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Cattle on the Grampians

To help reduce the fire risk over summer, Council is trialling the use of cattle grazing on the Grampians.

Previously sheep were used for many years and Council hopes the cattle will prove as effective.

If you come across cattle on the track please:

- Approach them calmly and they will likely move away as you get closer
- Talk to them – cattle are reassured by being spoken to in a calm voice
- Keep your dog under control, preferably on a lead, until you have passed the cattle

If you have reason to be concerned about any of the cattle you see while you are enjoying the Grampians, please let Council know by calling 546 0200.



Trafalgar Park turf replacement approved

Nelson City Council has decided to bring forward expenditure to replace the turf at Trafalgar Park, following a recent assessment by the New Zealand Turf Institute.

The turf at Trafalgar Park was installed in 2010, with an expected life of 5–7 years. The turf has been regularly assessed, and in April 2017 Council received independent advice that the turf should last until the end of 2018, with appropriate maintenance.

During the 2017 sports season, heavy rainfall events in September and early October indicated issues with drainage through the turf at Trafalgar Park. Organic matter build-up from root growth was preventing water from entering the drainage system. The New Zealand Turf Institute was commissioned to reassess the state of the turf, and it was determined that it had deteriorated faster than anticipated, and would need to be replaced to cater for national and international sporting events in the future.

Council approved bringing forward capital expenditure by one year to undertake the replacement, which will begin in early January, following a series of scheduled sports and arts/cultural events. The work will take a minimum of 20 weeks to complete, so some sporting codes, and Opera in the Park, will be affected. Council officers will work with the various organisations to ensure suitable venues are available.

Chair of the Sports and Recreation Committee Tim Skinner was pleased with how quickly a decision could be made to minimise the impact on sporting codes. "It's pleasing to see how quick and nimble Council has been to make this decision to replace the turf at Trafalgar Park."

"The replacement work is only being brought forward by 8 or 9 months and it is prudent that we sought independent advice to ensure our asset was managed appropriately."

Mayor Rachel Reese reinforced the Council's thanks to sports code and event organisers in accommodating the maintenance works. "Trafalgar Park is a sought-after venue for its size and location where both locals and visitors enjoy entertainment in the heart of the city. Maintaining our premier sports ground to an international standard allows us to attract top sports events that provide our city with a global audience, and opportunities to showcase the Nelson Tasman region."

"Once the maintenance work is complete the park will also continue to be the venue where we see many of the best of local talent perform on their pathway to national and international success."

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New Christmas celebration for our seniors

This year the Mayor's Christmas Dinner will become Nelson's Christmas Celebration.

It will be held a couple of days earlier on Thursday 21 December, which has allowed the event to secure the services of top Nelson chef, Steven Coyne from Harbour Light Bistro.

The Christmas Celebration will return to its traditional home, the wonderfully refurbished Trafalgar Centre, with the festivities taking place in the stunning new northern extension.

Mayor Rachel Reese says "We wanted to preserve the tradition of doing something to mark the festive season with our seniors but we also listened to feedback from the community and took note of a decline in people attending the Christmas Day event over recent years."

"The new approach to the Christmas Celebration means we can introduce some new elements to the day, it allows people to share Christmas cheer with friends old and new and of course enjoy a delicious meal, courtesy of one of the top chefs in Nelson," Mayor Reese says.

The event is still for older people and everyone can rest assured all the Christmas favourites will still be on menu, as well as lots of fun and entertainment as always.

Mr Coyne has welcomed the opportunity to get involved. "This is a great Nelson tradition. I'm delighted to be part of it and I look forward to giving people a meal to remember." Katrina Kidson has again pledged her time to lead the

team of volunteers and generous support from sponsors has been pouring in.

Ms Kidson says "I'm very happy to help with the event again, it's great to be able to support my community this way."

If anyone wishes to make a financial contribution towards some small gifts to be given out on the day, please contact Nelson City Council on 03 546 0200.

Mayor Reese says "A fabulous venue, a delicious meal, and plenty of entertainment, will make this a Christmas Celebration to remember."

