

OUR NELSON

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Eelco Bowsijk Awards update

Council would like to thank all those who nominated a deserving Nelsonian for this year's Eelco Boswijk Awards. Nominations have now closed, with nearly 200 nominations received across the six categories. The judging panel now has the tough task of deliberating, and there will be an awards ceremony later this month to recognise Nelsonians who are helping to make Nelson an even better place. We will be updating our Facebook page with news as well as profiling the winners of each category in an upcoming issue of Our Nelson.

facebook.com/nelsoncitycouncil



22nd Nelson Arts Festival on its way

The 2016 Nelson Arts Festival programme was launched on Wednesday 3 August, revealing the depth of national and international talent being brought in for the Festival, which runs from Wednesday 12 October to Monday 24 October.

Early Bird discounts for many shows are available until the end of August.

The Nelson Arts Festival is an annual celebration of creativity in all its forms, with a choice selection of the best theatre, dance, comedy, music, writers' talks, and community events on offer.

Highlights of this year's Festival include:

- The World Premiere of New Zealand's top circus theatre company The Dust Palace's *The Goblin Market* – a fantastical contemporary circus re-telling of Christina Rossetti's poem *Goblin Market*.
- *Songs for the Fallen* – a corset-busting cabaret about the last hurrah of Marie Duplessis – 19th century Parisian courtesan and lover of famous men, who inspired *The Lady of the Camellias*, *Moulin Rouge!* and *La Traviatta*.
- Page & Blackmore Readers and Writers headliner Witi Ihimaera talking about his memoir *Māori Boy: A Memoir of Childhood*.
- A sashay through Kiwi rock history with Dunedin band The Chills live onstage, and Flying Nun founder

Roger Shepherd talking to Grant Smithies about his book *In Love with These Times*.

Axel de Maupeou, Festivals Team Leader, says that this year's Festival brings a wealth of local, national and international talent to the stage.

"The Festival is such a drawcard for visitors, locals and performers. This year they will see shows that are rich in true life stories, visually astonishing and, in some cases controversial, just like good art should be."

The Festival continues to be based at Founders Heritage Park, which will serve as art gallery, outdoor studio and backdrop to all things extra-ordinary. The Founders venues will be decorated with a retrospective exhibition of Anne Rush's work.

"Ten years of Anne's beautiful installations will be on display throughout the Park," says Festival Programme Coordinator Charlie Unwin. "Last year's successful Billboard Project – *Maungārongo* – will move to Founders, so show goers can enjoy watching art makers at work. And internationally acclaimed landscaper James Wheatley will be creating something special in the grounds – we'll just have to wait and see what he does for us."

