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

Rates competition update

Congratulations to Mr Dwayne Percy, who was selected at random in our 'Be in to win travel with rates by email' promotion.

It's not too late to receive your account via email, just visit nelson.govt.nz/paying-rates to sign up.



nelson.govt.nz/paying-rates



Grab the kids and have some fun at the Nelson Arts Festival

Nelson Arts Festival's children's shows are always a favourite with our younger viewers, and the Festival team works hard to bring together a programme of shows that will delight, entertain and take young audiences on exciting journeys into new territories.

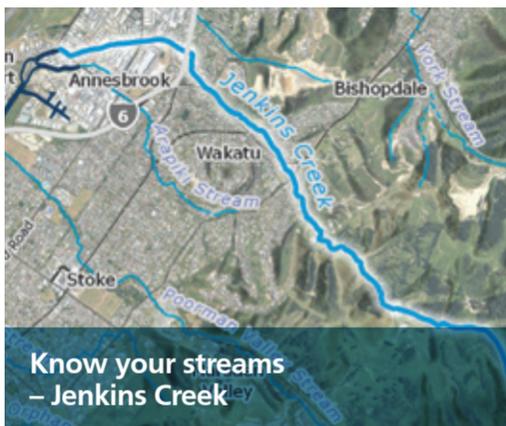
This year the children's shows take us into far-away places and imaginary worlds. As well as travelling the South Seas with Gavin Bishop's *Cook's Cook* (Saturday 20 October, 1.30pm) and visiting an imaginary 3D world full of dragons with James Russell's *An Unfamiliar Place*, the 3rd book in *The Dragon Defenders* series (Saturday 20 October, 11am), we're going on a journey of discovery with *Ann-Droid*, a Pinocchio-themed story about a robot girl who wants to be real (Tuesday 16 October, 7pm), and dancing with pirates at *Captain Pinky's Pirate Toddler Boogie* (Sunday 14 October, 2pm).

And then there's *The Messy Magic Adventure!*, when two cleaners, Spray and Wipe, are hired to clean a magician's house – their most exciting job ever! But when they accidentally let the magic out of its box,

everything is turned topsy-turvy...and the audience must help get the magic back in the box before the magician comes home, as her house gets messier and messier!

Circus, slapstick, magic, mayhem and pies make this a crazy adventure for 4-12 year olds. Christchurch-based Rollicking Entertainment, aka Lizzie Tollemache and David Ladderman, are well known award-winning international performers, bringing their special mix of family-friendly magic to the Nelson Arts Festival.

We've got a family pass to give away for *The Messy Magic Adventure!* To enter, email festivalenquiries@ncc.govt.nz and tell us the name of the two cleaners who take on cleaning the magician's house! Entries close 5pm, Monday 8 October.



Know your streams – Jenkins Creek



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Top of the South Trapping Workshop 2018

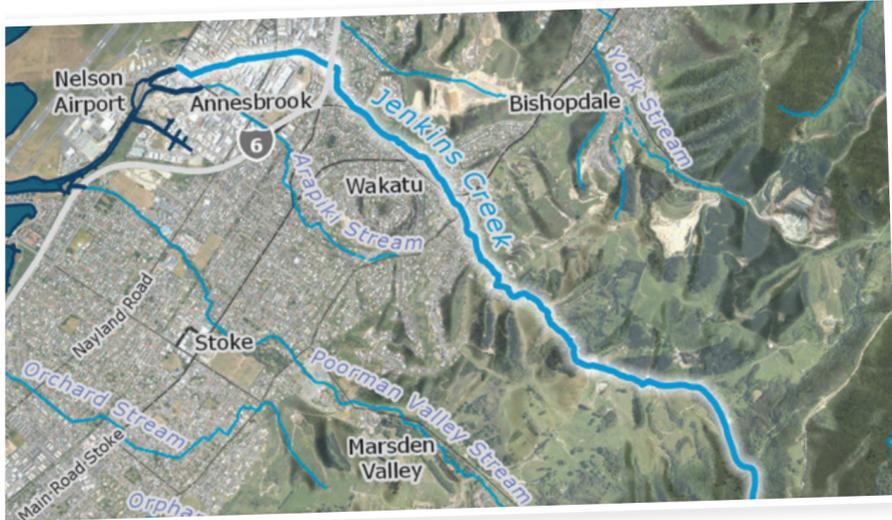
Save the date 27 October for the Top of the South Community Trapping Workshop

If you are interested in helping to restore our native wildlife by controlling invasive predators such as rats, stoats and possums, save the date Saturday 27 October 2018. The Top of the South Community Trapping Workshop is being organised this year by the Tasman Environment Trust and supported by Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council.

