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This week at the Library

This week is Adult Learners' Week at the Library! It really is a wonderful digital world, so why not learn more about it? There are still plenty of activities on offer, providing you a chance to explore the digital world and learn new skills. All sessions are at Elma Turner Library, unless indicated. Book at the Library by emailing, library@ncc.govt.nz or phone 03 546 8100. For more information, including the full schedule for the rest of the week, head to nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz.

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Remembering the Battle of the Somme

'Somme. The whole history of the world cannot contain a more gruesome word.' This is how one German officer described the Battle of the Somme in 1916.

On 15 September 1916, New Zealand entered the Battle of the Somme at Longueval. It was a dark day, with a huge number of casualties. It was here, on the Western Front in 1916, and again in 1918, where the majority of New Zealanders were killed or wounded during World War One. It marks some of New Zealand's worst days in military history in terms of loss of life.

The Battle of the Somme was New Zealand's first major engagement on the Western Front. It took a huge toll on the 15,000 members of the New Zealand Division who were involved. Roughly one in seven of the division who fought on the Somme was killed, and about four in every 10 were wounded.

To mark 100 years since New Zealand joined the battle, Founders Heritage Park will be holding a commemorative event, to pay our respects as a city.

As part of the event, a permanent Wall of Honour will be unveiled near the Granary. It displays Nelsonians (those who have a connection with the Nelson region, as it was in 1916) who served in all capacities (all armed forces, merchant navy, medical corps, nurses, chaplains).

19 of the men listed on the wall died on 15/16

September 1916. Families with known links to these men have also been invited to the commemoration.

The Wall of Honour highlights the sheer number of people involved, providing a strong sense of the impact on the region. It will also act as a focus for future annual ANZAC events at the Park.

The event will include letter and diary excerpts, with readings from actors and community members bringing them to life, and a morning tea in the Granary. Poppies will be laid beside the panel as a mark of respect for the fallen.

Members of the historical groups who completed research on this event, along with the RSA, will be present.

Event details

What: Remembering the Battle of the Somme
Where: Founders Heritage Park
When: 15 September 2016, 11am – 12pm



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Local heroes recognised at Eelco Boswijk Civic Awards

Nelson's strong community spirit has been celebrated at the Eelco Boswijk Civic Awards ceremony.

The triennial awards recognise outstanding community service, with a particular focus this year on individuals or groups who are working towards making our Nelson 2060 goals a reality.

Created in partnership with the community, the Nelson 2060 goals highlight the most important things we can do to achieve our vision for Nelson.

191 nominations were received across the six categories in this year's awards, with 41 individuals and organisations recognised, highlighting their outstanding efforts in making Nelson an even better place.

Mayor Rachel Reese presented the awards and says the ceremony showcased Nelson's distinctive community spirit.

"These awards highlight the special character of our community and were a chance to thank those who are making a difference here in Nelson. These are great people who make Nelson an even better place to live."

The winners across each of the categories were as follows:

1. Community Hero

This award is about encouraging those who both lead and take part in community activities.

Winner: John-Paul Pochin

John-Paul is a stand out community hero, notably for Light Nelson, but also for his innovative and positive influence across the cycling community. He is the creative force behind Light Nelson, generating and nurturing the idea from humble beginnings, to the event it is now. He is a passionate driver of community volunteers and his efforts in the community, in making this city a better place to live, are to be commended. He is a true Community Hero.

2. Community Spirit

This award recognises individuals and organisations that work to ensure resources are shared fairly and Nelsonians have their essential needs met.

Winner: Glenn Bisdee

Glenn's project, Keeping Kids Warm, is one which assists the Nelson community, and those in need. Glen has identified the vital importance of warm homes for our families and our children and has acted on his own initiative to do all he can to fill this need. In doing so, he is also inspiring others to join him.

3. Leadership

This award recognises those in the business or education fields who are thriving in a sustainable way, and educating and encouraging others to do the same.

