



**Draft Regional Land Transport Plan**



**Community brings rare artwork home**



**Look who's coming to town**

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## Summer events for everyone!

Keep an eye out for Nelson City Council's Summer in Nelson programme landing in letterboxes next week, jam packed with a full line up of suitably summery events for everyone to enjoy.

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# Getting close to the Cup



The ICC Cricket World Cup 2015 Trophy Tour touched down at Nelson College on Thursday 20 November, giving Nelsonians a chance to get up close to the trophy. Mayor Rachel Reese opened the event, and cricketing great Sir Richard Hadlee was on hand to meet cricket fans and talk about the upcoming tournament.

The tour skills tents were busy with cricket fans and aspiring Black Caps, all keen to try their hand at bowling, batting and fielding, with scores being kept on an official trophy tour scorecard. The tour exhibition included an opportunity to get a photo with the ICC Cricket World Cup Trophy, which is made from silver and gold, stands at 60cm tall and weighs 13kg.

Nelson's own Festival of Cricket kicks off on Saturday 14 February, with a Kids Cricket tournament at Tahunanui Sportsground and a Nelson 111 Street Party on Trafalgar Street. The street party will include a CWC Fanzone, with live coverage of the opening match as New Zealand takes on former world champions Sri Lanka, as well as the Trafalgar Street Market Day and Wine and Food Festivity.

Race Unity Day, on Sunday 1 March, will have an ICC Cricket World Cup 2015 flavour to celebrate the cultural diversity of Nelson and of the international cricket teams taking part in the tournament.

Tickets are already on sale for the matches being played in Nelson:

- West Indies vs. Ireland (Monday 16 February)
- Zimbabwe vs. United Arab Emirates (Thursday 19 February)
- Bangladesh vs. Scotland (Thursday 5 March)
- Tickets and event information available online at:

[icc-cricket.com/cricket-world-cup](http://icc-cricket.com/cricket-world-cup)



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# More free carpooling parks available

As part of the current parking trial (until 6 April), Council has made 26 new car parks available in Wakatu Square for free, all day parking for carpool permit holders. Not all the spaces are being filled everyday so far so if you register now, you could be parking free all day in the centre of town.

To take advantage of the new free parks, just register your carpool group of two or more people with Council at the Customer Service Centre or do it on the website, [nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz), search phrase = carpool. You'll receive a permit for the vehicle and each member of the group that you need to display when taking advantage of the free parks. These are available on a first come, first served basis. Additional carpool only parks are available in Haven Road, Kerr Street (by Smith City) and Harley Street.

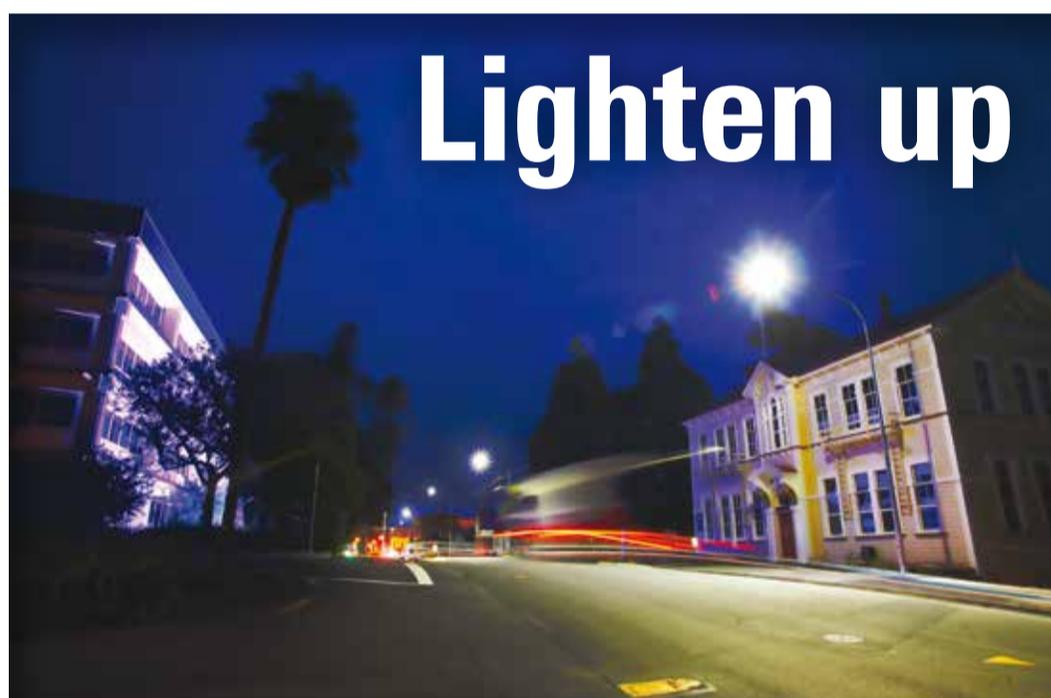
If you want to set up or join a carpooling group, visit [letscarpool.govt.nz](http://letscarpool.govt.nz). This national website is free and helps you find your carpooling match. All you need to do is fill out the basic details – where your journey starts and ends, the times you need to travel – then the website will let you know when a suitable match comes up.

