions the Gauteng Jaguars, Singapore side Sneakers, Scotland's UWS Sirens, along with New South Wales Institute of Sport and a combined Fiji/Samoa side, with the tournament broadcast live on Sky Sport to an international audience.

There will also be plenty of local interest, with the Silvermoon Tactix competing after an improved showing in the ANZ Premiership, while teams will mingle with the local communities on Wednesday 22 August with the help of Sport Tasman.

"Top flight netball returns to our Trafalgar Centre after an extremely successful first year in 2017. This is a chance to experience the energy and talent of some

of the world's best players, along with a number of up and coming stars," Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese says.

"The teams are competing for the coveted Super Club trophy, crafted by Nelson's Master Jewellers and craftsmen Halfdan and Thorild Hansen, so we'll be in for an action packed week of netball."

Nelson City Council, National Regional Development Agency, Nelson Netball and Netball New Zealand have collaborated to bring the event to the city along with significant local private sector support.

According to Netball NZ Head of Events and International Kate Agnew, Netball NZ is pleased to be working with the support of Mayor Rachel Reese and her team to bring this exciting event to Nelson.

"Critical to the delivery and development of this event, Nelson City Council through the NRDA has been instrumental in securing this event for Nelson Tasman, but the region itself has been very supportive and positive about the opportunities working with this event," Kate says.

The competition sees 20 games played over six days, culminating in the Grand Final on 24 August, while there will be a special interest in the two goal scoring zone introduced for the tournament.

ODI cricket returns to Saxton Oval

International cricket returns to Nelson this summer, with the Black Caps taking on Sri Lanka in the third one-day international of the series at Saxton Oval, on Tuesday 8 January 2019.

The venue, which hosted teams from Pakistan and West Indies last summer, is set to see some exciting cricket, with the match potentially doubling as the ODI series decider.

The Sri Lankan cricket team will bring some good form to New Zealand in December, after beating South Africa in a recent test series and will play New Zealand in two tests, three ODIs and a one-off T20.

"The international match

is an excellent opportunity to promote the Nelson region on the world stage," Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese says.

"Nelson is proud to host the Black Caps and Sri Lanka and welcome the many visitors to our city and region.

Saxton Oval has established itself as an international venue over the previous five years, as a perfect summer holiday venue.

"Nelson Cricket in partnership with Nelson City Council is very excited to be again hosting the Black Caps in a One Day International on the 8th January," Nelson Cricket Association General Manager David Leonard says.

"It is fantastic that locals and visitors to the region get the opportunity to see the Black Caps live at one of the best boutique cricket venues in the country."

our.nelson.govt.nz



Central City fanzone gets a boost for rugby test match

On Thursday 26 July, the Governance Committee recommended to Council that it approves additional funding of up to \$20,000 in relation to the All Blacks vs Argentina rugby test match on 8 September.

These funds would be used by the Nelson Regional Development Agency (NRDA) to manage the much higher than usual traffic demands and additional temporary facilities (including toilets).

This includes a bus system on game day, where match ticket holders will be able to catch the buses for free, to and from the match.

"Fans can travel by bus into the inner city, on game day, and home again after the game, by presenting their match tickets, with details of extra services and stops to be confirmed," Governance

Committee Chair Ian Barker says.

The CBD will be transformed from 1pm on the Saturday afternoon with pre-game festivities, including entertainment, a street market and a family zone.

A rugby history zone and inner city game day fan trail will also be in place, to highlight Nelson's place as the birthplace of New Zealand rugby, hosting the first match in the country in 1870.

According to Nelson Regional Development Agency Chief Executive Mark Rawson, planning

to arrive into the inner city well before the 5:30pm opening of the gates at Trafalgar Park is important, with 21,000 fans set to converge on the City and Trafalgar Park for the game.

"We strongly encourage people to get into the city early using our fantastic public transport, and enjoy the festivities. This is a game that you will not want to be late for."

September's match against Los Pumas at Trafalgar Park will be part of the 2018 Investec Rugby Championship.



Help us eradicate Taiwan cherry

Taiwan cherry (*Prunus campanulata*) is an invasive weed species that poses a real threat to our environment. Its seeds are easily spread by birds, and it can form dense stands in the landscape, preventing regeneration of native species that provide all year round food and habitat for our native birds.