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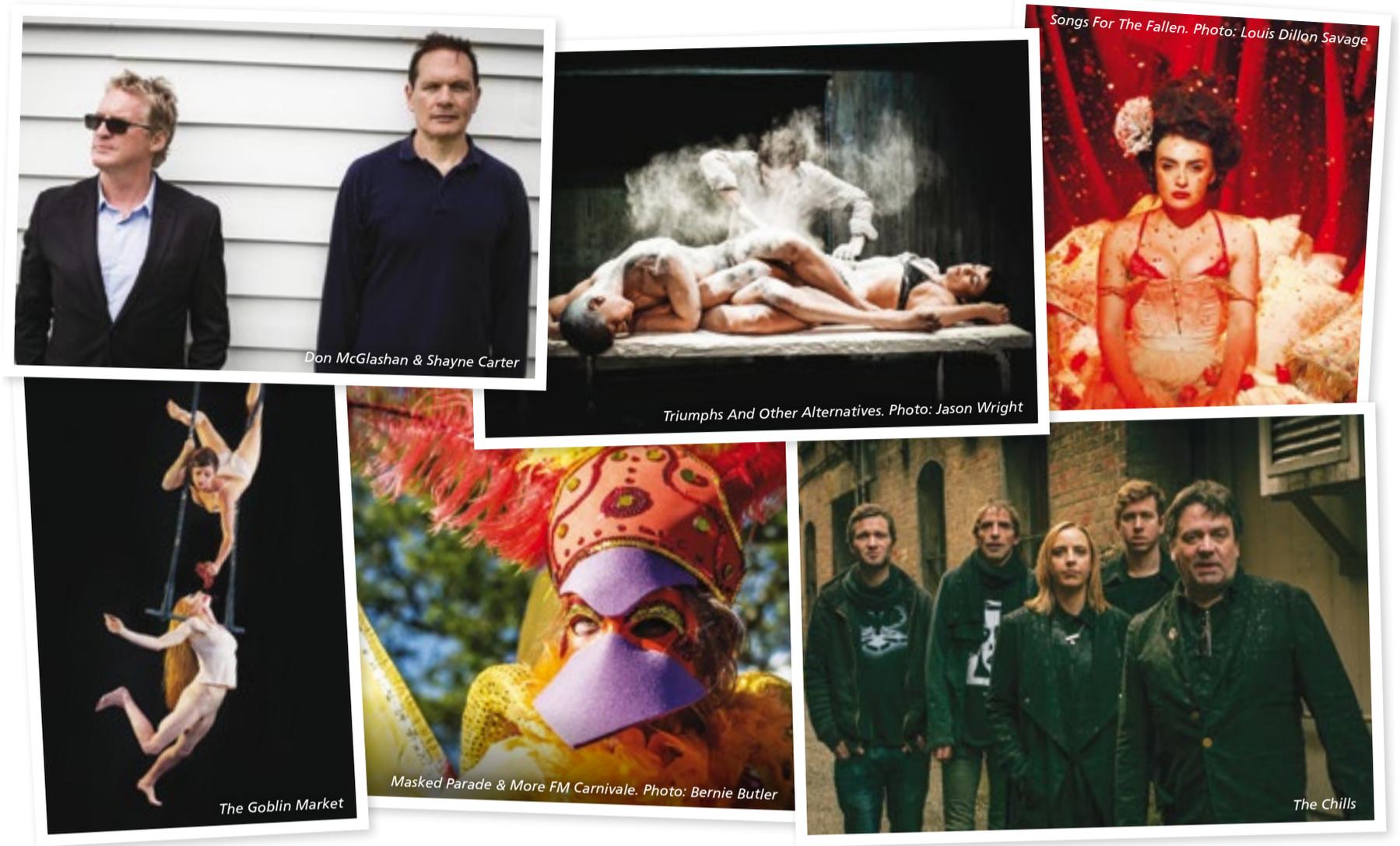
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The Festival team is excited to be back at the Suter Theatre, which re-opens shortly before the Festival starts. Other venues are the Theatre Royal and the Boathouse, the Free House Yurt and the Playhouse, Whakatū Marae and Neudorf Vineyards.

This year's Festival offers chances for locals to get involved, with Stage One at the 1903 Square giving a platform for youth performance. A new initiative – Theatre in Development – will workshop local production *Maungatapu* with a

collaborative audience. *Sing it to My Face* is the opportunity for a community conversation in song; there's also PechaKucha and Couch Stories for those who like to share.

The family favourite Masked Parade on Friday 21 October will launch Labour Weekend with the inspiring theme of Flights of Fancy. After the parade the More FM Carnivale celebration will swing into action with street performances, food stalls and great bands.

The full Festival programme is available at

nelsonartsfestival.co.nz or as hard copy from Nelson City Council's Customer Service Centre, Theatre Royal, libraries, retailers, cafes and key visitor outlets in the region. Ticket sales are available online from Thursday 4 August, with Early Bird discounts running until Wednesday 31 August. Tickets can also be purchased at the Theatre Royal Box Office.

nelsonartsfestival.co.nz

Schools pitch in to plant

Every year, for the last 30 years, Nelson City Council has worked with local schools to give students a chance to get hands on with planting.

This winter will see hundreds of students from 17 different schools getting the opportunity to plant trees and shrubs in Council reserves. The schools welcome the hands-on learning experience, which also ties in with topics they cover in their curriculum.

Approximately 15,000 plants will be planted by students during the course of the winter, providing a great boost to Council's ongoing planting programme.

Being involved in a school planting can foster a sense of ownership of our reserves among the students and hopefully create an appreciation of how lucky we are to live in a city where beautiful green spaces are never far away.

Thanks to all the students with spades who are digging in to our reserves.





Council committed to supporting local events

Nelson City Council was pleased to see the success of Light Nelson, with record numbers of 55,000 people passing through the Queens Gardens gates last month.

Council contributed \$150,000 from the Events Fund to Light Nelson and is proud to be continuing to support local events.

For the 2015/16 year, Council supported 14 events, contributing \$427,000, including Light Nelson, Race Unity Day, Marchfest, South Island Masters Games and the Nelson Art Expo.