There are lots of options you can choose - if

you want to be a driver, passenger or both, if you'd like to carpool only with people of the same gender, how many days a week you want to carpool and various other options so you'll get the best match for your needs.

There's never been a better time to start carpooling, you'll save on petrol and park free all day in the centre of town.

[nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz) Search = carpool [letscarpool.govt.nz](http://letscarpool.govt.nz)



That's what we're doing to some of the gloomier areas around Nelson. Street lighting upgrades, subsidised by the NZ Transport Agency, are being rolled out in areas around the city where all road users will get the most benefit.

The new lights are a sleek and flat design and feature the latest LED technology. They are significantly more energy efficient and will require a lot less maintenance. They have a much better spread of light over both the road and footpath. Existing lights have been updated and in some darker areas extra lamp posts have also been installed.

They provide a "whiter" and brighter light compared to the yellowy light given off by the older style lights. As well as simply providing more light, under a white light, colours remain true, which can have added safety benefits.

The new street lights currently grace the NMIT end of Hardy Street, St Vincent Street and in the coming weeks will be up and running on Vanguard Street and a section of Main Road Stoke (between Dryden Street and Saxton Road). Early in 2015 the new lights will be installed on Nile Street (between Maitai Road and Tasman Street), and the Annesbrook roundabout pedestrian/cycle bypass to Gracefield Street.



## Age 2 Be - Positive Ageing Expo

### Event details:

**When:** Friday 27 March 2015, 10am - 3pm

**Where:** Headingly Centre, 2-46 Headingly Lane, Richmond

**Stall fees:** Community groups or not for profit organisations: **\$20**. Commercial businesses and government agencies: **\$50**

The Age 2 Be Positive Ageing Expo is on again in 2015 and promises to have something of interest to seniors, their whanau or anyone heading towards retirement.

After attracting record crowds and receiving a TrustPower Community Award commendation in 2014, the seventh Positive Aging Expo 2015 will build on its winning formula.

The expo showcases Nelson and Tasman's recreational, health and social services that make ageing a positive experience. Along with 70+ stallholders there will be seminars, demonstrations and a chance to have a go at a range of activities as well as getting quick health checks.

