



Rocks Road feedback

We've had 775 responses on the Rocks Road concepts. Thanks to everyone who shared their thoughts, it's been really helpful. The project team is now working through all the feedback so we'll keep you posted on the next steps.



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Stoke community clear on centre needs



Mayor Rachel Reese and Councillor Gaile Noonan talk through current parking and traffic challenges in the Stoke centre with local business owner Mary-Jane Bailey at one of the recent 'Spotlight on Stoke' public meetings.

Stoke residents were united and consistent in their requests for a multi-use community centre when asked what they wanted from a proposed recreational facility.

That view was echoed at two well-attended public briefings, where Council shared the key themes from feedback gathered through the recent 'Spotlight on Stoke' consultation. The online survey attracted huge interest with over 850 responses, and was supplemented by public drop-in sessions and more than 20 community meetings with representatives of schools, businesses and social and community groups.

Mayor Rachel Reese emphasised the importance of this early input from the community.

"The participation and enthusiasm from the people of Stoke in this initial information gathering phase has been fantastic. The quality and consistency of feedback received has given Council clear direction, and will allow us to develop this project in direct response to their needs.

"Providing the flexible facility required is a top priority for Council and the community clearly agrees. Council has allocated funds to proceed with this project but it was important to understand the community's views first. Now we have a clear understanding of the requirements, I will be sitting down with Council to progress this significant project.

"The centre must provide for Stoke's long-term needs, particularly considering the predicted population growth for the area. The result must be a legacy that the Stoke community can be truly proud of."

Councillor Gaile Noonan says that ongoing community involvement will be critical to the project's success.

"Stoke Rugby Club has already indicated its support for a multi-use facility and Council will continue to work closely with the groups interested in using the building to allow us to deliver the best outcome for Stoke.

"It's important too that we recognise the development of this new facility is not a project in isolation. The wider issues identified through the survey will also need to be tackled in close partnership with the community."

The desire for an enhanced retail and leisure environment, development of appropriate facilities for youth, additional cycle and walkway links, and better traffic management and parking provision were amongst the strongest feedback themes.

Read more about Stoke's community feedback on page 2

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SPOTLIGHT ON STOKE

Sharing the feedback

"I want to assure the people of Stoke that Council has heard and understood your feedback. We are ready to work with you to make sure our fastest growing suburb gets the facilities and services it needs."

Mayor Rachel Reese

The results are in from recent research on Stoke's future needs, in particular what residents want from a proposed community/sports facility. Council shares the key themes below.

Community feedback

THE KEY POINTS

- The proposed centre needs to be a multi-use, flexible facility for sport and community, which is used 24/7, and carefully sited to avoid losing green space.
- Youth facilities/spaces and activities are lacking in Stoke and young people need to help design and drive projects to address this.
- An environment that encourages a wider range of shops and more exciting retail is needed.
- Transport is a concern, including parking, bus services, cycleways and footpaths.
- Love the library but it's too small and needs longer opening hours.
- Isel House and Broadgreen Historic House are fantastic assets but aren't used enough.
- Improve those public toilets!
- Stoke is a great place to live but feels tired and overlooked – we need to create a centre that is attractive, exciting and draws people in.

Next steps

- There is \$200,000 set aside this financial year to make progress on the new community/sports facility.
- Council will meet this month to make decisions on the scope of what the facility should include, where it should be sited and the project timeframe, drawing on the extensive community feedback. Staff will then tender for firms to develop concept designs for the new facility.
- Once Council has a concept design, which it believes meets the needs identified and is affordable, we will again consult with the community to ensure the design meets expectations.
- Between now and the end of November, projects to address the wider feedback received about Stoke will be looked at as part of Council's ten year plan. Finding solutions to all the issues will take time and need to fit within budgets, but Council considers Stoke a priority and promises to keep residents informed.
- Council is also reviewing its resource management plan which is an opportunity to look at issues such as town centre design, housing, building height and zoning and any changes needed to planning rules for Stoke.

"It is a great part of Nelson and it is time it is given more attention."

"A vibrant buzzing community with plenty of things to do is important."

"Having a multipurpose space would link the community. Pathways around and along would increase access for the elderly."

"Better public transport, around the clock, into more areas of Stoke."