Joint Winners: Debs Martin and Nigel Andrews

Debs Martin

Invasive weeds are one of the greatest threats to New Zealand's parks and reserves and Debs is doing a fantastic job getting rid of weeds like Climbing Asparagus, Banana Passionfruit and Old



Mayor Rachel Reese with the Eelco Boswijk Civic Awards winners, L-R, Sophie Bisdee (on behalf of Glenn Bisdee), Megan Rutledge, Nigel Andrews, Rod Witte, Mayor Rachel Reese, Ian Price, Debs Martin and John-Paul Pochin.

Man's Beard. Debs is what you'd call a natural activist, working tirelessly to champion our natural environment through Nelson Weedbusters.

Nigel Andrews

Nigel champions community involvement with the staff at his Z stations. He encourages them to use time to volunteer for local charities and organisations, and to make a difference in their local area. Together, over the last year, Nigel and his team have donated time in the community across a number of organisations, including, but not limited to:

- Habitat for Humanity
- Cancer Society
- Arthritis NZ
- Breast Cancer NZ
- Nelson Ark
- Tahunanui Community Garden

His leadership has empowered and inspired his team in many ways, and truly supported our community. He looks to give in other areas also, for example, giving away 270 kilos of apples at the Z Energy sites. He provides free talks at the Nelson Community College to help the unemployed in their search for employment and is a true community leader.

4. Kaitiakitanga

This award is about raising awareness of those who are caring for our natural environment through volunteer efforts.

Winner: Ian Price

Ian is being recognised for his tireless leadership of the Paremata Flats restoration project – a voluntary community effort to repair this valuable ecosystem for future generations. Over 11,500 volunteer hours have gone into the project to date and now the planting of all the areas of the Flats has been completed – massive achievement that would not have been possible without Ian's dedication and hard work.

5. Smart Living

This award recognises those going above and beyond to reduce resource consumption and/or embracing alternatives to fossil fuels.

Winner: Rod and Ngaire Witte

The Wittes' new home in Atawhai Drive embraces many environmental and eco friendly initiatives, including passive solar design, rainwater collection, universal design, recycled materials, non-toxic building materials, to name a few. The Wittes opened their new home recently, as part of the Library's Environment Week, allowing the public to view their house and sharing their vast knowledge and ingenious solutions and ideas for sustainable homes. Their home is a stellar example of smart living.

6. Change Maker

This award recognises those who are environmentally innovative and who embrace change in the business and/or the community.

Winner: Megan Rutledge

As Director of Natureland, Megan is turning the zoo into a community asset, leading her team of staff and volunteers to change. Along with her partner and fellow Director Mike, Meg has transformed Natureland into a viable, sustainable trust and conservation centre. Since they took over management in 2014, welfare has been at the forefront of their thinking. Meg has changed the philosophy of Natureland and is continuing to pave the way for the local zoo, with new partnerships in place with other local organisations, including with the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Trust, with the aim of breeding, raising and releasing kaka and other native birds back into the region. Meg is a true Change Maker.

To find out about all the recipients and the amazing work being done in our community head to nelson.govt.nz (search = Eelco Boswijk Awards recipients).



Trafalgar Centre information day

Sunday 25 September • 11am till 3pm • Free entry

Keep Sunday 25 September free if you want the chance to get a sneak preview of the Trafalgar Centre redevelopment.

The Centre will be open from 11am till 3pm, with free entry, to give everyone the chance to check out what has been done so far and see the work still in progress.

Discover much more about this impressive and innovative project from the team who have been working on it. There will also be entertainment for the kids. See you there!



An Evening with Don McGlashan and Shayne Carter

Don't miss the music

The Early Bird discounts may have finished but there are still plenty of good deals to be had at this year's Nelson Arts Festival for you and your festival buddies, especially if you're a live music lover.

Grab a group discount – groups of six or more can get a discount on selected shows and make the night a real party.

An Evening with Don McGlashan and Shayne Carter is a good place to start (Festival Mainstage, Friday 14 October, 8pm). This coming together of two of kiwi-land's best loved songwriters, playing each other's back catalogues, will no doubt take you into sweet, dark reminiscences of when or where you heard that song before.