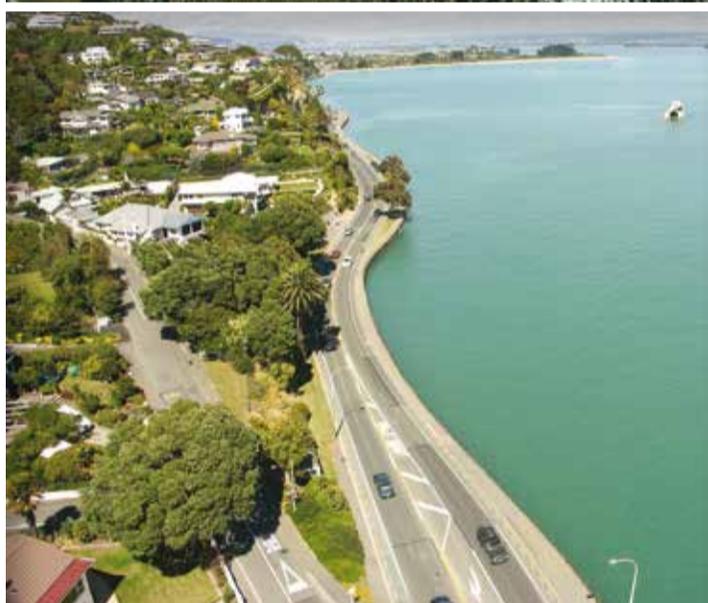
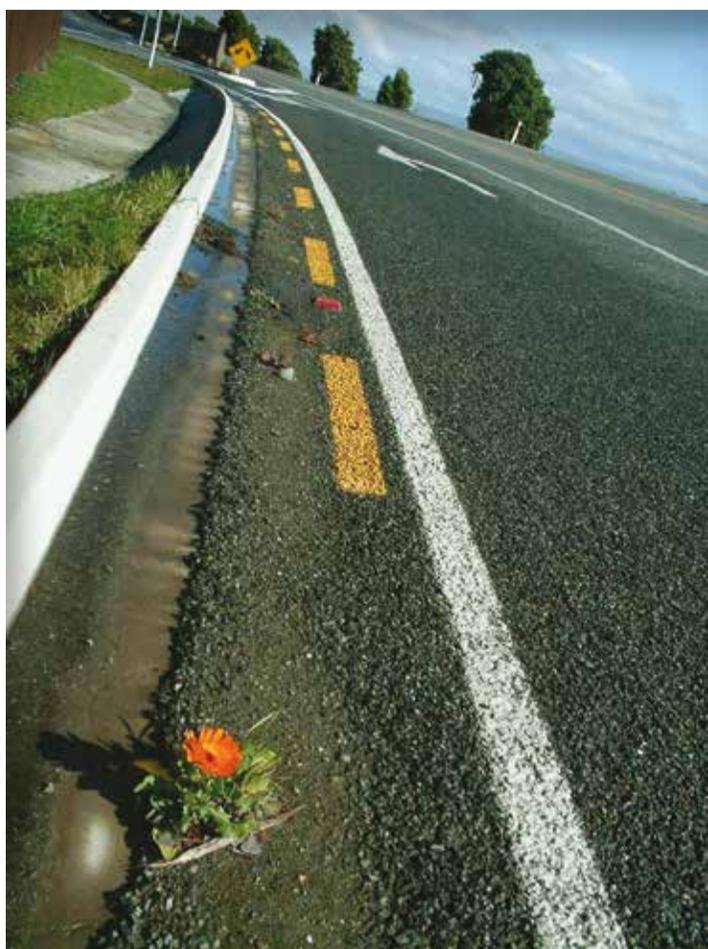
Public admission is free, with complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits provided to keep the energy levels up! Lunch will be available for purchase.

The Expo organisers invite all local interest, training, recreation, health and hobby groups to have a stall and promote your services or information to the public, and other stall holders, attending. We encourage you to make your stalls creative and interactive.

If your group would like to have a stall registrations are open until Friday 6 March 2015, subject to availability. Please note stall numbers are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

We regularly get in excess of 2,000 people attending, so make sure you join us at the Age 2 Be Positive Ageing Expo.

For further information or to get a stallholder registration form contact Tasman District Council, Community Recreation Advisor, Mike Tasman-Jones on 543 8403 or email [mike.tasman-jones@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:mike.tasman-jones@tasman.govt.nz)



# Draft Regional Land Transport Plan opens for feedback

The Regional Land Transport Plan sets out the region's land transport objectives, policies and measures for the next 10 financial years using national funding and is now open for feedback.

The Top of the South councils, in partnership with the New Zealand Transport Agency, have collaborated to develop a joint Regional Land Transport Plan that aims to provide the community with an efficient, safe and resilient road network.

This Regional Land Transport Plan considers the economic drivers for the Top of the South with horticulture, viticulture, forestry, seafood, farming and tourism being the main areas driving our economic growth. All three regions are growing.

The three councils recognise that we are highly interdependent on each other for our economic and social welfare. The Top of the South economy is very dependent on its road network as there is little alternative, especially for Nelson and Tasman, so the need for resilience and reliability along key journey routes is of vital importance. The Plan recognises that.

It outlines specific land transport issues that Nelson faces and how we intend to deal with them. It includes a programme of forward works for the next ten years for both local roads and the State Highway to provide the complete picture of the works planned over the next ten years in Nelson city. Visit the website, [nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz) to see a summary of the significant projects and the read the plan in full.

## Nelson Public Transport Plan 2015 – 2018

This is contained within the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan for Nelson 2015 – 2021. It set out Council's public transport priorities for the next three years.

Submissions are invited on both concurrently.

## Have your say

Council is seeking your views on determining if we have identified the right issues and challenges, and have the activities and outputs prioritised correctly.

The full Statement of Proposal – Draft Regional Land Transport Plan for Nelson 2015 -2021, including the Regional Public Transport Plan for Nelson 2015 -18, is available from the Council office, Trafalgar Street or the Nelson, Tahunanui and Stoke Libraries. You can also view a copy online at [nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz), search phrase = Regional Land Transport Plan.

Submissions are invited until 5pm Monday 22 December 2014.