Keep in Touch

The community feedback has been extremely useful and we would love to hear more from you as we continue our planning for Stoke. If you have comments, ideas or questions please send them through to enquiry@ncc.govt.nz for our Stoke project team.

"Stoke is a hub for families and teens because of the great schools but is also a centre for retirees so both ranges' needs must be met."

"Very easy to get to the shops, but you take your life in your hands entering the parking areas."

"Be great to have a small venue for arts, culture and community events."

"We need cool shops, not just supermarkets."

"More community events & beautification of the area would be great."

"What does Stoke need? A heart, a heart, a heart."

"The centre is not really a centre at all - the shopping area is split by busy roads."

"More ambient seating areas."



Waimea Road reseal – advanced warning

Starting from Monday 15 September (weather permitting) major road repairs will begin on Waimea Road. The section being resealed is between Hampden Street and The Ridgeway and will be tackled in four sections over approximately four weeks. This is a major road repair project but two traffic lanes will be kept open during day time hours.

While every effort will be made to reduce disruption, you should be prepared for delays or choose a different route.

A liaison person will be onsite at all times to address any issues that crop up for residents while the work is going on.

To make the best use of resources, other smaller road repair projects will be happening at similar times on sections of Annesbrook Drive, Songer Street and the Main Road Stoke/Salisbury Road roundabout.

Maitai Pipeline duplication complete

After three years and three separate construction stages, the end of the line has been reached.

The Maitai Pipeline duplication project is now complete and was marked last week by a small celebration with residents, contractors, iwi and other groups involved.

The duplicate pipeline has been built to provide protection to the drinking water supply as it travels from the dam to the Tantragee Water Treatment Plant. The pipeline is mainly underground so will be less prone to damage from slips and falling trees. The existing pipeline was broken in several places after a storm event in 2008, leading to water shortages around the city. This incident reinforced the need for an alternative route to secure the drinking water supply to the city.

Mayor Rachel Reese says, "This has been

a massive infrastructure project for Council. I thank the local residents for their patience with the long period of road closures and the contractors, Fulton Hogan, for their commitment to the project. Providing a reliable, clean drinking water supply is one of the most crucial tasks any Council has. Our investment in this pipeline is a major achievement in securing that supply."

As part of the project, sections of the Maitai Valley road have been upgraded along the way and fibre optic cable has been laid. The actual pipeline is 8km of 60cm diameter concrete-lined spiral welded steel and it runs under the river twice. The project was staged over three years with a construction cost of \$11.6 million.



Mayor Rachel Reese cuts the ribbon with (l-r) resident Ross Whitlock, Fulton Hogan regional manager Andy Allen, Cllr Eric Davy and Iwi representative Mike Elkington.

Help improve our river

Nelson City Council has funding available for members of the community to take on their own project that will improve the health of the Maitai/Mahitahi River.

Council has a total budget of \$40,000 to contribute towards grants of \$300 to \$5,000 until 30 June 2015.

Applicants must demonstrate how they intend to contribute to their project by matching the dollar value of funds requested from Council. This could include volunteer hours, donations of goods or professional services, and other in-kind support.

Applicants are encouraged to think creatively about the type of project they would like funded. The fund can cover the cost of tools, resources, products and services.

The Maitai Community fund is for new, community-driven activities and projects that are in line with the Project

Maitai/Mahitahi goal: to improve the health of the Maitai/Mahitahi and its tributaries (the York and Brook Streams) so that the community can safely:

- swim in the Maitai/Mahitahi,
- take kai from the Maitai/Mahitahi,
- feel proud of the Maitai/Mahitahi and value it as a taonga (treasure) for our community.

Not-for-profit groups, including schools, Māori/iwi, community groups, partnerships and individuals can apply for funding.

For more info, please visit nelson.govt.nz and search "Maitai Community Fund" or email the projects team at Maitai.Projects@ncc.govt.nz.

Mayor's message



In partnership with Tasman District Council, we announced

last week that Nelson City Council would take 100% ownership of Nelson Tasman Tourism (NTT).

I see sole ownership of NTT as a prudent move for a number of reasons. Firstly, the transfer of shares at no cost to a single entity (Nelson City Council) provides a level of certainty for the NTT Board and staff with clearer reporting lines and obligations.

The Board of NTT recognise that the tourism sector is going through rapid change and our region will need to remain competitive to make the best use of ratepayer and private sector funding.