The underlying objective of the Nelson Events Strategy is to stimulate Nelson City's economy by encouraging visitors to the region.

Council's Community Services Group Manager, Chris Ward, says the Fund is not only providing opportunities for Nelsonians to access to a range of high quality events, but is also helping to attract visitors into our region.

"Events are an important part of Nelson's identity and help create

a vibrant and thriving city. Events like the South Island Masters Games are bringing in a huge number of people to our region," he says.

"We have seen a fantastic increase in spending, particularly from visitors, over the period when these events were on, particularly in the accommodation and hospitality sector."

Marketview Retail Spending reports for October 2015 – March 2016, showed spending was up by 4.65% compared with the same period as the year before. Visitor spending in total for the period was \$166.3 million, up 8.58%.

The fastest growing market was accommodation with a spend of \$19.5 million (an increase of 20.85% on the previous year).

The Events Fund allocations 2015/16 were as follows:



Enjoying "Camplight" at Light Nelson 2016. Photo: Ana Galloway.

| Events | Sponsorship | Date |
|---|------------------------------|-------------|
| Nelson Art Expo 2015 | \$30,000 | Oct 15 |
| Hockey NZ Women's & Men's Test Series | \$25,000 | Oct 15 |
| Light Nelson | \$150,000 | Jul 16 |
| South Island Masters Games 2015 | \$65,000 | Sept/Oct 15 |
| One Day International Cricket Double Header | \$24,000 | Dec/Jan 16 |
| Nelson Jazz & Blues Festival 2016 | \$15,000 | Jan 16 |
| Kite Festival | \$3,000 | Jan 16 |
| Bikefest 2016 | \$10,000 | Jan/Feb 16 |
| Battle of Trafalgar 1 NRL Warriors | \$30,000 | Feb 16 |
| National Masters Hockey | \$7,500 | Feb/Mar 16 |
| National Hockey Masters | \$7,500 | Feb/Mar 16 |
| Marchfest 2016 | \$48,500 | Mar 16 |
| Race Unity Day | \$11,500 | Mar 16 |
| Total committed | \$427,000.00 excl GST | |



The recently resurfaced and widened Maitai footpath.

Maitai footpath gets a new lease of life

The shared path that runs from the swing gate at Almond Tree Flat, behind the Waahi Taakaro Golf Course to Groom Creek Bridge, has been widened and resurfaced, to help improve water quality in the Maitai River.

The improved path is now wide enough to allow stock movement, so that livestock no longer have to cross the river when being shifted from one paddock to another. This means less animal manure being dropped in the river, which will help reduce the incidence of high nitrogen levels in the water and create an improved fish habitat.

The new pathway's increased width and smoother surface is also better for beginner cyclists and easier for walkers and runners to negotiate, providing a traffic free recreational path that will appeal to a wider range of users.

Local Body Elections – nominations close Friday

Nominations for the 2016 Local Body Elections close at 12 noon on Friday 12 August 2016. If you wish to stand for Council, you must complete the nomination process by then.

How to nominate:

Candidates must be nominated by two people. Both nominators and the candidate need to sign the nomination form. Nominators must be on the electoral roll for Nelson City.

Candidates cannot nominate themselves for office. They can stand independently or under a party grouping or affiliation – similar to the process that political parties use in parliamentary elections.

Nominators for candidates on councils can be residential or ratepayer electors. Nominators

of District Health Board candidates must be residential electors in the district health board's area.

Becoming a candidate costs \$200 including GST. This may be refunded, depending on how many votes the candidate receives.

Nomination forms can be picked up from, and returned to, Nelson City Council or can be downloaded from the Council website nelson.govt.nz.

nelson.govt.nz



Local Elections 2016
**YOUR VOTE
YOUR COMMUNITY**



A still shot from Nelson Nature – Bringing the Wild into our Life. Image: Bare Kiwi.

It's that Taiwan Cherry time of year

Council is offering free removal of Taiwan Cherry, an invasive garden pest tree that blooms at this time of year.

Over the last year, Council contractors have controlled approximately 11,000 Taiwan Cherry trees from gardens and reserves around Nelson. The focus this year is on removing residual trees which are recognisable by their bright pink blossoms in late July and early August.

While this pink invader looks pretty, it poses a real threat to the environment. Its seed is spread by birds, and it can dominate the landscape, crowding out native trees that would otherwise supply food for birds all year round.