It is tolerant of a wide range of climates and conditions, and spreads easily from gardens into surrounding areas. So even though it is pretty, it is not a good plant to have in your garden. Taiwan cherry is easily recognised by its bright pink blossoms that appear in late July and August.

This species is a high biosecurity priority, and Council is again offering free removal if you have this tree on your property. Council contractors will be contacting landowners with known trees over the next few weeks, to arrange tree removal free of charge. So far, Council contractors have removed approximately 13,000 Taiwan cherry trees from gardens and reserves around Nelson.

If you suspect you have Taiwan cherry on your property, and haven't been contacted, get in touch to arrange for the tree/s to be assessed. Replanting with native species such as kowhai, rata or cabbage trees to benefit the local bird population is recommended.

To discuss tree removal, contact Richard Frizzell, Environmental Programmes Adviser, phone 03 546 0423 or email richard.frizzell@ncc.govt.nz.

Banded kokopu spawning in Pipers Park

Work to improve fish habitat in our urban streams is paying dividends, with the first record of banded kokopu eggs found in Pipers Park Reserve, a tributary of the Maitai catchment.

The spawning record is particularly exciting because it occurred within Nelson City, in a creek where fish passage and riparian planting work was undertaken in 2015 to improve fish habitat.

The eggs were found during a survey for koaro and banded kokopu spawning sites. Banded kokopu favour shady, grassy banks alongside the stream for spawning.

The banded kokopu is one of five whitebait species that occurs in the Nelson Region. All the whitebait species have limited distribution in the Region due to habitat loss.

Council's freshwater and biodiversity programmes – Healthy Streams and Nelson Nature – are seeking to further restore habitat through fish passage and water quality improvements and riparian planting.



Banded kokopu eggs have been found in the spawning habitat at Pipers Park

August events at Nelson Public Libraries

Children's Library

August is the final month of the Cool Reading Challenge – drop in and get your final puzzle pieces. Throughout the month we will be continuing our Saturday Stories – a special time for the whole family at 11am with stories and crafts.

Family History Month

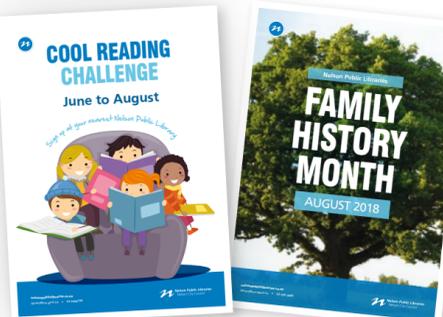
August is Family History Month at Nelson Public Libraries and we have a programme of talks, workshops and visits organised. Discover places, resources and people who can help you uncover your family history, or inspire you to explore the past in which your ancestors lived. Don't miss these upcoming talks.

- Darryl Gallagher from the Nelson Provincial Museum on preserving your family photos: Saturday 12 August, 2–3pm
- Author Julie Thomas on her family story about the Horowitz family – Sunday 19 August, 2–3pm (Friends of the Library talk).

Of special interest might be the Bloodline tour – visit the libraries and archives which hold family history

resources in the region, including the Ancestors' Attic, St Mary's Parish, Nelson Family History Centre, Nelson College Scriptorium, Waimea South Collection at Richmond Library, Nelson Provincial Museum Research Facility at Isele Park and the Research Room at Elma Turner Library.

Email library@ncc.govt.nz or phone 03 546 8100 for more information about Family History Month. Bookings are required for some events and classes.



Changes to rates rebate a big help for retirees

If you earn less than \$25,180* per year and pay the rates on your home, you could get up to \$630 taken off your rates.

The Rates Rebate Scheme was established by Government in 1973 to provide a subsidy to low income home owners on the cost of their rates. Council administers the scheme for Nelson and is reimbursed by Government for all rates rebates.

From 1 July 2018, the scheme has also been extended to include retirement village residents who do not own their unit, but pay fees to live there.

Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese says she is pleased that retirement village residents are now

recognised as ratepayers. This places retirement village residents with a 'license to occupy' on par with those who own units. Local Government New Zealand has been urging government to address this anomaly for some time.

"Council will be contacting all retirement villages that may have eligible residents to arrange visits and will also be making contact with residents who have received a rebate last year.