Rambling troubadour Delaney Davidson is a NZ Artist Laureate 2015 and three-times winner of APRA Country Song of the Year. With Manos del Chango, he's joined by the timeless voice and dusty keyboard of Mexican songbird Nicole Izobel Garcia (Festival Mainstage, Sunday 23 October, 8pm).

Together they present a night of Spanish sagas of love and betrayal, Swiss parables of adoration and revenge, Southern Gothic blues and 40's Mexican Bolero Cabaret Trash.

Tami Neilson (Festival Mainstage, Saturday 15 October, 8pm) has sung her heart out along endless country roads, from her days as a young girl with the Neilson Family band, opening for the likes of Johnny Cash, to her blossoming in New Zealand as a formidable talent in her own right.

She won the Tui Award for each of her past four albums; this is your chance to see this "red-hot honky-tonker, somewhere between Patsy

Cline and Wanda Jackson with perhaps just a little bit of Peggy Lee sophistication," (Nick Bollinger, RNZ National), playing with her full band.

There are other great deals to be had for The Chills, Cheap Fakes, Mighty Duke & The Lords. Ex-Steeleye Span guitarist Ken Nicol will bring his legendary songs and music to The Free House Yurt (Thursday 20 October, 7pm) and Mile Calder & The Rumours rock The Boathouse with their raw, honest folk/country originals (Friday 21 October, 8pm).

Visit nelsonartsfestival.co.nz for bookings and information.



Make a weekend of it in Nelson for Labour weekend!

Start with the fabulous Masked Parade & More FM Carnivale, and stay for a weekend of revelry with the Nelson Arts Festival!

- Friday 21 October
- Theme: Flights of Fancy
- Easy to enrol online: nelsonartsfestival.co.nz

Celebrate Seniors Week 2016

A special week of events, to celebrate seniors in the region, gets underway in late September.

If you'd like to get out, meet some new people, enjoy Nelson's cultural diversity, or have an afternoon high tea with entertainment, Age Concern Nelson Tasman would love to invite you along. The agency is happily partnering together with Nelson City Council, to put on two main events in Seniors Week. They are:

Miyazu Gardens Heritage Walk

Wednesday 28 September, 10am

Join us to wander around this beautiful sanctuary on the outskirts of the city, and enjoy the cherry blossom at its height. The Miyazu Gardens were opened in 1995, to celebrate the relationship between Nelson and its sister city, Miyazu, in Japan. During the walk, you'll find out about the cultural significance of some of the plants, landscaping and architecture. Afterwards, we'll enjoy morning tea at Founders. *Meet at the Welcome Gate on Atawhai Drive to start the walk at 10am.*

Both events are free and open to anyone who'd like to come along. Numbers are limited, so please phone Age Concern on 03 544 7624 or email support@ageconcernnt.org.nz to register. There is also a special Seniors Service in Nelson Cathedral on Sunday 2 October, to mark International Day of Older Persons at 10am, led by Dean Charles Tyrrell with Bishop Richard Randerson.

Celebration Afternoon

Friday 30 September, 2-4pm

Come along to enjoy afternoon tea and be entertained by the fabulous Off Your Rockers choir, all of whom are over the age of 65, and love to sing modern songs with plenty of oomph. This is a celebratory afternoon to mark the International Day of Older Persons, which is recognised throughout the world each year. All welcome. *Annesbrook Church, Saxton Road West, 2-4pm.*

nelsonartsfestival.co.nz



Great Kereru Count 2016

It's almost time to get out and about counting kererū for the 2016 Great Kereru Count. Nelson City Council, along with Kereru Discovery, are encouraging as many people as possible to take part in this national citizen science project.



The more people participate, the better the understanding researchers and scientists will get on how kererū are doing across the country.

So from 16–25 September 2016, turn your eyes to the skies and make a note of any kererū that you see. If you are out looking for kererū and don't see them when and where you expect to, this is also valuable information as a 'zero' count will indicate a decline in numbers of birds. Last year, the largest sighting of kererū in the Nelson region was 33 in the Cable Bay area.

