

# OUR NELSON

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## Plastic Free July

It's Plastic Free July, what are you doing to cut down on single use plastic?

To celebrate Plastic Free July, we have some stainless steel straw sets to give away, keep an eye on Nelson City Council's Facebook page for further details.



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The Gilchrist family performing in Germany.



The Celtic Pipe Band at the National Championships.



The Celtic Pipe Band at the 2017 Santa Parade.

## Family connection in Shanghai-bound Celtic Pipe Band

A passion for Celtic music sees the Gilchrist family heavily involved in the Nelson-based Celtic Pipe Band, which has been invited to the Shanghai Tourism Festival in September.

Seven of the eight family members are or have been in the band, with Helen the drum major, secretary and wardrobe mistress, her son Leif was a piper before he left Nelson, while husband Bryce has been pipe major.

Bryce's son Jayden was drum sergeant until recently, Callum took over as pipe major from Bryce last year, while Torrey is a strong piper and Tiffany, the youngest, plays tenor and bass, and is currently in Canada playing for one of the top world bands.

It doesn't stop there. Jayden's wife is a senior tenor drummer, while Callum's girlfriend is the pipe major of the Grade 4 Celtic Pipe Band.

"It's quite amazing really, we all have a common interest, and it has enabled us all to be together in many ways that are unusual for a blended family," Helen says.

"My cousins in Shetland say I'm much more Scottish than they are."

There are more than 70 people in the Stoke-based Celtic Pipe Band, ranging in ages from 10 to 80.

The Band, which started in 2007, has hosted and won national championships in the past.

Twenty-nine members will be travelling to the Shanghai Tourism Festival in China from 14–19 September.

The opening parade of the event is broadcast live on television and radio to an audience of more than 200 million people, which represents an excellent opportunity to represent Nelson on the world stage.

Band members are paying their own way to the Festival, while Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese is contributing money from her Mayoral Discretionary Fund, to go towards the cost of uniform shirts, which will include the City of Nelson emblem and Celtic Pipe Band logo, along with a City of Nelson flag.

## Community Investment Fund Grants open for applications

Applications for 2018/19 Community Investment Fund Grants opened on 3 July and close 17 August.

Grants of up to \$2,500 are available for not-for-profit community organisations to apply for.

Projects must have a social development focus and meet the criteria set out in the Community Investment Fund Guidelines.

For application forms, the guidelines and further information visit [nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz) (search = community investment funding).

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Matariki Tu Rākau commemorative planting and family picnic



Exciting changes coming for NBus



## Exciting changes coming for NBus

A better timetable, a new improved Stoke Loop and easy to access low floor buses are the first of some exciting changes to the NBus service this year.

From 30 July, an improved version of what was called the Stoke Loop will hit the road again. It will be operating during off-peak hours and will cover the majority of Stoke, bringing people into the centre of Stoke for shopping or connection with the Nelson/Richmond services.

Brand new low floor buses will be introduced on this and other local routes, making it easier for people who are less mobile, wheelchair and pram users to get on and off the bus more easily.

The timetable will also be changing slightly. In response to community feedback, the services between Nelson and Richmond will be operating longer

on the weekends. On the local routes around the city, the timetable has been tweaked slightly. The timing changes will help the network to run more efficiently.

These changes will all come into effect from 30 July 2018 and the new timetables will be available soon so check it out at [nbus.govt.nz](http://nbus.govt.nz).

Later in the year, look forward to the start of electronic ticketing with the ease of tag on/tag off technology and a change in fare zones making it even more affordable to ride the NBus.

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

## Beware – these are not rubbish bins!

Council has public recycling collection points in the city at Millers Acre, central Trafalgar Street, Tahunanui Beach and at Saxton Field.

We have ongoing issues with the recyclables being contaminated with general rubbish. When this happens, the bins have to be treated as rubbish and end up going to the landfill.

There are also general rubbish bins available so please take notice and put your rubbish or recycling in the right bin.

It's a real shame when we have to dispose of it as rubbish, especially for everyone who had done the right thing by recycling their glass, paper, plastic and cans.



## New pedestrian refuge planned for Waimea Road

Since March 2016 Council has been looking at options to make it safer and easier for pedestrians to cross Waimea Road. One pedestrian refuge has been installed, as part of the York Stream stormwater upgrade, at the intersection of Waimea Road and Boundary Road.

Council staff have been assessing the section of Waimea Road between Tukuka Street and Boundary Road to find a possible location for another pedestrian refuge. This is quite a challenge due to the need for access to a high number of private driveways, high traffic volumes and safety concerns for turning motorists.

The Works and Infrastructure Committee has given approval to move to consultation with property owners on a preferred location for a new refuge. This is opposite 186/179 Waimea Road.