Council contractors will be contacting landowners with known trees over the next few weeks, to arrange tree removal free of charge – particularly in the Dodson Valley area where this plant is becoming extremely invasive.

Council urges anyone who suspects they have Taiwan Cherry on their property, and hasn't been contacted, to get in touch to arrange for the tree/s to be assessed. We recommend replanting with native species such as kowhai, rata or cabbage trees to benefit the local bird population.

To discuss tree removal, contact Nelmac on 03 546 0910 or Steve Price 027 706 8930.

For more information contact Lynne Hall, Environmental Programmes Officer, phone 03 546 0308 or email lynne.hall@ncc.govt.nz.



Taiwan Cherry is an invasive weed that spreads fast and threatens our biodiversity.

Nelson Nature video goes viral

Part of the goal of Nelson Nature is to engage the Nelson community in caring for its natural environment. Nelson Nature recently made a series of videos to tell the Nelson Nature story, and inspire local people to get out and do their bit to enhance and protect the nature around us.

The videos were shot by Bare Kiwi – known for his inspirational videos. Shooting took place over the autumn of 2016, and the first video *Nelson Nature – Bringing the Wild into our Life* was released via social media on Friday 8 July. As a tribute to Nelson's environment and landscape, and a call to action for those who think it is worth protecting, it's been an unrivalled success. So far it has had 120,000 views on Facebook, with numbers still climbing.

The second release – on Thursday 21 July – was *Paremata Flats Restoration* featuring Ian Price, of Paremata Flats Restoration Project, talking about the work the group has done to control pests and plant thousands of native trees on the Paremata Flats Reserve, in North Nelson.

There are four more videos still to be released on social media: *Saving the Back Beach Beetle* is the story of beetle man Ian Miller in his research and efforts to raise awareness about the need for preservation of the beach environment in which the only population of the rare Back Beach Beetle survives.

Voluntary groups are key to the future of Nelson Nature. *Working with the Friends of the Maitai* tells the story of the work they are doing to restore the Maitai River to pristine health. *Marsden Valley Pest Trapping* illustrates the sterling work this group does controlling environmental pests in the forests of Marsden Valley.

Working with Private Landowners highlights the work being done by private landowners with Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) on their property to ensure they are well managed and healthy. SNAs are registered areas of remnant forest, wetlands or coastal habitat, often on private land. Landowners can get assistance to fence, control pests and plant native trees in SNAs on their property.

Look out for the Nelson Nature videos as they appear on Council's Facebook page. If you want a sneaky peek beforehand you can also find them on Council's youtube channel, [youtube.com/user/NelsonCouncil](https://www.youtube.com/user/NelsonCouncil)

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Age-friendly Nelson

Council is very aware of New Zealand's ageing population and that we are looking forward to a growing older population in Nelson.

We are considering how we can make our city really age-friendly to ensure our older residents are valued and well-connected to the wider community.

- By 2045 a third of Nelson residents will be over 65 years old.
- The number of Nelson residents over 75 years will triple over the next three decades.

- The median age of Nelson residents in 2045 will be 50 years.

Our Senior Strategic Adviser, Nicky McDonald, has recently returned from a month as a Visiting Fellow at Oxford University's Institute of Population Ageing.

You can read her blog about some of the things she learned at Oxford at nelson.govt.nz/future-of-ageing. To contact Nicky with ideas about ageing in Nelson, email nicky.mcdonald@ncc.govt.nz or phone 03 546 0420.

She is interested in hearing your thoughts on both the big issues and the little day to day experiences of ageing in Nelson, so don't hesitate to make contact.

nelson.govt.nz/future-of-ageing



Who is using the NBus Stoke Loop?

The Stoke Loop, which became part of the NBus service late last year, makes handy connections throughout the Stoke area.

It also links with the Nelson to Richmond route at stops on Main Road Stoke and Waimea Road. So who is finding it a good way to travel?

Pat is a visitor to Nelson and says the bus is great when you don't have your own transport. She likes to use the Stoke Loop to connect with the service into town to do some shopping.

More about the service

The Stoke Loop travels in a continuous figure eight every hour on weekdays and Saturdays. It heads north from Stoke along the Ridgeway to Enner Glynn, then back to Stoke via Nayland Road and Putaitai St before heading south along Suffolk Road to Saxton Road, across to Nayland Road and back to Stoke.