Kererū can live for more than 21 years and are essential for native bush regeneration. They are the only species left in New Zealand's mainland that are able to swallow and disperse the seeds from our larger native trees such as tawa and matai. Their disappearance would impact our native forests. You can report sightings at

greatkererucount.org.nz – and there's a handy app you can download for Apple and Android to make kererū reporting even easier.

You can also spread the word about the count on social media using the #GreatKereruCount hashtag.

So get ready to get out and about and make your kererū count!

Kererū Planting Day

Sunday September 11 from 9am at Pearl Creek
To celebrate Conservation Week 10–18 Sept and the Great Kereru Count 16–25 Sept. Forest and Bird are organising the planting of kowhai and other food trees to attract kererū. Pearl Creek is at the end of Cotterell Rd, off Appleby Highway. Contact Jo 03 544 9666, 021 116 9877, robjokay@xtra.co.nz for further information.

Get creative with the Great Kereru Count!

To celebrate this year's Great Kereru 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.

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. Entries close on 15 September. For more information on how to enter visit nelson.govt.nz (search = Great Kereru Count).

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Weka need you

Weka need our help to protect them from dog attacks in our forests and reserves.

This flightless native bird has made quite a comeback to our region in the last few years; not only are they seen in the hills around Nelson, but it is not uncommon to find them satisfying their curious natures in our vegetable gardens and local parks, or even on our back doorsteps.

Weka mate for life in areas where their populations are stable, and can breed all year around. Despite their ability to run, both the adult weka and their chicks are easy prey for dogs.

Recently, there have been increased reports of weka being attacked by dogs in the Grampians, and particularly in the Marsden Valley Reserve.

Please remember that these quirky, inquisitive birds are protected by law, and keep your dog restrained in areas where weka are present.



Photo: photonewzealand/indalaing

Abuzz with bees

It is almost spring time and the bee population will soon be buzzing around our parks, gardens, and orchards busy doing the very important task of pollinating plants.

If there are not enough bee-food plants available at this time of year, it puts a lot of pressure on the bee population, and on our native plants.

Bees are, of course, commonly associated with the making of honey, and honey bees have been doing this for at least 150 million years. Honey is one of human-kind's most ancient foods. But did you know that only introduced bees, of which there are 13 species in New Zealand, are able to make honey and were only introduced to New Zealand in 1839? In 1845, four species of bumble bees were also introduced from Great Britain.

There are, however, 28 species of New Zealand native bees, which are important pollinators for our native plants, and are likely to help in the

pollination of kiwifruit, apples, and some vegetable crops. Most native bees nest in the ground.

Because of the critical role that both native and introduced species of bees play in our ecosystem, planting bee food and minimising the use of pesticides is important to ensure there are healthy populations in our environment.

There are many native plants that can be grown in our Nelson gardens which bees will happily visit. If you've got space in your garden for some bee plants, try the lacebarks (*Hoheria angustifolia*), manuka (*Leptospermum scoparium*), five finger (*Pseudopanax arboreus*), kowhai (*Sophora microphylla*), hebe and flax varieties. The birds and the bees will love you for it!



Wetland restoration on the cards for Groom Creek

The year ahead will see work get underway on the Project Maitai/Mahitahi Groom Creek Wetland project – an exciting opportunity to restore a habitat type that has largely been destroyed, and to improve the water quality in the Maitai River at the same time.

The new wetland will reduce sediment and nitrates entering the Maitai River via Groom Creek, improve fish and bird habitats, and allow the introduction of rare species unique to the Maitai. It will also provide community information about wetlands and the plant and fish species that live in them.

Groom Creek is the small creek that runs down from the Tantragee Saddle to the Maitai River just opposite the Maitai Camp.

Prior to the 1950s the creek formed a wetland at the base of the hill, before entering the river near the old ford.

These days the creek runs straight into the Maitai, and Council monitoring shows that it

sometimes carries high levels of nitrates and sediment which can encourage algae growth in the river.

The wetland project aims to both restore the wetland to where it was, and to use some careful engineering to help the wetland reduce the nitrates and sediment entering the Maitai River. As a bonus we will end up with a lovely picnic area and educational space, and a model for how to treat the water from other similar catchments.

