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Nautical know-how, school holiday fun

Saturday 4 July – Sunday 10 July

Set sail to the Port Museums at Founders Heritage Park this school holidays to enjoy nautical games and activities. Learn to tie knots, decipher flags, catch fish, build a boat and hear porthole stories. Children can pick up a sheet at the Windmill and head over to the museum to complete the activities.



eMagazines now at Nelson Public Libraries

Nelson Public Libraries are now offering their members free access to 34 eMagazines via Zinio.

The eMagazines will have the same content as the print editions, and some of the titles offered will be enhanced for mobile devices.

They're compatible with iPads, iPhones, Androids, Macs & PCs with modern browsers (Google Chrome or Internet Explorer 10 and higher).

If you are a Library member you can create your own account and read on a PC, or via the Zinio Library App on mobile devices. There are no checkout limits or return dates.

The Library is also running extra Device Advice sessions through July to help people get up and running with Zinio. Sign up at nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz and give it a go!



Front: Light Nelson Trustees John-Paul Pochin and Brian Riley. Back: Trustpower Community Relations Manager, Graeme Purchas, Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese, Tasman Mayor Richard Kempthorne.

Light Nelson takes out top award at Trustpower Community Awards

The success of last year's Light Nelson event has been recognised at the annual Trustpower Nelson Tasman Community Awards.

The awards, held at Seifried Estate last week, recognised 87 volunteer groups entered from around the region, with the supreme award going to the Light Nelson Trust for its efforts at last year's inner-city winter event that drew large crowds.

Representatives of the Light Nelson Trust received, on behalf of the dozens of other volunteers involved, a framed certificate, a trophy and \$1,500 in prize money. They will now have the opportunity to represent the region at the 2015 Trustpower National Community Awards, being held in Dunedin next March.

In total, Trustpower gave away over \$6,000 to various community groups through the awards, bringing the total awards to more than \$85,000 since it began in 2000.

Mayor Rachel Reese said Light

Nelson was an incredibly innovative art installation.

"Behind the scenes of this spectacular display was an impressive volunteer crew that helped with everything from creating the artworks, setting up the event to even hosting the many visitors that flocked to check it out. Congratulations to all who were involved in pulling this event off in 2014," she said.

Trustpower Community Relations Representative Jess Somerville said this event transformed the city's historic Queens Gardens into a magical wonderland full of stunning light displays and installations.

"It's estimated that the 100 volunteers who helped in the lead up and throughout this event put in around 10,000 hours. That's mind blowing, but it's also a real testament to the creativity, talent and 'can-do'

attitude within the community," Somerville said.

"By being a free and all inclusive event, a whole new audience was able to enjoy these incredible displays. But on top of this it benefitted local artists through the opportunities to get involved and contribute to such a large scale display," she said.

Other winners of the night included The New Zealand Society of Genealogists Nelson in the Heritage and Environment Category, The Red Cross in the Health and Well-Being category, the Celtic Pipe Band in the Arts and Culture category, Coastguard Nelson in the Sport and Leisure category and joint winners of the Education and Child/ Youth Development category were the Iron Duke Sea Scout Group and St John Youth.

State Highway overnight road detour

State highway traffic along Atawhai Drive will be diverted onto Atawhai Crescent on two occasions overnight this month to allow for continued upgrade works at Corder Park wastewater pump station.

The detour will be in place on the nights of Wednesday 15 and Monday 27 July from 7pm to 6am.

A temporary speed reduction of 30km/h will be in place in the area.

To ensure minimal disturbance to the adjacent residential properties, no heavy vehicle engine braking is permitted.

Nelson City Council apologises for any disruption you may experience and thanks you for your understanding.

Further information is available on our website:

nelson.govt.nz Search = corder park detour



River survey results

Results are now available from a Council survey showing how people use and value the Maitai and Roding rivers.

More than 800 recreational river users and almost 200 residents living beside the rivers were surveyed between January and February this year.

Key results from the survey show:

- The most common activity was swimming for both rivers, followed by picnicking for the Roding and walking and dog walking for the Maitai in the lower reaches.
- Algae, toxic algae and water quality were key concerns.
- Flow levels in the rivers were of less interest to respondents than algae and water quality.
- Flood protection was a lower priority on the Maitai River than most other management issues.
- River users were more likely to consider the rivers to be better or the same as when they first visited, while residents were more likely to consider the rivers to have changed for the worse over time.

Councillor Brian McGurk says the survey provides a very clear steer on the users' priorities for the rivers, which will help guide Council's work in a number of different areas.

"Overall, both rivers were highly valued for recreation, natural and scenic values, and respondents were

able to name many more positive aspects than negative ones," he says.

The information will be used as part of Council's application to renew its water take consents for the city's water supply, and to help guide the freshwater management provisions in the Nelson Plan, the city's resource management plan, which is currently under review.