In relation to tourism development activities, we need to take a more strategic approach and consider how the region can be more efficient and effective in achieving its goals.

Tourism is one of the key economic drivers for the region. In 2012, Nelson Tasman was ranked the South Island's second region for domestic visitor spend and its third region for international spend.

The staff at NTT do a fantastic job bringing together people, information and investment in creative ways to deliver destination marketing, management and regional information services.

The Nelson community and the local tourism industry generally are in very good heart. We've got a strong tourism sector here with a spectacular offering and two local authorities who are very keen to support it.

We are very clearly a good tourism destination but I think we can be a great tourism destination. We can do better at maximising tourism opportunities, particularly in relation to leveraging major events in the Top of the South and delivering better value from our first class regional venues like Saxton Field and Trafalgar Park.

I commend Tasman District Council for being proactive in resolving this initial way forward so we can engage with industry leaders and ratepayers about the best model for tourism services in the future.

I'm looking forward to commencing strategic thinking on this topic at an important Tourism Leaders meeting with NTT, Air New Zealand, the Tourism Industry Association and other key players later this month.

I'm enthusiastic about the future of tourism in the Nelson Tasman region and I will keep you informed on any plans and proposals for growing this sector to benefit the region.

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Search = Maitai Community Fund



Join in the planting fun!



Help protect Nelson's environment and enjoy some fresh air and fun with family, friends and neighbours at these upcoming community planting days.

Event Details:

What: Wakapuaka Reserve Community Planting Day

When: Sunday 7 September
10.30am–2.30pm

Where: By the Wakapuaka Hall, tennis courts & Hira Rural Kindergarten

Everyone is invited to a community planting event at Wakapuaka Reserve on Sunday 7 September from 10.30am–2.30pm (wet weather day is Sunday 14 September at the same time).

It's a chance to get hands-on and have a fun day out with the family – the perfect way to celebrate Father's Day! The planting day is being run in association with Hira Rural Kindergarten as part of Council's native regeneration project in the area and everybody is welcome.

The area set for planting is by the Wakapuaka Hall, tennis courts & Hira Rural Kindergarten. All the plants and equipment will be provided and there will be a sausage sizzle and refreshments available for all volunteers.

You don't need any previous planting experience, just turn up in suitable footwear and lend a hand.

Bring along family, friends and neighbours for a great day out and join in to help make Nelson a better place.



A successful Maitai planting day was held in July.



Everyone is welcome – no experience necessary.

Event Details:

What: Groom Creek Community Planting Day

When: Sunday 14 September
10am–3pm or when finished

Where: Groom Creek, opposite the Maitai Valley Camping Ground

There's another opportunity to do your bit at a Maitai community planting day at Groom Creek on Sunday 14 September from 10am–3pm or when finished (wet weather day is Sunday 21 September at the same time).

The planting is being organised by the Friends of the Maitai with support from Nelson City Council, and is the third major planting day of the winter.

Friends of the Maitai spokesperson, Ami Kennedy, says the Groom Creek area has been recently retired from grazing and could do with some re-vegetation.

"Planting the banks of tributary creeks like this will help address silt management from nearby forestry land, restore the habitat for wildlife and create ecological corridors to other areas," she says. "It's all part of the community action to restore a cool, clear and flowing Maitai River."

Ami says as well as coming to the planting day, the Friends of the Maitai want to encourage people to 'take ownership' of the newly planted areas.

"A tree is not just planted - like a child it needs care, especially in its early years."

Friends of the Maitai are working with Council on a plan for the area, which may include the establishment of a wetland where Groom Creek enters the Maitai.

These planting efforts are all part of a bigger project to improve the health of the river, so the community can safely swim in, take kai from, and value the river as a taonga (treasure).

Groom Creek is past the Waahi Taakaro Golf Course, opposite the Maitai Valley Camping Ground and will be signposted from the start of the Maitai Valley at Clousten Bridge.

Everyone is welcome, soup, bread and refreshments provided. Bring your own mug to help reduce waste. Wear strong footwear and appropriate clothing.

Second Hand Sunday is back!

People keen to get rid of stuff they no longer want can register to take part in Second Hand Sunday coming up on Sunday 28 September from 10am to 1pm.