Chair of the Works and Infrastructure Committee Stuart Walker says, "There are lots of challenges around finding

suitable crossing points on this busy road. Staff have identified what they believe is the safest location for a new refuge. I now hope residents will work with us so we can get something built and make it safer for everyone in the neighbourhood."

**Please note: Pedestrian refuges are not pedestrian crossings. Motorists are not advised to stop for pedestrians (but must be able to if needed) so there is no delay to traffic flow. The refuge provides clear lines of sight for pedestrians and a safe place to wait in the middle of the road as they cross one lane at a time.**

## Recycling collection set to continue

Nelson's kerbside recycling collection has been confirmed for 2018/19.

The Works and Infrastructure Committee received a report outlining the effects of changes China, one of the largest markets for recyclables, has made through their National Sword initiative. Since January, China has given the world notice that they won't continue to accept their recycling and this has resulted in a sudden and steep drop in commodity prices for fibre (paper/cardboard) and certain plastics.

The Committee has approved to continue the residential collection service whilst contractors seek other markets for recyclables.

In the meantime, the Committee is recommending that Council covers the extra funding resulting from the

global drop in commodity prices for the 2018/19, estimated at up to \$94,500. This will be covered by current reserves in the Solid Waste account.

Chair of the Works and Infrastructure Committee, Stuart Walker says, "Given the huge uptake and enthusiasm Nelsonians have shown for recycling, which has increased by 40 per cent since the introduction of wheelie bins in 2016, Council wants to continue the service and carry on that momentum while every attempt is made to find new markets for recyclables.

"However we also encourage people to consider their options when purchasing. Choosing something reusable or with less packaging will also make a difference."

A further update on the global recycling situation and its effect on us locally will be brought back to the Committee in early 2019.

## Church Street upgrade to be part of wider city plan

The Works and Infrastructure Committee has adopted a recommendation that any upgrade of Church Street should be included in the City Centre Programme Plan which is due to be completed in the 2018/19 financial year.

The Committee received a report on the project indicating that the total cost of the full upgrade of Church Street was now estimated at \$1.33m, which would require an additional \$551,000 of unbudgeted funding.

The requirement for extra funding resulted from a combination of factors; the project tenders coming in higher than expected, additional requirements identified during the detailed design process and the discovery of hazardous coal tar material within the road.

In 2016, Council received a proposal for the improvement of the Church Street urban environment from property and business owners. Staff have since been working in partnership with these property owners/occupiers to develop a design.

The work completed to date can be included for consideration in the City Centre Programme Plan. The Programme Plan is due to be developed within the next 12 months and will look at improvement projects across the city as a whole.

## Tahunanui Pathways preferred route adopted

The Works and Infrastructure Committee adopted the recommendation for the preferred route for the Tahunanui Pathways project to progress to the detailed design phase. The route was developed in conjunction with a community advisory group to ensure it meets the local needs.

This option will improve walking and cycling facilities on Annesbrook Drive, Parkers Road, Muritai Street and Waikare Street.

The proposal is to widen the existing footpath to a shared path on the southern end of Annesbrook Drive. On Parkers Road, Muritai and Waikare Streets, the preferred approach is a two-way separated cycleway.

The next stage is to prepare a more detailed design and consult with the residents directly affected by the proposed changes. This will influence any final changes before progressing to the construction phase.

The Committee once again thanked the volunteers from the Tahunanui Community Centre, Bicycle Nelson Bays, Tahunanui School and the Tahunanui Business Association; and also the NZ Transport Agency for all the time and effort they've put into working with Council to progress the project.



## What do these triangles mean?

It's not the Bermuda triangle, it's a parking triangle. These white painted lines are used on the side of roads to indicate where there may not be room for normal size vehicles to park without blocking driveways.

Rather than painting yellow no stopping lines, Council may choose to use these markings to let motorists know that a particular parking space does not meet the minimum parking requirements for normal sized vehicles, but may still be suitable for smaller vehicles or motorbikes.

On-street parking is valuable and highly utilised in some areas around

the city, so rather than preventing parking altogether, Council will look at whether a parking triangle is the more appropriate option.

The NZ Road User Rules prohibits parking closer than one metre to any driveway entrance, so be aware of the length of your vehicle and check that you are not blocking any driveways to nearby properties/businesses.



## Matariki Tu Rākau commemorative planting and family picnic

Nelson City Council is partnering with the Nelson RSA and the Friends of the Maitai to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the end of WWI, by planting 1500 trees.

Bring along a picnic and your enthusiasm, to enjoy musical entertainment and games on the lawn.

If you would like to help plant trees, please bring a spade (though extras will be provided) and a sturdy pair of shoes.

Winter time is action time, and Council's environmental programmes are in full swing. These activities are a great way to get you, your family and friends involved in looking after our environment.