To see a full copy of the survey, visit nelson.govt.nz search = user survey.

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Council contractors scoop top awards



Photo: Barry Whitnall

Three Council infrastructure projects have picked up prizes at the annual Nelson Marlborough Civil Contractors awards, held last month.

The Cable Bay Road remediation works, through the work of Donaldson Civil, won two awards including the Hirepool Supreme Award.

This was a significant project to repair the road in the wake of the 2011 floods which caused numerous slips along the route to the small community.

Two Downer projects also picked up awards for the slip remediation at Moncrieff Avenue and the Waimea Road renewal.

Works and Infrastructure Committee Chair Eric Davy, says the awards are a true recognition of the work carried out by council contractors.

"We are delighted to see the hard work and skills of our contractors acknowledged in this way.

"To receive recognition from your peers is always of great value, and we take this opportunity to both thank and congratulate the contractors for their continued hard work on behalf of Council," he says.

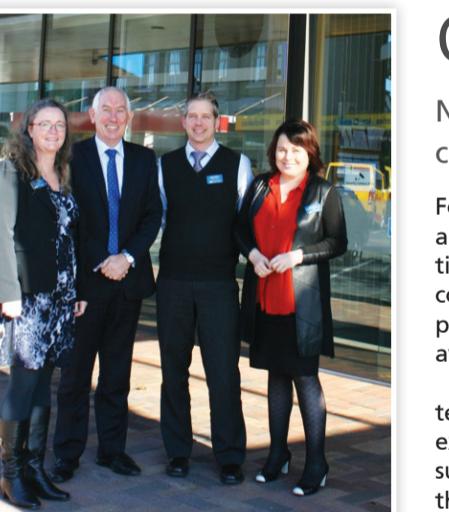
The owners of Donaldson Civil, Gary Donaldson and Ken Nell, say they were absolutely delighted to pick up the top prize.

"It really was the icing on the cake to a complicated and lengthy project, and we couldn't have done it without the continuous support of the Cable Bay residents.

"It's great to see our staff recognized in this way after their efforts on such a complex task."

Consents processed in record time

Nelson City Council is celebrating after processing nearly all building consents and non-notified resource consents in the last 12 months well within the 20 day timeframe required by national legislation.



(L-R) Manager Consents and Compliance Mandy Bishop, Councillor Brian McGurk, Manager Building Martin Brown, and Strategy and Environment Group Manager Clare Barton.

For the first time ever, the Council's annual compliance with the processing timeframe is nearly 100%. Resource consents and building consents were processed in just 12 working days on average.

"Our building and resource consents' teams have focussed on delivering exceptional service to our customers, successfully changing the way they do things with fantastic results," says the Council's Strategy and Environment Group Manager Clare Barton.

"The aim is to reduce uncertainty for applicants so they are able to plan ahead.

Out of 350 resource consent applications processed during the year, only one went over 20 days.

"This is a huge improvement from eight years ago, when there was 45% compliance processing resource consents taking an average of 30 days and 51% of building consents completed on time, taking an average of 23 days.

"In addition, there used to be 25 to 30 formal objections to resource consent decisions and now there is only one or two a year," says Ms Barton.

Measures that were put in place to achieve the quick turn-around include

streamlining the steps required for processing a simple consent, offering pre-application assistance to ensure the information provided with applications is complete and making a concerted team effort to reduce processing times.

Meantime, IANZ (International Accreditation NZ) has given the Building Consent Authority (BCA) its seal of approval with renewed accreditation after an intensive three-day on-site assessment.

IANZ lead assessor Carolyn Osborne said in her feedback that the BCA had done an "outstanding job".

Meetings

For a full list of Council meetings go to:

nelson.govt.nz/meetings

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facebook.com/nelsoncitycouncil

From the Youth Council

By Taylah Shuker and Lucy Field

Nelson Youth Councillors have been extremely busy getting involved in a wide range of community projects, to great success.

Our Youth Quiz held on 28 May was a huge success with over 160 youth attending from the colleges in the Nelson area.

We have a group of councillors working closely with Debbie

Daniell-Smith, Council's Arts and Heritage Adviser, for an up and coming photography competition for Heritage Week 2016 around the website 'The Prow'.

Youth Councillors have also been involved in discussing what we could do to contribute positively and support the 'No Sugary Drinks' debate. We met with Doctor Rob Beaglehole and Gabrielle Thorpe, Council's Community Partnerships Adviser, to discuss the possibility of creating and leading positive change to reduce sugar consumption at

schools in the Nelson region.

Recently, councillors have been involved in meeting with Lesley McQue from the Economic Development Agency to give her our perspectives on youth employment and brainstorm ideas of what we can do to positively contribute to this issue.

Other members continue to attend council and committee meetings, to find them interesting and valuable.

For more information on what the Nelson Youth Council is doing for young people within our community, be sure to like our Facebook page.