It's an easy way for students to get from the schools along Nayland Road to their home or to sports at Saxton Field or other activities in the area.

There is a kneeling bus on this route to make it easy for anyone with limited mobility to get on and off. The driver can lower a ramp for

wheelchair access.

The Stoke loop is "hail and ride" too so there is no need to wait at a formal bus stop. Just signal the driver and the bus will stop anywhere on the route it is safe to do so.

For timetable information you can download the NBus app from iTunes, collect a timetable from the depot in Bridge Street or visit the website nbus.co.nz.



Pat using the NBus Stoke Loop.

nbus.co.nz

Recycling wheelie bins on the way

Every residential rate paying property will soon receive a wheelie bin for recycling plastics, cans, paper and cardboard.

Here are some things you need to know:

- Bins will be delivered over a four week period, starting from 29 August.
- In some cases, it may take some days to deliver bins to the whole street, please be patient.
- The wheelie bins will start being collected from 17 October 2016.

You must not put your new bin out for collection before 17 October. New trucks are needed to empty the new wheelie bins. These will only be on the road from 17 October. Until then the current recycling service using crates will continue to operate as usual.

From the week starting 17 October collections will only be every two weeks, with glass and mixed recycling both collected on the same day.

Your collection day might change. Your new collection day will be written on a sticker on the side of the bin.

When your bin is delivered it will include an information booklet that will cover everything you need to know about the changes to the recycling collection service.

Wheelie bins are used in most places around New Zealand and overseas and have been shown to increase the amount that people recycle, reducing the waste going to our landfill.

Look out for your new wheelie bin, deliveries start from 29 August.



Stoke projects prioritised

The Works and Infrastructure Committee has given the nod to the road and town centre improvement projects in Stoke that it wants to see move forward in this financial year.

Council has already signalled investment into Stoke redevelopment through the Long Term Plan 2015–25 with a variety of projects. The Committee recently looked at short term transport initiatives that can proceed now using existing budgets, and will be consistent with the proposed broader draft strategy that is under development.

These projects include:

- Implementing Putaitai Street right turn movement for all vehicles onto Main Road Stoke
- Poormans Stream shared path – (Neale Avenue to Main Road Stoke)
- Strawbridge Square – removing raised concrete barriers around trees and closing off the Putaitai Street entrance
- Improving the layout of the Bail Street (short term) car parks to increase the number available
- Detailed design of Main Road Stoke traffic calming Stage 1 – pedestrian central refuge to link proposed civic space at Green Meadows with the commercial centre
- Concept design of Main Road Stoke traffic calming Stage 2 – Reduced Speed Zone and associated features to create a village feel so that Stoke can be

anchored from a civic and commercial perspective

The Committee has also recommended that Council bring forward funding for the construction on the Stage 1 traffic calming by a year so it will be available in 2017/18.

Other projects have been earmarked for future consideration and budget allocation but the Committee have selected those listed above as achievable, affordable first steps in the longer term plan to make Stoke an even better place.

Further discussions about the projects will take place with those affected within the community as work progresses over the coming months.



Strawbridge Square, Stoke

Waimea Road reopening

Work on Waimea Road has progressed faster than expected so the one lane closure and detour should finish this week, allowing traffic to return to normal.

Thanks to everyone, especially the surrounding residents and businesses, for the patience and care shown while the detour has been in place. It was vital in helping to keep traffic flowing as smoothly as possible.

With no significant weather delays and everything falling into place, this phase of the project was completed ahead of schedule. This is a major milestone in this extensive project to



Stormwater mixing chamber being lowered into place.

upgrade the stormwater system in this area, to help prevent future damage from heavy rain

Once the detour is removed, there will still be work going on in this area at the road sides to complete the project. Please continue to take note of any safety signage in place and take care around the work site.

NZ Family History Month

Family History Month has started in the Library.

Come to an entertaining lunchtime talk, get some help with your searching on ancestry and storing your digital memories. Find out how you could be preserving those old family photos and be inspired by artists Clare Makwana, Mike Ward and Fleur Woods displays.



Check the website, nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz for the programme and phone 546 8100 or email library@ncc.govt.nz for bookings.

nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz

Win with the Great Kererū Count

The Great Kererū Count of 2016 is happening between 16–25 September, and Nelson Nature is encouraging as many people as possible to get out and count these wonderful gardeners of the skies.