The wetland will add to the attractions in the area such as the Maitai Camp, Waahi Taakaro Golf Course and walking, biking,

picnicking and swimming spots, so make sure you have a look at the area next time you are near the Maitai Camp.

This project is likely to run for the next two years, and the opening of the wetland is planned for June 2018. There will be some public planting events around the wetland in June of next year for which we'd love your help. For more information on opportunities to get involved in this and other environmental projects go to nelson.govt.nz (search = Project Maitai).

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An artist's impression of the planned wetland at Groom Creek.



Groom Creek enters the Maitai River near the Maitai Camp.

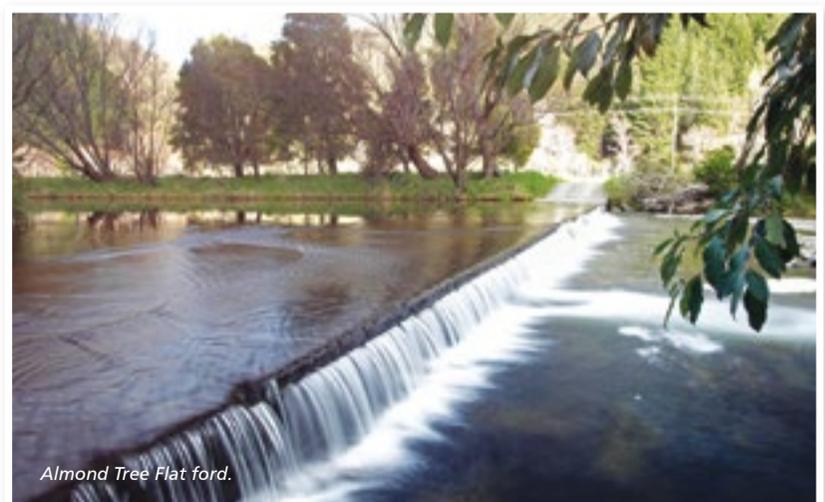
Almond Tree Flat survey results

Council has been investigating how Almond Tree Flat ford is used, and what people think about whether the ford, which is a barrier to fish passage, should be removed.

Council carried out an onsite survey in April (37 respondents), and an online survey in June (134 respondents). A track counter was also installed, and recorded 40 users per week in June and 27 users per week in July, when the ford was wet.

The survey results showed that the majority of users were local to the Maitai Valley, central Nelson and Atawhai areas. Most users were walkers, dog walkers or mountain bikers who use it when both wet and dry and value it as a convenient crossing point.

The survey showed there was strong support for removal of the ford to allow fish passage up and down stream, and for users to cross the river at alternative locations.



Almond Tree Flat ford.

Nelson School of Music construction due to start

Coman Construction has been appointed to the Nelson School of Music (NSOM) strengthening and development project. Work is set to begin on site soon.

The \$6.4 million redevelopment project includes:

- Earthquake strengthening of the existing auditorium
- Tiered rows at the rear of the auditorium and new comfortable seating throughout
- Improved heating and cooling systems
- Preserving the brilliant acoustics of the auditorium
- Modern concert hall lighting and sound systems
- Upgraded entry foyer
- Improved ticketing and toilet facilities in the Beatrice Kidson building
- Stage level access throughout the rear of the building

- New build on the old Rainey House site for a full size orchestral rehearsal room/recital theatre, new studios and green rooms, a library, classrooms and a remote learning/keyboard lab
- Environmentally controlled storage room for the Steinway piano.

Nelson City Council has contributed \$3 million to the project, \$1.2 million has come through the Lotteries Grants Board, \$850,000 from the Rata Foundation and \$350,000 from the Nelson School of Music Endowment Trust. The remaining funds have been raised thanks to the very generous support of the community.

We will bring you updates on the project as it progresses.

Saxton Creek stormwater upgrade – next stage

From next week, Downer NZ will be establishing onsite at Saxton Creek, to the south of the Cricket Oval and Athletics Track, in preparation for the construction of the next stage of this major stormwater upgrade.

This stage extends from Main Road Stoke upstream to the eastern boundary of Saxton Field and includes the deepening and widening of the creek channel, construction of walkways and landscape planting. The work is expected to take until May 2017 to complete.