Due to the overwhelming success of the first Second Hand Sunday held in June, Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council are making it a regular event throughout the region.

The idea behind Second Hand Sunday is to create a practical way for people to pass on items that would otherwise end up going to landfill. People simply leave unwanted items on their driveway for others to collect and take away.

Please note the time has changed slightly for this second event as some people were keen to fossick beyond the midday finish last time. Also, registrations for households taking part will only be available online.

How it works:

All you need to do is register online at nelson.govt.nz using search phrase: Second Hand Sunday. We will publicise the list of households taking part on the website and in local newspapers (register before 5pm, Monday 22 September to make the paper).

On the day (Sunday 28 September):

Put items to give away on your driveway ready for the 10am start time. When you register, you will be able to download and print off a letterbox poster from the website. Alternatively, you can pick up a poster from the Customer Service Centre. Put this up on your letterbox so everyone knows you are taking part in Second Hand Sunday. Anyone looking for items will be able to download the list of households involved and take part in their very own treasure hunt. If you have anything left at the end of the morning (and we hope you won't), then bring it back inside as it is still your responsibility.

For more detailed information on how to take part, including which items can be included, go to nelson.govt.nz or phone 03 546 0200.

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Event details:

Date: Friday 17 October

Time: 5.30pm

Venue: Nelson city centre

Join the Parade!

Registrations for the Nelson Arts Festival Masked Parade are flooding in with over 2000 received so far. But when it comes to community events like this, bigger is always better so make sure you register now to be part of the fun.

It's all happening on Friday 17 October, the second day of the Festival. Spectators will line the streets to check out everyone's interpretation of the theme *Earth, Wind, Fire*. It's a wide-ranging theme so allow your imagination to run wild. Add masks, music, costumes, movement and let the fun begin.

This year, we've had entries from workplaces and schools who are getting involved for the first time. We extend the challenge to other workplaces, sports teams and community groups to join in the fun. You'll have the chance to win cash prizes in all categories as well as the Kim Merry Supreme Award.

Remember, it's free to take part. You just need to phone 546 0254 or email festivaleenquiries@ncc.govt.nz for enrolment information or do it online at nelsonartsfestival.co.nz.

The parade will start at 5.30pm on Friday 17 October and travel through the centre of town.

This is just one of the exciting events the Nelson Arts Festival has in store so make sure you don't miss a thing! Grab a full Festival programme from Nelson City Council, libraries, retailers, cafés and key visitor outlets, or visit nelsonartsfestival.co.nz for all the details.


nelsonartsfestival.co.nz

Future secure for regional tourism

Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council have separately resolved to alter the shareholding in Nelson Tasman Tourism (NTT).

NTT is a council controlled organisation, previously jointly owned by both councils, which supports the economy through regional marketing, tourism development and visitor information services. Tasman District Council will transfer its shares to Nelson City Council at no cost.

Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese says the transfer will ensure that the services provided by Nelson Tasman Tourism can continue to be delivered, in a cost effective manner.

"Tourism currently brings over \$500 million to the Nelson Tasman economy. Nelson City Council is committed to continue investing in the sector through tourism development activities and the i-Site. This is an opportunity to use closer ties with NTT to leverage major events and our regional facilities in a way that adds value to ratepayers.

"Much like our arrangement with the Nelson Region Economic Development Agency (EDA), sole ownership provides the company and stakeholders with certainty about future direction and clarity around reporting lines and obligations.

"Together with Tasman District Council, the local tourism industry and NTT, we are now in a position to consider the best model for delivering tourism services within the existing Nelson Tasman Tourism brand.

"There is no question that the development of tourism delivered by NTT is vital for the region to retain and grow market share in the competitive tourism industry. The next step is considering options for being more effective and adding value for ratepayers wherever possible."

Tasman District Deputy Mayor Tim King says Tasman District Council's agreement to the share transfer recognises the value of the tourism sector to the region and opens the way for greater flexibility in the way support is provided to meet the future needs of the industry.

"We will continue to work with Nelson City and industry leaders to develop the best model and how to fund it."

Nelson Tasman Tourism Chair Phil Taylor says the NTT Board welcomes the decision.

"The tourism sector is going through rapid change and Nelson Tasman Tourism needs to change with it to remain competitive and make the best use of our ratepayer funding and the investments the private sector makes in our company.