**When:** Saturday 28 July  
(11 August if postponed)  
**Time:** 11am–2pm  
**Where:** Black Hole, Branford Park



## Maitai River drone survey trial

Check out these photos of the Maitai River from the recent round of the drone survey trial of the Maitai River from Queen II Drive to around the Riverside Footbridge (Halifax St East).

The information and data gathered will help to assess flood capacities in the river, as well as providing modelling information of the river channel bed, which will be useful for future planning.

To see photos and videos from the survey go to:

[our.nelson.govt.nz](http://our.nelson.govt.nz)





### BROADGREEN HISTORIC HOUSE

**Textile Kids: Winter Knits**  
 Thursday 12 July (session 1)  
 and Thursday 19 July (session 2),  
 10.30am – 12pm

Come along to our popular children's textile workshops teaching traditional crafts and sewing to children and make some warm woolly slippers.

Ages 5 to 12. Free event, but bookings are required. Please call 03 547 0403 or email [broadgreen@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:broadgreen@ncc.govt.nz).

### Winter Open Day

Monday 16 July, 11am – 3pm

Come along and have a go at winter themed colonial games and activities. Earn your bread and butter, dress up in old fashioned clothes, make a quill pen and more. Free event, no booking required.

**Textile Kids: Sashiko Embroidery**  
 Tuesday 17 July, 10.30am – 12pm

Come along to our popular children's textile workshops teaching traditional crafts and sewing to children and make your own Sashiko embroidery.

Ages 5 to 12. Free event, but bookings are required. Please call 03 547 0403 or email [broadgreen@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:broadgreen@ncc.govt.nz).



### FOUNDERS HERITAGE PARK

#### Park After Dark

Friday 13 July, sessions start at 6pm and 7pm

Bring your torch and explore Founders at night with these fun activities:

- Treasure Hunt
- Mr Science
- Story Teller
- Train Ride

Children \$5, adults free. Bookings essential, phone 03 548 2649 or email [founderspark@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:founderspark@ncc.govt.nz).



### FUN AT THE LIBRARIES

We have something for the whole family these holidays with Starlight Stories, escape rooms, crafts and the very first Nelson Public Libraries Family Feud!

All events are free, but bookings are required for all school holiday activities. Please phone 03 546 0414, email [library@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:library@ncc.govt.nz) or ask at any of our branches.

#### Starlight Stories

- Stoke Library  
Wednesday 11 July, 6pm
- Nightingale Library Memorial  
Monday 16 July, 6pm
- Elma Turner Library  
Tuesday 17 July, 6pm
- Elma Turner Library  
Wednesday 18 July, 6pm

Put on your snuggly pyjamas, bring a torch and head to the library in the dark to meet our night time creatures, arctic animals, monsters and friends from a faraway galaxy.

#### Young Adults Escape Room

Elma Turner Library  
 Wednesday 18 July, 3.30pm

Solve puzzles and clues to complete the mission first. Teams of 4–6 required, for teenagers aged 13–18.

#### Library Family Feud

Elma Turner Library  
 Tuesday 10 July and Thursday 12 July, 6pm.

Compete against families from around Nelson, or register as an audience member to watch others battle it out.

#### Saturday Stories

Elma Turner Library  
 Every Saturday during July and August, 11am

#### Cool Reading and Crafts Challenge

Over the holidays there are fun craft activities set up at all three of our libraries.

Sign up for our Cool Reading Challenge in any of our branches.

## Join us for these upcoming events

### Matariki Tu Rākau Commemorative Planting and Family Picnic

Black Hole, Branford Park. 11am – 2pm, Saturday 28 July (11 August if postponed).



### Orphanage Stream Delta Community Planting

Orphanage Stream Delta, 14 and 15 July. From 9am both days until the plants are planted.

### Hira Reserve Community Planting and Barbecue

Right Bank of Wakapuaka River, Ross Road  
 21 July, 11am – 2pm  
 (rain day 4 August).



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## MEETINGS

For a full list of Council meetings go to:

[nelson.govt.nz/meetings](http://nelson.govt.nz/meetings)

## WHAT'S ON...



at a Council venue near you?

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[itson.co.nz](http://itson.co.nz)

To sign up for Our Nelson by email go to:

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## Calling all creative people...

Design a poster and you could win a \$200 Warehouse Stationery voucher!

We would like to invite you to design a poster that tells us what you love about your library. From the benefits of reading, to the welcome feeling you get when walking through the doors, what is it that makes the library important to you?

Three designs will be selected for display at the Elma Turner Library. The artists will receive a \$200 Warehouse Stationery voucher in addition to a large poster of their design.

Entry forms are available at any of our libraries, or on our website. The competition closes at 6pm on Sunday 5 August.