The first stage of the upgrade was completed earlier this year.

This area was badly affected in the both the December 2011 and April 2013 extreme weather events, with large quantities of gravel deposited in the bed of Saxton Creek. Downstream properties experienced flood damage as a result.

Council has prioritised the upgrading of streams and rivers where the risk to people and assets is high. This upgrade of Saxton Creek channel downstream from Champion Road is intended to cater for future one in 100 year (Q100) flows.

New recycling wheelie bins arriving

Delivery of around 19,500 new recycling wheelie bins to Nelson properties is now underway.

The bins will be for plastics, cans, paper and cardboard recycling but they won't be collected straight away. The new wheelie bin collection will start from 17 October. The reason residents can't put them out for collection before 17 October is because the new trucks needed for the recycling collection won't be on the road until that date.

Everyone is asked to continue with their usual recycling regime in the meantime.

The change to recycling wheelie bins will increase the amount people are able to recycle and having a lid means the paper and cardboard will stay dry and not get blown around the neighbourhood.

From October 17 there will be some important changes to the recycling collection to be aware of. These include:

- Recycling collection moves to fortnightly.
- The wheelie bin is for plastics, cans, paper and cardboard.
- Glass still goes out in the existing blue crates.
- Both glass in crates and

mixed recycling in wheelie bins will be collected on the same day.

- Most residents' collection day will change and will be in the first or second week of the collection cycle (as indicated on the sticker on their bin).
- A recycling calendar showing Week 1 and Week 2 is also delivered with the new bin.

Please read the information brochure that is attached to the new recycling wheelie bin for more details and get ready for the changes in the collection starting from 17 October.



Maitai pipeline progressing well

Pipe laying has now reached Brook Street near Blick Terrace. Construction will restart near Andrews Farm heading toward the Water Treatment Plant. Work is programmed to begin in Brook Street on 15 October.

Track closures

As the project moves along, the track closures in the area will change. The Lower Brook Stream Track will remain closed to allow machinery access to the Brook Storage Area from Andrews Farm for the next few months. Stage Two of the track closures from mid-September see access along Tantragee Road and the Walnut Track restricted until approximately November. All other tracks will remain open during this time.

Line marking trial

As part of the Brook Street road closure planned for 15 October, Fulton Hogan in collaboration with Council has been trialling a temporary line marking product around Nelson. This will now be used during the road closure to direct traffic along Westbrook Terrace safely and efficiently with less need for road cones and signs. This represents a first for Nelson City Council.

Elections 2016

Nominations for the Nelson City Council elections have now closed.

Local Elections 2016

**YOUR VOTE
YOUR COMMUNITY**

Nominations for Mayor



Graeme O'BRIEN

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Nelson City Council area. I am also standing for Nelson City Council – At Large.

I feel strongly about participating in our local democracy. Unfortunately due to past performances I do not feel that I can vote for any of the known mayoral candidates at this time with a clear conscience. I put my name forward so that any people who feel the same have a choice.

True Democracy, Accountability and Transparency are the components of good decision making and I stake my reputation on these. To further these three core components of government I propose that a survey of important issues and spending be included in our rate demands for feedback. This would give councillors a check on the pulse of the electorate and a better understanding of the merits of different proposals before committing ratepayers hard earned money to ideas that have never been consulted on.

For a Mayor who is committed to Putting Community First – Vote Graeme O'Brien.



Richard OSMASTON

Money Free Party New Zealand

My principal place of residence is not in the Nelson City Council area. I am also standing for Tasman District Council – Moutere/Waimea Ward.

Are we really going to spend another three years bickering, arguing over gondolas, car parking and more roads? Or are we finally ready to move into the 21st century and start behaving responsibly?

Environmental, scientific, social and technological developments mean we could all now be living prosperous healthy lives, totally sustainably, free from the burden of debt, stress, work and exploitation.

Whether we choose them or not, technological unemployment, climate change, gross inequality and environmental catastrophe are upon us.

The only serious, rational and comprehensive solution is the Money Free, Resource Based Economy.