"Having one owner will simplify the process of making the necessary changes, to provide a productive platform for the coming years."

Funding is secure for NTT until 30 June 2015. Funding beyond that will be considered by both Councils through their respective Long Term Plans.

Changes to glass recycling collection

Following a number of recent injuries Nelmac recycling runners will no longer pick up:

- Glass in plastic bags or cardboard boxes
- Bins with glass stacked above the rim or weighing more than 14kg

Glass recycling must be placed kerbside in a recycling bin or similar rigid container.

Recycling bins can be purchased from Council's Customer Service Centre in Trafalgar Street or from Nelmac on Vickerman Street for \$18.60.



The Council Radio Show FreshFM 104.8

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Tune into FreshFM 104.8 to hear more about how Council's team contributes to Nelson.

Tuesday @ 5.10pm
(repeat Thursday @ 10.40am)

Podcasts:

nelson.govt.nz/the-nelson-city-council-show
Available on Thursdays





New official names

The Treaty Settlements for Te Tau Ihu have resulted in a number of official name changes across the top of the south. These have been gazetted by the Geographic Board and took effect on 1 August.

In Nelson we have the following:
 Pikimai – Church Hill
 Te Pokohiwi – Boulder Bank

Horoirangi – Drumduan
 Rotokura – Cable Bay
 Te Tai-o-Aorere – Tasman Bay

For official documents and signage, the correct names are now both the Māori and the English versions, for instance 'Rotokura/Cable Bay'. You can expect to see both names shown when signage is replaced as needed in the relevant areas.



Trafalgar Park – past and present

As we look forward to the Tasman Makos' first Nelson game of the season on Friday at 6pm, it's a good time to revisit the rich history of Trafalgar Park, which hosted its first game of rugby an impressive 126 years ago.

It was officially opened on 21 April 1888, with the Mayor doing the honours. That was followed by a rugby match 'Fifteen V Eighteen' with players selected from the various town clubs. The First 15 won the match by one point and the Nelson Rugby Football Club played its first match on its home ground against the Nelson Star Club on the following Saturday.

Prior to being officially known as Trafalgar Park, it had been the Mudflat Recreation Ground, owned and developed by a private company called The Nelson Athletic Ground Company. In those very early days, sheep were used to maintain the grass and were removed before any major events. The land had been reclaimed from the tidal flats of the Maitai River.

Nelson City Council bought the land in 1891 and in 1892 an endowment from Nelson businessman and benefactor, Thomas Cawthron was used to add more land to the Park. The size and shape of the Park didn't alter much after that until the mid 1980's when a final reclamation along the Maitai River bank gave the park its current shape and allowed development of the No. 2 field to compensate for the land lost to the state highway development.

The eastern stand and "sunshine seats" were added in the 1950's by the Rugby Union and the Council. 1996 saw the addition of the Trafalgar Pavilion and the new covered stands were completed in 2008. Further upgrades to the playing surface, lights, toilets, players and media facilities and entrance gates were done in time to host games for the 2011 Rugby World Cup.

Although largely a rugby venue in



A touring Australian cricket team in 1914.



Cheering on the Crusaders in 2011.

winter, Trafalgar Park also hosted some great cricket matches including several Australian matches, going back as early as 1914. Reports indicate these were popular events. One match held just before the start of WWII saw the Mayor declare a half day holiday so spectators could go along and extra trains were laid on for country fans to attend.

Trafalgar Park has also played host to a wide range of non-sporting events including a Royal visit from Queen Elizabeth in 1954 and numerous concerts, ranging from Tina Turner to the ever popular Opera in the Park.

It's currently in heavy use by both rugby and football so is likely to be closed for a period over summer for essential maintenance to the playing surface.

August air update

August was a good month for Nelson's air quality, with no high pollution days recorded in Airshed A (Nelson South – hospital/Victory/Washington Valley area) and Airshed B (Tahunanui – Stoke).

A new air monitoring machine was installed in Airshed C (Brook/Maitai/Central Nelson/Atawhai) in July. Results will be available in the next issue of Live Nelson.