To celebrate this year's Great Kererū Count, Nelson Nature is inviting school students from across the region to enter the Nelson Nature Art Challenge – an opportunity to show what you value most about Nelson's natural environment, and how important it is that we look after it so that birds like kererū not only survive but thrive.

There are three competition categories to enter, and a winner in each category will be based on a draw of the entries made. Prizes will be family passes to Natureland.

Photographs and poems will be uploaded onto our Facebook page, and also made available on our Nelson Nature website (with the photographer's/writer's credits). Art works will be displayed in the Council's customer service centre window, and at Natureland.

- **Photography** – A photograph, taken by you, which represents what Nature in Nelson means to you.
- **Art** – Your artwork, on any subject, using only elements collected from the environment i.e. leaves, shells, feathers etc. and one colour of paint or other medium.
- **Poetry** – A poem written by you, expressing what you feel about Nelson's natural environment.

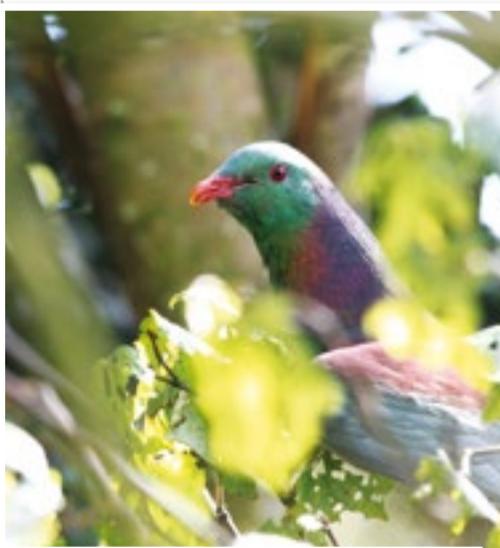
Entries can be submitted between 16 and 25 September either:

- Via email to susan.moore-lavo@ncc.govt.nz
- Via Facebook, at [facebook.com/nelsoncitycouncil](https://www.facebook.com/nelsoncitycouncil)
- Via post to Susan Moore-Lavo, Nelson City Council, PO Box 645, Nelson 7040
- In person to the Customer Service Centre, Trafalgar Street

Whichever way you submit your entry, can you please let us know what school you attend, what year level you are, and a contact email or phone number.

Entries close at 5pm on 15 September. You can find more information about the Great Kererū Count online at greatkererucount.nz.

The Great Kererū Count of 2016 starts on 16 September. Image: Photonezeland/Rob Tucker.



greatkererucount.nz

BURN IT BRIGHT



- Only burn seasoned dry wood less than 25% moisture. You can check the moisture content at council offices – phone to enquire.
- Don't burn rubbish, plastics, glossy paper, treated or painted wood – they release toxic chemicals.
- Clean your chimney stack at the beginning of each winter to prevent chimney fires and make your burner run better.
- Get a hot fire going quickly with plenty of paper and small kindling. Small pieces of firewood burn better.
- Keep air controls set high enough to keep your fire burning brightly. Open the vents fully when adding more wood.
- Only use larger pieces of wood when the fire is well established.
- Don't bank up the fire – a slow smouldering fire creates lots of extra smoke and does not keep the room any warmer than burning the wood efficiently.
- Get in more wood when you have used half your pile – then it will have time to dry out before you need to burn it.





Next steps for Haven Precinct development

As set out in this year's Annual Plan, Council is moving ahead with considering options for developing the Haven Precinct.

At a recent meeting Council adopted the recommendation to seek requests for proposals, with the aim of appointing a lead consultant to begin the concept design work for the project.

Council also endorsed the visions and goals for the development. These were the result of previous reviews, a workshop held last year and feedback gathered during the Annual Plan process.

The visions include:

- Safe, engaging and attractive seafront ('Gateway') to showcase the city
- Continuous and quality linkages with midway destinations (Walk/cycle CBD to Tahunanui)
- Reasons to visit and spend time; supports and encourages spaces linked to water activity
- Port and marine underpinning the character by a 'seafaring focus'

The goals include:

- Public realm within the waterfront space
- Realistic aspirations on the retention/reuse of historic assets and other buildings
- Development type – mix of public and private commercial opportunities
- Increased economic activity in the area

Council officers will now focus on securing a lead consultant and preparing concept design plans.

At this stage it is anticipated that the concept plans will come back to Council in December. They will then be shared with stakeholders to gather feedback before including the project (and estimated budget for the detailed design stage) in the draft Annual Plan in February 2017.