Without the overwhelming motivation of profit, we will be finally free from the false constraints of 'affordability' to take care of ourselves, our environment and our society.

Leaving none behind. Without compromise or exception. It's time to wake up. We can do better now. Much better. Let's begin.



Pete RAINEY

My principal place of residence is in the Nelson City Council area.

I'm a fourth generation Nelsonian and I'm standing for the mayoralty because I want Nelson to be a better place to live, for my family and for everyone.

This means initiatives such as warmer homes, more support for social housing, and improving facilities so we can be out there enjoying what Nelson's famous for.

Phillipa and I have two young sons and I want to see more encouragement for innovative businesses so there are jobs here for our young people.

As a businessman and a homeowner I don't want to be paying higher rates, but there is a lot council could achieve by using its funds more wisely.

Nelson needs a change in leadership style. With my nine years experience on council, I'm ready to be Mayor and to bring people together, on the Council and in the community, to make this the best place in New Zealand to live.



Rachel REESE

Independent

My principal place of residence is in the Nelson City Council area.

I love Nelson. I raised my family here and it's a huge privilege to hold the position of your Mayor.

In my first term I've restored Nelson's finances and committed long overdue investment toward upgrading stormwater, water and wastewater, recreational spaces and the environment. Workable solutions were found for CBD parking, and Trafalgar Centre while Stoke investment has started.

Successful partnerships shared costs for The Suter and School of Music redevelopments, Cricket World Cup and Light Nelson, and Rutherford Park's transformation creates a worthy anchor for the Haven, Riverside and Marina precincts. It's certainly been a busy three years.

I'm committed to leading an affordable and effective Council, which engages with the community, meets budgets, and doesn't allow one part of the community's interests to predominate over another.

After a successful first term, I now seek your vote for re-election based on your confidence that we are on track.

Nominations for Council (12 vacancies)

- Luke ACLAND
- Stephen ALDER
- Ian BARKER
- Cindy BATT
- Trudie BRAND (A Strong Voice for Nelson)
- Heather BRYANT (Caring Communities & A Vibrant City)
- Ruth COPELAND
- Rosina CORNELISSEN (Independent)

- Mel COURTNEY
- Bill DAHLBERG
- Glen DAIKEE
- Sunny DALY (Independent)
- Eric DAVY
- Kindra DOUGLAS
- Kate FULTON (Independent)
- Kevin GARDENER
- Robbie KAVANAGH (Leading Nelson Forward)
- Matt LAWREY (Independent)

- Paul MATHESON
- Cynthia MCCONVILLE
- Brian MCGURK
- Derek NEES
- Gaile NOONAN (Independent)
- Graeme O'BRIEN (Independent)
- Mike RUTLEDGE
- Derek SHAW
- Tim SKINNER
- Stuart Keith WALKER

What happens now? **Voting**

Voting in the local elections is by postal vote from Friday 16 September to Saturday 8 October 2016. If you are enrolled to vote, you will receive information about candidates and your voting papers from 16 September, and it must be returned by noon on 8 October 2016.

Nelson art returning home

It will be the start of a new era when The Suter Art Gallery – Te Aratoi o Whakatū reopens on 2 October after an extensive \$12 million redevelopment.

The project, a partnership between Nelson City Council and the Bishop Suter Trust, has been underway since early 2015.

The opening suite of exhibitions, *Milk and Honey*, *Promised Land*, and *Exodus*, is a window to some of Nelson's most significant artists and includes artworks drawn from The Suter collection, with a few star loans from major New Zealand art galleries. This series of exhibitions will be framed beautifully within the redeveloped spaces of the Suter Gallery.

The opening will be a day of celebration for all the family featuring art, fun, music and activities throughout The Suter and outside in the Queens Gardens.

You are invited to become part of an artwork or to create a piece of art yourself. You might be surprised by a historical character talking about

some of our iconic early works or spend time in the refurbished theatre watching a production created especially for the opening.

There will activities for younger children and music throughout the day and lots to explore both inside the new galleries and outside along the newly created sculpture walk.

Currently, the Suter Art Gallery is on the move from the temporary premises on Halifax Street back into its smartened up, larger Bridge Street home, getting ready for opening day on Sunday 2 October.