Submissions are to be in writing and can be posted to Nelson City Council, PO Box 645, Nelson 7040 or emailed to [submissions@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@ncc.govt.nz). Anyone who wishes to speak in support of their submissions will be given an opportunity to do so.

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

# Thanks to the Youth Development Fund

By Nina Lewis

My Spirit of New Zealand voyage has definitely been a highlight of my high school years. I did the 10-day voyage with 40 other people my age. Waking up in the morning and being surrounded by uninhabited islands was such a breathtaking experience.

I learnt a lot about how to navigate and set sails but the most important thing that I took away from the trip were the people I met. I made friends that are now some of my closest.

Being in constant contact with the same people that start off as strangers makes you learn a lot about yourself. It made me realise how important it is to put down the technology for once and just learn about other people.

The adventure side of it was also a fantastic part of the trip. From climbing the mast, tramps through cliffs, rope swings and sailing the ship, I found that if you have determination to do something you can always push yourself to achieve these things.

The voyage really did change my outlook on life. As soon as I got home I was disinterested in my phone and laptop, all I wanted to do was get outside and make something of the day.

I had no idea what I was in for when I hopped on that ship. I can honestly say that my trip was a once in a lifetime opportunity. Thank you.



Nina (far left in grey hat) on deck with her Spirit shipmates.

## What is the Youth development fund?

Nelson City Council has six Youth Development Fund grants of \$500 per year available to individuals living within the Nelson boundaries.

The fund assists 15–19 year olds to attend Outward Bound or Spirit of Adventure voyages.

Young people can apply for a grant in conjunction with other funding providers, after being accepted for a programme.

Download an application form from the Council website:

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

Search = youth development fund



# Avoid swimming dogs in lower Maitai

Due to lack of rainfall in recent weeks, cyanobacteria coverage has been increasing at Dennes Hole in the Maitai River. Council recommends dog owners avoid the lower Maitai for dog swimming and take them above the Maitai Valley Motor Camp or to the dog walking area at Tahunanui beach.

Dogs entering the river below Dennes Hole are at the highest risk of contact with cyanobacteria, from mats attached to the river bed and also floating mats that tend to accumulate along the water's edge and margins of pools.

## What are cyanobacteria?

Cyanobacteria (also known as blue-green algae) are naturally present in many New Zealand waterways. Cyanobacteria are found in 'clean' rivers. They tend to grow when river flows are low and stable, and temperatures are consistently warm.

## What do they look like?

Cyanobacteria mats are actually dark brown or black and grow attached to rocks on the river bed. Mats that come loose from the river bed can wash up on the river bank or form floating 'rafts' in shallow areas. Where exposed, the mats may dry out and turn a light brown colour. They also produce a strong musty odour, which may attract dogs to eat them.

## What is the problem with cyanobacteria?

Cyanobacteria mats can produce toxins that are harmful to humans, dogs, livestock and wildlife when ingested.

## What are the possible health effects?

Swallowing water containing cyanobacteria toxins can lead to vomiting, diarrhoea, abdominal pain, cramps, nausea and other effects in humans. Skin contact can cause irritation of the skin, eyes, nose and mouth. Exposure to high levels of toxins can result in serious illness or death. Dogs are particularly susceptible to poisoning as they love to scavenge and play near water. Livestock are also at risk.

## Who should I call if I experience a reaction?

If you think you are experiencing a serious reaction, seek urgent medical attention. If you are concerned about your animal(s), contact a vet immediately (the toxins can affect dogs within minutes).

## What is Council doing about it?

Council is working with the NMDHB Health



Protection Team and Cawthron to monitor the situation and taking a proactive approach, with weekly monitoring at key recreation sites in the Maitai, permanent signage at swimming holes and information through media outlets to update the public. Additional research is underway as part of Project Maitai/Mahitahi to improve the river's health, which involves Cawthron scientists and students assessing the key reasons for cyanobacteria blooms and providing recommendations on how to manage and predict where nuisance blooms may occur.

## Corder Park Sewer Pump Station all set for 2015

The site for the Corder Park Pump Station upgrade will receive an official blessing and laying of a mauri stone at 9am on 16 December, ready for work to begin in January. You will see a small amount of activity on site before then but the project will really get underway in the New Year and take around 12 months to complete.

The work involves replacing a section of the sewer pumping main along the foreshore area of Atawhai Drive and upgrading the existing pump station with a new one. The project is necessary to reduce pressures in the Atawhai Sewer Pumping Main, both prolonging its life and reducing the risk of failures and sewage discharge into the Haven. The new pump station will also cater for future growth in the Nelson and Atawhai areas.