The day will include presentations, workshops, information and assistance for anyone involved with, or wanting to get involved with, invasive animal predator control in the Top of the South.

Registrations required - for more information, contact info@tet.org.nz





Know your streams – Jenkins Creek

Jenkins Creek is named after Alfred George Jenkins, who established a coal mine in 1858, which he named Enner Glynn, at the base of what is now Jenkins Hill.

The stream drains the Enner Glynn Valley, running more or less parallel to Whakatu Drive as it passes through Annesbrook, meeting the Arapiki Stream at Quarantine Road, then discharging into the tidal reaches of Waimea Inlet.

Today, the stream passes through the Annesbrook and Tahunanui industrial area and the lower reaches of the stream have been associated with industry since early European settlement. Flax milling and rope making were initially popular, but the industry in Nelson met with limited success. Although it was enthusiastically restarted successive times, it failed to

meet the expectations of either the millers or those to which the dressed flax was exported.

An example of this is Ryder's Flax Mill in Annesbrook. In 1842 Jonas Ryder established a flax mill, powered by a water wheel in Jenkins Creek. The flax mill had some difficulties in production and changed hands several years later, however the new owner was also unable to sustain the business and eventually it was closed.

Jenkins Creek has a history of flooding and the lower and mid reaches of the Creek are heavily modified with culverts and channels. Several stormwater pipes enter the stream, so remembering that only rain goes down the drain will help keep the stream healthy. Inanga spawning occurs in the lower reaches of the stream, and there are several native fish species found here, including bullies, inanga and eels.

Gambling Policy Review consultation open

Feedback is invited until 24 October on the draft Gambling Policy.

The Nelson City Council Gambling Policy regulates the number and location of Class 4 gaming machines ('pokies') and Totalisator Agency Board ('TAB') venues within the Nelson district.

The Gambling Act 2003 and the Racing Act 2003 both require the Council to review its policy every three years. The last review was in 2016 when Council decided to retain the existing Policy without change. Council has recently undertaken a further review and as a result of this review is proposing some amendments to the Policy.

Brian McGurk, Co-Chair of the Planning and Regulatory Committee says Council would now like to know what you think of the changes that we're suggesting to minimise the harm caused by gambling in Nelson city.

"Gaming machines are considered the most harmful form of gambling and areas of high deprivation are known to be more vulnerable to gambling harm. Council has considered this when reviewing the Policy."

Council is proposing to:

- Reduce the cap on the number of Class 4 gaming machines (commonly known as pokies) allowed to operate in the district
- Introduce location requirements for new venues, which would prevent them from being located in areas of high deprivation
- Reduce the limit of the number of Class 4 gaming machines (commonly known as pokies) allowed at new venues
- Make a number of editorial amendments to the Policy.
- Council is keen to hear your views on any aspect of this proposal.

For more information, or to view the full Statement of Proposal including the amended draft of the Policy visit our website.

nelson.govt.nz/consultations

New sewer line in Vanguard Street

Work to install a new sewer line in Vanguard Street begins this week and will take about four weeks to complete.

The new pipe is being installed to address ongoing issues with sewage overflows during heavy rain, which are affecting the play area at Victory School and some other surrounding properties.

Once the new pipe is ready, the affected properties can be disconnected from the main sewer in Vanguard St, which is the cause of these overflow issues.

The budget for the cost of the project is \$320,000. The first two weeks of work on site is happening during schools holidays to minimise disruption.

New building consent system is live

AlphaOne, which went live on both Nelson City and Tasman District Council's websites on 1 October, will allow you to submit and track your building projects, including consents, certificates of acceptance, exemptions and code compliance certificates.

It will be used for all building consent applications in Tasman and Nelson. A new app for inspections should be available from November. Find out more at

tasman.govt.nz or nelson.govt.nz

PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE - Santa Parade

Nelson City Council proposes to temporarily close the roads listed below for the Annual Santa Parade on Sunday 2 December 2018 at 11am until 4pm:

- Hathaway Terrace, Trafalgar Park Lane and Hathaway Carpark
- Trafalgar Street from Grove Street to Selwyn Place (including Halifax and Bridge Street intersections)
- Hardy Street from Church Street to Collingwood Street
- Park Street, Morrison Street and Hope Street

These will be rolling closures, with the Parade starting at Hathaway Terrace. Roads will reopen when the parade moves through.