Look out for further updates in Our Nelson as this exciting project progresses.



Giant Willow Aphid are increasing in numbers and could threaten willow trees in New Zealand.

Keep your eyes peeled for the Giant Willow Aphid

An unusually mild winter has meant that there are high numbers of this invasive pest persisting through the cooler months.

The giant willow aphid, which measures 5–6mm, was first sighted in New Zealand in December 2013 and quickly spread throughout the North Island and as far south as Central Otago. Willows are its only recognised host plant. It taps into the sugar flow in the stem and produces honey dew. Infested willows will usually be covered in black sooty mould, and/or will attract bees and wasps, to feed on the honey dew they produce.

Giant willow aphid are a concern because, firstly they are growing in numbers and extending their activity period, and secondly because their impact on willow trees – especially those used for erosion control in river catchments – is as yet unknown.

To find out more, visit poplarandwillow.org.nz.

poplarandwillow.org.nz



MEETINGS

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

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| Planning and Regulatory Committee | |
| 9am | 11 Aug |
| Chief Executive Employment Committee – Ruma Mārama | |
| 2pm | 16 Aug |
| Community Services Committee | |
| 9am | 18 Aug |
| Hearing for exemptions to Fencing of Swimming Pools Act Applications | |
| 9am | 19 Aug |
| Joint Shareholders Committee | |
| 1.30pm | 23 Aug |
| Civil Defence Emergency Management Group | |
| to follow Joint Shareholders Committee | 23 Aug |
| Governance Committee | |
| 9am | 25 Aug |

Other Meetings

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| Nelson Youth Council | |
| 1pm | 15 Aug |

Notes:

1. Unless otherwise shown, the meetings will be held in the Council Chamber, Civic House, Trafalgar Street, Nelson.
2. A public forum is held during the initial period of the Committee/Council meeting. Anyone wishing to speak at this public forum is asked to give prior advice to an Administration Adviser on 546 0200.
3. Agendas will be available for perusal at the Customer Service Centre in Civic House, or at Nelson Public Libraries, two days prior to the meeting.
4. Agendas and minutes for Council meetings can be viewed on Council's website nelson.govt.nz.

Applications for Heritage Project Funding approved

28 applications were received for the 2016 round of Heritage Funding, seeking a total of \$388,000. Nine applications, to a value of \$100,000 were approved.

The heritage fund provides funding for essential conservation work in Heritage Buildings. Properties

considered unsuccessful were those that did not fit with the assessment criteria, were for less urgent work or were deemed to contribute less to the heritage values of the building.

Successful applications were:

| Address | Category | Heritage NZ listing | Funding | Project |
|----------------------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|--|
| 131 Bridge St | B | | \$16,000 | Earthquake strengthening of roof and parapet |
| Sprig & Fern (Hardy St) | B | | \$15,000 | Strengthen and support veranda |
| 3 Brookside | B | I | \$7,000 | Replace wiring |
| 5 Whitby Road (Rutherglen House) | A | II | \$25,000 | Repiling, reroofing, painting, carpentry and scaffolding |
| 16 Ngatiama St | B | II | \$2,000 | Repair slate roof |
| 121 Trafalgar St | B | | \$15,000 | Earthquake strengthening |
| 16 Manuka St | B | | \$1,700 | Earthquake strengthening bell tower |
| 61–65 Selwyn Place | B | II | \$12,300 | Reroofing |
| 24 Ngatiama St | B | II | \$6,000 | Replace rotten decking and veranda post necklaces |



Rutherglen House was one of the recipients of this year's heritage funding.

Drive wisely on winter roads

During the winter months we all need to change the way we drive to allow for the conditions. This advice is not just for motorists either – cyclists and motorcyclists need to be winter wise as well.

Be aware that gritted roads aren't a complete safety solution. You only get 15% more grip on a gritted road than an icy road so you should always take a cautious approach to winter driving.

- Slow down
- In icy conditions it can take you up to ten times longer to stop
- Allow more time for your journey
- Increase your following distance
- Watch out for ice in shady areas and on bridges
- Check your tyre pressure

See and be seen

Visibility can be a real problem in the winter but a few simple steps help to reduce the risk.