Air quality monitoring data for the period from 24 July – 25 August:

Airshed A

- No breaches of national standard (i.e. days with more than 50 µg/m³ of fine particles (PM₁₀) measured over a 24 hour period)
- Highest level was 40 µg/m³
- Total breaches year to date: 2

Airshed B

- No breaches of national standard
- Highest level was 38 µg/m³
- Total breaches year to date: 0

Background

Like many cities in New Zealand, Nelson has a problem with air pollution. In 2004, Central Government set National Environmental Standards (NES) for air designed to protect public health and give a limit to the amount of fine PM₁₀ particles in the air. Although the hard work to improve our air has made a big difference in terms of air pollution, the PM₁₀ limit does not yet meet the standards in parts of Nelson.

Nelson has three airsheds where air quality is monitored and two of these (Airsheds A and B) have regularly exceeded the NES. The number of exceedances (or high pollution days) must be progressively reduced every year, and by 2016 in Airshed A, the limit must not be exceeded more than three times per year, or more than once in Airshed B.

Read an eBook Day



Thursday 18 September

The Elma Turner Library will host an eBook drop-in clinic from 10am until 4pm at the Community Corner, near the entrance to the library. Customers are encouraged to bring in their own devices, and the staff at the library will be able to help them get started with borrowing and reading eBooks from our collection.

Read an eBook Day is an international celebration of modern technology and how it can be used to access information and stories. It is intended to raise awareness and show appreciation of eBooks. Readers are invited to share their stories on their social media site with the hashtag #eBookDay.

FROM THE COUNCIL TABLE

Bringing you the results of what has been discussed and decided at the Council table

Councillor's Comment – Pete Rainey

I have enjoyed being one of two Councillors on the Rocks Road Walking and Cycling Steering Group, along with Council staff, representatives from the New Zealand Transport Agency and staff from Opus Consultants who have undertaken the concept preparation project.

This working party was charged with coming up with a preferred concept, not (as many have presumed) with a recommendation whether the project should proceed or not. That is a role for Council to undertake.

There has been a very high level of interest in the process to date, with many of you taking the opportunity to pass comment

on the different concepts. This is very encouraging given the importance the waterfront has for our city and region.

I am very mindful of this high level of interest. I feel it reflects the importance of the waterfront, and the role it plays in our city, region and in all of our lives. I also recognise the strength of feeling about this issue locally, and I will be working to find a pathway forward.

If Council decides to proceed with the project, there will be further opportunities for you to share your thoughts and aspirations for this iconic part of Nelson. I encourage you to take that opportunity should it arise.



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From the Youth Council *By Chloe Rumsey and Jackie Liang*

At almost the busiest time of the year for us, the Nelson Youth Council is working on many different projects.

Our 2015 Heritage Week project is ticking along. We are writing articles to do with the theme 'medicine'. This involves youth councillors interviewing members of the public with considerable experience in the medical fields and collating this information in an article that will be uploaded to TheProw.org.nz; the Nelson history archival website.

In the recent school holidays, six of us attended a Youth Conference in Masterton for Youth Councils from the top of the South and lower North Islands. This was a valuable experience where we participated in Government and youth leadership workshops and we were inspired by speakers Billy Graham and Jason Pemberton (Student Volunteer Army) to name a few. The experience was very worthwhile as it enriched our understanding of Nelson Youth Council, in that we saw our differences compared to various other Youth Councils in New Zealand.

Nelson Youth Council have also been working alongside YMCA Youth Event Assistants to provide advice for youth events planned for Nelson. Two youth councillors had the privilege of attending a China Delegation from Yangjiang at the City Council on the 25 July, which was a 'highly worthwhile experience'.

On August 16, a few of us represented Youth Council in a WWI commemorative event which marked the 100 year anniversary of the first Nelsonians setting sail for war, which was a highly significant and poignant occasion.

There seems to be a never-ending supply of activity at Nelson Youth Council and we are always appreciative of opportunities that continue to come our way.

Free parking trial extended

Council has approved a recommendation to extend the free parking trial in the CBD until Sunday 19 October. In June, Council listened to the business community to make the trial happen with the aim of providing a boost to the CBD over the quieter winter months.

The extra two and a half week extension is to allow time to analyse the full three months of data from the monitoring Council has been doing before deciding on any future actions from the trial.

The aim is to bring the results of all the monitoring work to the October 9 Council meeting so a well-informed decision can be made. The data will include - ticket numbers; revenue figures; pedestrian counts, Paymark figures, Marketview data; parking occupancy; our understanding of the perception of CBD now.