If you think you might be eligible for assistance,

I encourage you to contact the Council to discuss your circumstances."

Rebates are assessed based on your income, total rates (including Council supplied water) and the number of dependants living with you.

For more information see nelson.govt.nz/rates-rebates.

*If you earn more than this you could still be entitled to a rebate depending on the total cost of your rates and number of dependants.



Suffragists at Home

Stitching and styles for a cause • Opens 14 August 2018

The home was the heart and hub of many suffragists in nineteenth century New Zealand. Visit a suffragist home in situ 1893 at Broadgreen House. See women's stitching crafts that supported change, and learn how clothing and accessories were used in the quest to help NZ women get the vote.

At Broadgreen Historic House
276 Nayland Road, Stoke, Nelson
Open 11am–3pm every day



Free for locals! P 03 547 0403 f /BroadgreenHistoricHouse



Proposed road closures

Masked Parade

Nelson City Council proposes to temporarily close the roads listed below for the annual Masked Parade.

The roads to be closed:

- **7am Fri 26 Oct until 3am Sat 27 Oct:** Upper Trafalgar from Selwyn Place to Hardy St
- **9am Fri 26 Oct until 3am Sat 27 Oct:** Hardy Street from Trafalgar St to Church St
- **2pm until 7pm Fri 26 Oct:** North half of Montgomery Square Car Park closed and no stopping cones to go into the parade route and entrance to Montgomery Square Car Park closed from Bridge St
- **4pm until 7pm Friday 26 Oct:**
 - » Church St
 - » Hardy St from Church St to Montgomery Square Carpark entrance
 - » Bridge St from Trafalgar St to Rutherford St
 - » Haven Road from Wakatu Lane to Bridge St
- **From 4pm Fri 26 Oct until 3am Sat 27 Oct:**
 - » Park St
 - » Morrison Street

- » Hardy Street from Trafalgar St to Hope St
- » Trafalgar Street from Bridge St to Hardy St
- » Selwyn Place from Church St to Sussex St

Port Nelson Street Races

The Nelson Road Race Association proposes to temporarily close the roads listed below for their annual road race, from **4am until 6pm Wednesday 2 January 2019**.

The roads to be closed:

- Vickerman Street
- Wildman Ave
- Carkeek Street
- Graham Street
- Rodgers Street

Any person wishing to give feedback about either proposal is asked to do so in writing by Thursday 23 August 2018, attention Melissa Ramsay of Nelson City Council, PO Box 645, Nelson, or email enquiries@ncc.govt.nz. The decision of whether the roads will be closed will be advertised on Council's website, nelson.govt.nz.

nelson.govt.nz

Proposed reserve revocation

Daelyn Drive Reserve

Nelson City Council proposes to revoke the reserve status of a small piece of land at Daelyn Drive Reserve.

It's a narrow strip of recreation reserve land originally intended to be used for an access way.

The land was vested in Council when originally subdivided, but changes to the subdivision mean that this land is not used as an access way and it is surplus to Reserves Act requirements.

Following revocation, Council proposes to

enter into an agreement with the adjacent landowners who wish to purchase the land and amalgamate it with their titles.

A plan showing the land is available for viewing at the Nelson City Council office in Trafalgar Street.

Objections to the proposal, giving grounds for objections and if the objector wishes to be heard, must be made in writing by 4pm Friday 31 August 2018 and sent to:

Team Leader – Property Services,
Nelson City Council, PO Box 645, Nelson 7040.

MEETINGS

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

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| Saxton Field Committee – Netball Pavilion, Saxton Field | 9.30am | 8 Aug |
| Council meeting | 9am | 9 Aug |
| Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee | 9am | 14 Aug |
| Commercial Subcommittee | 1pm | 14 Aug |
| Regional Pest Management Joint Committee – Ruma Mārama | 2.30pm | 15 Aug |
| Works and Infrastructure Committee | 9am | 16 Aug |
| Sports and Recreation Committee | 9am | 21 Aug |
| Joint Shareholders Committee | 1.30pm | 21 Aug |
| Nelson Tasman Civil Defence Emergency Management Group to follow Joint Shareholders Committee | | 21 Aug |

For a full list of Council meetings go to:

nelson.govt.nz/meetings

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