Tickets will be on sale from 1 December at the Council office in Trafalgar Street and at the Stoke Library.



Mayor Rachel Reese is working with artist Mike Ward to make a Christmas to remember in Nelson.

Draft Regional Pest Management Plan open for consultation

Pest animals and pest plants can have an impact on our productive sector and natural ecosystems, and affect the habitat of native birds, animals and insects. We are fortunate in Nelson Tasman to have many committed groups involved in managing environmental pests.

These range from smaller community groups working along waterways and estuary margins to those involved with innovative projects such as the Brook Sanctuary, Nelson Nature, Project Janszoon, Project Maitai/Mahitahi and Project Mohua, the work undertaken by the Department of Conservation staff and their contractors on public land, and groups such as Friends of Flora, Friends of the Maitai, Marsden Valley Trapping Group, Friends of Rotoiti and Friends of Cobb and many more.

The draft Regional Pest Management Plan is designed to support the work of these individuals, organisations, groups and agencies. The Regional Pest Management Plan involves Nelson City and Tasman District Councils working together to provide better outcomes.

The focus of the draft plan is on high-risk pests that are in the early stages of infestation as these make best use of limited resources.

In most situations, the occupier is responsible for

managing pests on their property. One of the changes in this draft plan is that Council staff will formally take responsibility for controlling two categories of pests (Exclusion Pests and Eradication Pests) as this is the most efficient way to deal with them.

Have your say

The plan and submission forms are online at tasman.govt.nz/feedback or nelson.govt.nz/consultations or at any Tasman District Council or Nelson City Council Service Centre or Library. **Submissions close Wednesday 15 December 2017.**

Public meetings

- Tuesday 28 November, 7.30–9.00pm, St Arnaud Hall
- Wednesday 29 November, 7.30–9.00pm, Nelson City Council Chamber
- Monday 4 December, 1.00–3.00pm, Takaka Service Centre Meeting Room

Take time out Among the Roses

Come and experience one of Nelson's beautiful historic house and gardens at *Among the Roses*, on Sunday 3 December from 2pm – 6pm.

Among the Roses takes place at Broadgreen Historic House and Samuels Rose Gardens and is the perfect way to welcome summer. Come along and sip, snack, relax and enjoy the beautiful roses, market and music at this stunning location.

Savour Melrose Café tea and cakes, sip Brightwater Vineyard wine and wander the cottage market. The amazing music line-up features Bryce Wastney, The Highland Pipe Band, La Vida, Hot Club Nelson and special guest, Yulia. Plus Nicola Galloway will be doing a "Cooking with Roses" demonstration.

Don't miss this awesome afternoon among the roses.



What: Among the Roses
When: Sunday 3 December, 2–6pm
Where: Broadgreen Historic House and Samuels Rose Garden

Get your Good Wood in now

There's still time to get the 'Buy your wood now' discount from Good Wood Suppliers

The suppliers taking part are:

NCC + Supplier discount (\$50 total discount per cord – one per household)

- The Wright Firewood Company, 03 544 4350 or 027 443 4909

NCC discount only (\$25 discount per cord – one per household)

- Richmond Wood and Coal Ltd, 03 544 6473
- Tasman Firewood, 027 428 4777
- Bay Firewood, 03 525 9560 or 027 769 6348
- Wholesale Firewood, 03 546 9595 or 027 922 9611
- Wholesale Landscapes, 0800 421 000

To receive your discount you'll need to provide proof of address when you buy your wood. Discounts are available to Nelson residents only, one cord per household, until the end of November. At the end of November, purchasers will go in the draw to win a free flue clean.



MEETINGS

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

Forestry Advisory Group	3pm	15 Nov
Works and Infrastructure Committee	9am	16 Nov
Commercial Subcommittee	1pm	16 Nov
Sports and Recreation Committee	9am	21 Nov
Planning and Regulatory Committee	9am	23 Nov
Regional Transport Committee	1.30pm	27 Nov
Community Services Committee	9am	28 Nov
Hearings Panel - Other	9am	29 Nov
Governance Committee	9am	30 Nov

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