Through informal meetings with businesses, Council is aware that there is a range of views on the effect of the trial. Proper analysis of the monitoring data is crucial and this extension allows the time to do that while still reporting back to Council as the earliest opportunity.

Mayor Rachel Reese says, "Retailers and residents can rest assured that promoting and encouraging a vibrant and bustling city centre remains a top priority for Council. Considering the data and finding the most effective and sustainable way to do so is essential."

Meetings

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

Works and Infrastructure Committee
9am 4 September

Community Services Committee – Community Assistance Funding
9am 8–9 September

Community Services Committee
9am 11 September

Council meeting – to deliberate on submissions to the Implementation of a Regional Landfill
9am 16 September

Works and Infrastructure Committee to deliberate on submissions to the Water and Wastewater Bylaws
To follow Council meeting 16 September

Works and Infrastructure Committee
To follow Works and Infrastructure Committee deliberations meeting 16 September

Regional Transport Committee – to be held in Ruma Mārama
9am 17 September

Planning and Regulatory Committee
9am 18 September

Governance Committee
9am 25 September

Council meeting - to approve Implementation of Regional Landfill and approve draft Regional Land Transport Plan prior to NZTA review
11am 25 September

Changes to meetings

Joint Shareholders Committee to be held at Tasman District Council – previously advertised as 26 September
1.30pm 7 October

Civil Defence Emergency Management Group – previously advertised as 26 September
Following Joint Shareholders Committee 7 October

Other meetings

Nelson Youth Council
1pm 17 September

Notes:

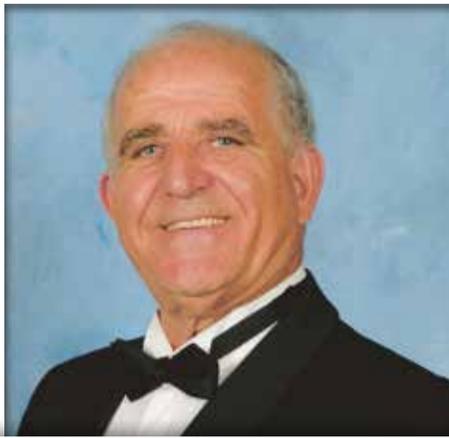
- 1: Unless otherwise shown, the meetings will be held in the Council Chamber, Civic House, Trafalgar Street, Nelson.
- 2: A public forum is held during the initial period of the Committee/Council meeting. Anyone wishing to speak at this public forum is asked to give prior advice to an Administration 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.



Lunchtime Library Talk: The Middle East Puzzle

Firooz Eftekhari Zadeh talks on the puzzle of the Middle East, life in Iran and present conditions in Iraq. Firooz is an "America Kiwi made in Iran" who has published several books about the Middle East and his experiences, and is highly regarded for his teaching and presentations.

For further information please contact
nicola.harwood@ncc.govt.nz.



Event details:

Date: Wednesday 17 September

Time: 12.30–1.30pm

Venue: Elma Turner Library Activity Room

Free Library Computer Classes

Newspapers online	10am, Thursday 4 September
Research databases	10am, Thursday 11 September
eBooks	5.30pm, Thursday 18 September
Email for beginners	10am, Thursday 25 September
Social networking	10am, Thursday 2 October

All classes are held in the Learning Centre and are free of charge. Most classes are 1–1½ hours in length.

To book, please visit the information desk, phone 545 8737 or 546 0414, or email library.ref@ncc.govt.nz.

Numbers are limited to six per class.

See our website for more details:

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Mayor congratulates local Commonwealth Games stars

Nelson Tasman can be proud of how our region was represented at this year's Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. 13 sportspeople, coaches and officials from Nelson and Tasman represented New Zealand in lawn bowls, triathlon, athletics, rugby sevens, netball, judo, hockey and cycling:

Mayor Rachel Reese is writing a letter of congratulations and thanks on behalf of the region to each of our Commonwealth representatives, as she feels it is important to acknowledge the hard work and dedication that goes into representing New Zealand at international level.

"We have a rich heritage of world-class sports people living in our region, and we are all very proud to see the current generation competing with such dedication and commitment."