The wet weather day is Sunday 9 December 2018 if needed.

Please give any feedback about this proposal in writing by Friday 12 October 2018, attention Melissa Ramsay, 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 at

nelson.govt.nz

Council to develop a policy around workshops

Council requested that a policy be developed for workshops, and that the use of live-streaming video be considered as part of that policy, at Thursday 20 September's meeting.

This followed an earlier request from the Mayor in May 2017 when she had sought direction on developing a policy from Councillors.

Council agreed that developing a policy would be of assistance for staff who administer workshop scheduling. Under the current practice it was noted that Nelson City Council workshops had been public for some years, although how they are advertised varies.

Workshops are not public meetings as defined by the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act).

At the moment, the Chief Executive or a Group Manager advises the Chair whether a workshop should be open to the public, considering a range of factors including the topic and whether it was subject to negotiations, legal professional privilege, an obligation of confidence and any other relevant issues.

The Chair then makes a decision on the status of the workshop on a case by case basis.

Research carried out by staff showed there is no standard approach to workshops around the country:

- Thirty one council websites do not advertise workshops on their website
- Five councils included workshops in their Schedule of Council Meetings, though four of these do so, without specifying the workshop topic

- Fourteen councils provided materials (agenda/presentation/notes) relating to the workshop either before or after the workshop
- One council publicly notified its workshops, included the workshop details in its Calendar of Meetings and live-streamed its LTP workshops.

Mayor Rachel Reese says, "The idea of live-streaming workshops has made us consider the wider picture around how we manage workshops. For instance, many of our public workshops are not well attended by members of the public. Is there value in publicising them more so our residents also have access to the information that guides us in the decision making process?"

"However, as per the Ombudsman's guidance, we need to preserve the ability for free and frank discussion to take place between elected members, staff and sometimes contractors, while preserving our obligations around privacy and confidentiality.

"We want to make this work and provide value for elected members, staff and advisors, and elected members. I'm sure we as a Council we are committed to increasing transparency and openness around our decision making. I look forward to seeing this progressed and will be asking for the policy to be developed and adopted as a priority," Mayor Reese says.



Keep it clear!

Did you know that it is your responsibility as a resident to make sure the vegetation on your property doesn't grow over the footpath or the road?

As you can appreciate, with footpaths, pushchairs, wheelchairs and mobility scooters. With roadways, it can cause visibility issues for drivers and may potentially cause an accident.

You can check out the requirements of how the vegetation needs to be trimmed here on the Council website - nelson.govt.nz/overhanging-vegetation.

In cases where residents don't keep their vegetation clear of the footpath or road, Nelmac is authorised to carry out the work and the householder may be invoiced for the cost of this work by Nelson City Council.

Your efforts to keep your frontage clear will help to make your neighbourhood safer for everyone.



Don't be late - get that recycling to the gate

Just a reminder that everyone needs to get their recycling out for collection by 7am on their scheduled collection day.

Don't be shy – place your bins somewhere they can be easily seen and picked up by the collection team. You don't want them to miss your bins if they are hard to spot.

By the way, the times of collections may vary from week to week. That's why it's important to have them ready at the kerb by 7am, that way you won't be missed out.

Multiple trucks are used for collecting both blue bins and wheelie bins, so don't panic if both your bins are not collected at the same time, it's likely the other bin will be collected later in the day.

Remember, your collection day is on the sticker on the side of your wheelie bin. You should have received a recycling calendar, so you know Week One from Week Two. If you've accidentally recycled yours, you can get all the information from the website

nelson.govt.nz/recycling



A number of Nelson schools and community groups are now actively taking part in freshwater citizen science, co-ordinated through Nelson City Council's Healthy Streams programme.

The educational tools from the NIWA freshwater citizen science project will be on display at a special workshop during the 50th NZ Freshwater Sciences Conference, to be held in Nelson from 10-14 December this year.

Freshwater citizen science gets a boost

An Envirolink grant of \$40,000 will advance freshwater monitoring through citizen science.

Nelson City Council is working with lead agency NIWA, with support from Greater Wellington, Northland and Auckland councils, to develop tools that will support freshwater citizen science projects.

NIWA will use the grant to deliver a website and mobile phone app to be used by community stream monitoring groups, to enter and share data, analyse and generate reports.