- Rain, snow or fog will reduce your ability to see and be seen so remember to dip your lights in these conditions
- Use your vehicle's demister or air conditioning to keep windows clear at all times
- Be aware of the harsh glare from low winter sunlight
- Keep your windscreen cleaner reservoir topped up
- Carry something in your car to cover your windscreen on frosty nights or use an ice scraper or cold water to clear your screen of ice

It's a wonderful digital world!

Check out Adult Learners Week from 5–10 September. All sessions are at Elma Turner Library, unless indicated.

* Indicates bookings are required.

Monday 5 September

11am–2pm: Find the Library at the national launch of Adult Learners Week. Nelson Provincial Museum.
4–5pm: Digital toys and more. Launch of the Library's week with David Brydon.

Tuesday 6 September

10–11am: Device advice.
10am–12pm: Introduction to Python Coding for Adults.
3–4pm: Explore Pinterest.

Wednesday 7 September

10–11.30am: Discover health online – find resources you can trust.
12–1pm: Demystifying mobile plans – find the right phone plan for you.
2–3pm: Windows 10 for beginners.

Thursday 8 September

8.15–9.15am: Introduction to Microsoft Word (Stoke).
10–11.30am: Discover social media.
12.30–2pm: Creating presentations with GarageBand and Movie Maker.
2–3pm: Device advice.

Friday 9 September

10–11am: Discover Booklink – thousands of e-audio books, magazines and newspapers for the visually impaired. A session run by the Blind Foundation.
11am–12pm: Device advice (Stoke).
12–2pm: Discover the power of Instagram, with Ali Kimber of Hothouse.

Saturday 10 September

10am–12pm: Know your camera for beginners: Getting out of auto mode for better exposure. \$10 charge.
2–3pm: Cybersafety for adults – seniors, parents and anyone using the internet. With John Parsons.

All week

- Recycle your mobile, camera or computer mouse for free – courtesy Nelson Environment Centre.
- Digital displays, games and toys and information about digital learning at the Red Wall.
- Engage with us on social media and be in to win a prize.

Work on at the Marina Boat Ramp

Work to renew the middle section of the public boat ramp at the Marina is underway and should be completed by mid-September. During the construction period, work will only take place in two lanes of the ramp, whenever possible. This will leave at least one lane open to the public for use during this period. Please take care around the work site.



WHAT'S ON... at a Council venue near you



Founders Heritage Park Granary

Nelson Regional Breast and Gynaecological Cancer Survivorship Day: 27 August, 10am–4pm

Nelson Skate Rink – Tahunanui

Sirens of Smash play River City Rollers: 13 August, 7pm

Stoke Memorial Hall

Monster Trash 'n Treasure Fundraiser, 3 September, 9am–noon

Nelson Public Libraries

Elma Turner Library

Small Time at the Children's Library – Stories and songs for under 2yr olds: Wednesdays, 10.30am, during term time only

Story Time at the Children's Library – Stories and songs for over 2yr olds: Thursdays, 2pm, during term time only

BookChat: Second Tuesday of each month, 10.30am

STEMwriters: Second Tuesday of each month, 2pm

Alzheimers Nelson – free drop in sessions: Fourth Wednesday of each month, 10–11.30am

Family History Month, August

Science Olympics After School Club: 12 August, 4–5pm

Stoke Library

BookChat: Third Wednesday of each month, 5.30pm

Small Time – Stories and songs for under 2yr olds: Tuesdays, 10.30am, during term time only

Story Time – Stories and songs for over 2yr olds: Wednesdays, 10.30am, during term time only

Alzheimers Nelson – free drop in sessions: Fourth Thursday of each month, 10–11.30am

August is Family History Month: Ham Baxter shares his work on Stoke families, 18 August, 10.30am

Museums and Galleries

Nelson Provincial Museum

Weekdays, 10–5pm; weekends and public holidays, 10–4.30pm

Vital Statistics: Until 31 July

Murder at Mangautapu: Until 21 October

Memorial to Misadventure: Until 4 Sep

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Memorial to Misadventure at The Nelson Provisional Museum, 10am–5pm weekdays, 10am–4.30pm weekends

The Memorial to Misadventure is an emotionally charged installation by Sue Heydon that looks at the fateful trip taken by the wives and children of early Nelson settlers on the Lloyds sailing ship in 1842. Sue has used Grampians clay, the hair of survivors descendants and a multimedia display to weave together this immersive experience which both mourns the loss of so many young lives lost at sea and celebrates the resilience and survival of our immigrant families.