Together Nelson Tasman brought home medals in cycling, hockey, netball, rugby sevens, and lawn bowls, an impressive achievement on the world stage and well deserved recognition for our athletes.

"These local athletes and coaches are an inspiration, of course, not just to other sports people but to children and young people who need a guiding star, and to anybody who, like me, feels a surge of pride when they hear a Nelson name called out at the start of an event, or on the podium after the event.

"The experiences they've brought home will stay with them for a long time. I hope they will glory in them, share them, and use them to inspire others in our community," added Mayor Reese.

- Jo Edwards – lawn bowls – gold medal
- Dave Edwards – lawn bowls – New Zealand national coach
- Shannon McIlroy – lawn bowls
- Amy McIlroy – lawn bowls – women's four – third place with a bronze medal
- Val Smith – lawn bowls – women's four – third place with a bronze medal
- Julian Matthews – 1500m – 9th in final (first major international event)
- Greg Fraine – triathlon – New Zealand national coach
- Dave Schaper – rowing – official
- Jack Bauer – road cycling – silver medal (the last NZ medal of the Games, no. 45)
- Mark Brewer – judo
- Bryce Heem – rugby sevens – silver medal (currently playing for the Tasman Makos)
- Shannon Francois – netball – silver medal (currently playing for the Silver Ferns)
- Anita Punt – hockey – bronze medal (scoring lots of goals for the Black Sticks)

What's on - at a Council venue near you



Museums and galleries

Nelson Provincial Museum

Weekdays: 10am–5pm. Weekends and public holidays: 10am–4.30pm

WW1, Their Stories – Our History, centennial commemoration; until April 2015

Suter Art Gallery

7 days: 10.30am–4.30pm

Marama: Pacific Winter Night, until 7 September

The Last Picture Show: In Glorious Technicolour, from 19 July ongoing

Nelson Suter Art Society (McKee Gallery)

From Sea to Sky John Caldwell Retrospective Exhibition, until 14 September

Miscellany of Mixed Media: Jocelyn Tucker and Meredith Thorpe, until 24 September

Traces of Contour: Cathy Jones, Lee-Ann Dixon, Lynette Cain, Carol Hargadon, Deborah Hunter, 15 September–5 October

Suter Theatre

New Zealand International Film Festival Tour 2014, 7.30pm

Broadgreen Historic House

Broadgreen Society Inc. Annual General Meeting, 26 September, 10am

Nelson Public Libraries

Elma Turner Library

In Community Corner this month:

- Arthritis New Zealand, Wednesday 3 September, 12–1pm

Hearing Association Nelson, Wednesday 3 September, 3.30–4.30pm

Justices of the Peace, every week, Saturday 10am–12noon

Nelson Community Toy Library, Wednesday 17 September, 10am–12noon

Read an eBook Day, Thursday 18 September, 10am–4pm

BookChat, second Tuesday of each month, 10.30am

BookChat Online via Twitter, #rwpchat, last Tuesday of each month, 9pm

Small Time at the Library; stories, songs and rhyme incorporating movement for 0–2yr olds, Wednesdays, 10.30–11.30am (term time only)

Story Time at the Library; stories for 2–4yr olds and their parents, Thursdays 2pm (term time only)

Friends of the Library Booksale, 6 Sept, 10am–12.30pm

Free Computer Classes; Newspapers Online 4 Sept, Research Databases 11 Sept, Registrations essential

The Puzzle of the Middle East, life in Iran and present conditions in Iraq: Firooz Eftekhari Zadeh, 17 Sept, 12.30–1.30pm

Stoke Library

BookChat, third Wednesday of each month, 5pm

BookChat Online via Twitter, #rwpchat, last Tuesday of each month, 9pm

StoryTime, for 2–4yr olds and parents, Wednesdays, 10.30am (term time only)

Small Time at the Stoke Library, stories, songs and rhyme incorporating movement for 0–2yr olds, Tuesdays, 10.30am (term time only)

CHECK OUT

- Tasman Makos' first Nelson-based game of the season is this Friday 5 September at Trafalgar Park, kick-off 6.05pm. Come along to the Park, show your support and make some noise as the mighty Makos take on the Waikato Mooloos. Tickets are available at Nelson i-site, Richmond Mall, Floorpride Civic Theatre or online through TicketDirect at makos.co.nz.