In addition, the funding will be used to produce a series of short instructional videos that cover how to use the Stream Habitat Monitoring Assessment Kit (new version) and its core applications for water monitoring.

Nelson was one of a handful of regional councils that took part in the NIWA Parallel Monitoring programme in 2014, which provided monitoring equipment for training and trialling monitoring kits with Friends of the Maitai and Wakapuaka stream monitoring groups.



Bloom

FLOWER AND GARDEN FESTIVAL

11am - 3pm, Sunday 14 October

Featuring Ruud Kleinpaste 'The Bug Man!'

Nelson Nature • 'Ask an Expert' gardening booth, Nelson Horticultural Society

Floral and gardening market, craft stalls, food, music and entertainment.



Isel House and Park, off Main Road, Stoke. See itson.co.nz for further details.



Get your nature fix at Bloom

If you're heading along to the Bloom - Flower and Garden Festival at Isel Park, on Saturday 14 October, 11am-3pm, look out for the Nelson Nature stand. We'll have info and advice on how to bring the wild into your life – what trees to plant for birds to feed on, how to trap backyard pests, what invasive weeds to look out for and how to make a weta motel or a lizard garden.



Nelson has lots of amazing animals and plants, some of which are quite rare, so making our gardens a safe place for them will help them thrive. Come along to our stand at Bloom and find out how to bring the wild into your life!

Nelsonnature.nz

Wakapuaka Community Market

Socialise, browse, relax and eat at our first market!

- Stalls
- Entertainment
- Food vendors
- Don't forget to bring cash!

Don't miss this evening for the whole family at the Wakapuaka Memorial Hall (462 Wakapuaka Road) on Friday, 12 October from 4 to 7pm. It's a great way for community to support community.

For more information contact Nelson Community Venues on (03) 539 1301.

MEETINGS

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

Hearings Panel - Other - Ruma Marama	9am	3-Oct
Regional Transport Committee	10am	3-Oct
Community Services Committee	1pm	4-Oct
Community Investment Funding Panel - Ruma Marama	9.30am	5-Oct
Nelson Tasman Joint Waste Working Party - to hear submissions to Joint Nelson Tasman Waste Management and Minimisation Plan - Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Richmond (if required)	9.30am	9-Oct
Planning and Regulatory Committee	1pm	9-Oct
Governance Committee	11am	11-Oct
Council meeting at the conclusion of the Governance Committee meeting		

Changes to meetings

Regional Transport Committee - (previously advertised to commence at 2pm)	10am	3-Oct
Governance Committee - (previously advertised to commence at 9am)	11am	11-Oct

For a full list of Council meetings go to:

nelson.govt.nz/meetings

WHAT'S ON...

at a Council venue near you?

For a full list of Nelson events go to:

itson.co.nz

School Holiday Entertainment

Saturday 29 September to Sunday 14 October
Founders Heritage Park

Nelson's Wonder Women

Find out about the amazing women from Nelson's past. Free school holiday activity.

Daily school holiday fun at Founders Heritage Park

- Free entry for locals from Nelson & Tasman
- Railcar rides 11am – 4pm
- Coffee available at the Ruckery 11am – 3pm (closed Monday)
- Bring a picnic.

Friday 5 October at 10.30am
Stoke Library

Fire Engine and Firefighters.

Come to Stoke Library to see a Fire Engine! Story and craft to follow in activity room.

Friday 5 October at 11am
Nightingale Library Memorial

Read stories to Trinny the Dog at the library by the beach!

Monday 8 October at 10.30am to 2pm –
Broadgreen House Open Day

Spring into Suffrage - get dressed up in Victorian costume, make Suffrage Camelia flowers, a windmill and other spring activities. Free. For ages 5 to 12, with a parent or caregiver.

Tuesday 9 October at 11am
Elma Turner Library

Legends of the Kiwi and other native birds. All ages, no bookings required.

Wednesday 10 October at 11:30am
Elma Turner Library

Enjoy a family movie at the library with popcorn! All ages, no bookings required.

Thursday 11 October at 2pm

Elma Turner Library

Storytime Shenanigans - which Librarian will get up to the most shenanigans in this fun and interactive event? All ages, no bookings required.

Friday 12 October at 1pm and 2pm
Elma Turner Library

Make your own Treasure Boxes with Murray from Mitre 10. Two sessions – please book for only one session. For ages 8-13 years old with parent help. Bookings essential, please email library@ncc.govt.nz, or visit any one of our branches.