Old meets new in the Suter Gallery redevelopment. Photo credit: Ishna Jacobs.

RPS feedback received

Feedback on the Draft Regional Policy Statement was provided by approximately 50 people/organisations.

Feedback was received across a range of topics with the main focus being on the Biodiversity, Infrastructure and Energy, Coastal, Social and Economic Wellbeing, and Character and Amenity chapters. There has also been feedback seeking further consideration of climate change and genetically modified organisms.

This feedback will inform the development of an updated RPS and draft rules as officers move into the rule drafting phase of the Nelson Plan. The release of the Draft Nelson Plan for further feedback is anticipated to be in early 2017.

More details about feedback received will be available on the Council website from 19 September.

Free gardening seminars at Waimarama Community Gardens

Do you want to reduce costs and learn new gardening skills?

The Waimarama Community Gardens is holding two free seminars on vegetable seed sowing and plant raising.

Enquiries to Lorraine Long on 03 545 1643.

- **Sunday 11 September, 2pm.** Please bring suitable vegetable plant packets and koha for expenses.
- **Sunday 25 September, 2pm.** Please bring your germinated seeds to learn the "pricking" out process.



MEETINGS

For a full list of Council meetings go to:

nelson.govt.nz/meetings

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



Founders Heritage Park

Snapafest: 17 Sept, 11am–6pm
Booklaunch: *The Direction of Our Fear* by David Briggs, 22 Sept, 4–6pm

Nelson Skate Rink – Tahunanui

Sirens of Smash play Bay City Rollers: 24 September, 7pm

Tahunanui Sportsfields

HopeWalk Nelson: 18 September, leaves Tahunanui at 10am to walk to Trafalgar Park

Miyazu Japanese Gardens

Cherry Blossom Festival: 18 September, 11.30am–3pm

Saxton Field Sport Complex

Youth Gridiron Try-Outs: 16 September, 4pm
Nelson Home And Garden Show: 30 September–2 October, 10am–5pm

Trafalgar Centre

Silver Ferns v Jamaica: 11 September, 7.40pm
SnapaRock: 16 September, 7pm

Trafalgar Street Hall

Kizomba Dance Immersion Workshop: 10 September, 10.30am–2.30pm

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

Library Knitters: Every Thursday, 10am

It's a wonderful digital World!
Adult Learners Week at the Library:

- Discover Health Online, 6–7 Sept, 10–11.30am
- Demystifying Mobile Plans, 7 Sept, 12–1pm
- Windows 10 for beginners, 7 Sept, 2–3pm
- Create presentations with Garage Band and Movie maker, 8 Sept, 12.30–2pm
- Discover Book Link, 9 Sept, 10–11am
- Discover the power of Instagram, 9 Sept, 12–2pm
- Know your Camera, 10 Sept, 10am–12pm
- Cyber Safety for Adults, 10 Sept, 2–3pm

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

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Adult Learners Week at the Library:

- Introduction to Microsoft Word, 8 Sept, 8.15–9.15am

Nightingale Library Memorial

Bookchat: Fourth Tuesday of each month, 10.30am–12pm

Alzheimers Nelson – free drop in sessions: Fourth Thursday of each month, 1.30–3pm

Museums and Galleries

Nelson Provincial Museum

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

Murder at Mangautapu: Until 21 October

Suter Art Gallery

Suter Art Gallery Re-Opening Day: 2 October, 11am–4.30pm

CHECK OUT...

Snapafest, 16–17 September

Snapafest opens on Friday night with SNAPAROCK, an Australasian rock extravaganza at the Trafalgar Centre. Headlining Australian hall of fame legends Mental as Anything plus Sydney super group 'The Dynosaurs' featuring members of AC/DC, The Angels and Hush, Mark Gable, The Narks and more. Then on Saturday head to Founders Heritage Park for SNAPAFEAST – Nelson's seafood and music arts festival. It's a single ticket price admission to an all you can eat seafood menu with local bands and special guest Annie Crummer. Come and celebrate Nelson as the seafood capital of New Zealand!