Pedestrian and cyclist access through Corder Park will be restricted from mid January onwards but detours will be in place. Look out for more details in Live Nelson as the project progresses.



## Memories of Te Rangi Maternity Hospital

Were your children born at Te Rangi Maternity Hospital which closed in 1966?

As part of Heritage Week 2015, to fit with the theme of health and medicine, we are gathering information about a much loved facility that once existed in central Nelson.

Do you or your mother have memories of your delivery, how the hospital ran, what the interior and garden was like? Do you have any photos you would like to share?

Please join us for morning tea at 10am on Monday 1 December at Elma Turner Library activity room. People often remember more in a group as each one sparks a memory in another.

For more information, please contact Nelson City Council Arts and Heritage Adviser Debbie Daniell-Smith on 546 0331 or by email: [debbie.daniell-smith@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:debbie.daniell-smith@ncc.govt.nz).

### Event details:

**What:** Share maternity memories over morning tea

**When:** 10am, Monday 1 December

**Where:** Elma Turner Library - Activity Room

Nelson City Council's early contribution of \$5,000 was just the beginning of a successful community-wide fundraising campaign to secure a rare Rita Angus painting, with strong Nelson connections, which will fittingly now call our region home.

Mayor Rachel Reese thanked The Suter's fundraising team, representatives of the local apple industry and the wider community for their generous support and "the superb fundraising effort" undertaken to bring Rita Angus' *The Apple Pickers* home to Nelson.

"Over the subsequent ten weeks of fundraising I have watched with admiration and pleasure the very clear support for this appeal across our region as a whole, both from individuals and from corporate entities, excitedly tracking the way the fundraising barometer has gone up each week closer and closer to the target of \$245,000," says Mayor Reese.

"Together, as a community, we have capitalised on a once in a lifetime opportunity. *The Apple Pickers* is an inspirational artwork, particularly for the people of Nelson. It is the



Chair of the Bishop Suter Trust Craig Potton; The Suter Fundraising Coordinator Dame Ann Hercus and Mayor Rachel Reese with Rita Angus' *The Apple Pickers*.

rarest of treasures – an outstanding painting by one of New Zealand's most important artists and a quintessential Nelson image, which so strongly represents the values and fruit growing traditions which have helped shape our region.

"The painting's natural home is here and I for one am very much looking forward to seeing this wonderfully local artwork hanging in pride of place on the opening day of the new Suter Art Gallery in 2016," added Mayor Reese.

## Call to create CBD Artworks

Arts Council Nelson (ACN) is calling for expressions of interest for public art responses to various sites in Nelson's CBD.

Council's Arts Fund of more than \$100,000 has been made available for the purpose of commissioning new creative artworks, which may be permanent, temporary and/or re-locatable.

Proposals are sought that may be fully funded through the Arts Fund and also those which could attract 'match funding' from the artist, community or other stakeholders.

At the initial stage, consideration will be given to responses to any site within the central city, however the following specific sites identified by Council will be given priority:

1. New development of the Matai walkway, the Waka landing site at the mouth of the Maitai River. Response to reflect bi-cultural guardianship of both river and landscape.
2. Central city pocket parks and walkways.

The final number of proposals selected will be dependent on their quality and available budget restraints.

Lloyd Harwood, ACN Community Arts Manager says the brief has purposely been left open.

"The idea is to encourage artists to think outside the square. We hope to attract a wide range of innovative and creative ideas which will all be considered."

Nelson City Council Community Services Committee Chair Pete Rainey says the call for public art should lead to some exciting and accessible additions to the Nelson city landscape.

"This is a fantastic opportunity to contribute to the vibrancy of our city centre and we look forward to the response from the creative community."

Closing date for applications is Tuesday 16 December 2014 at 4pm.

More information is available at [acn.org.nz](http://acn.org.nz) or from ACN Community Arts Manager Lloyd Harwood, by email: [artscouncilnelson@paradise.net.nz](mailto:artscouncilnelson@paradise.net.nz) or phone 03 548 4640.

[acn.org.nz](http://acn.org.nz)

## Nelson's HAIL Site Database

Nelson City Council has been working on compiling a database of land that has potential to be contaminated because of current or past uses. It's important to note that this is a land use assessment and no soil testing has been carried out by Council. Inclusion on the database does not mean that soil contamination is present.

The database is based on the Hazardous Activities and Industries List (HAIL). It is a compilation of activities and industries that are considered likely to cause land contamination resulting from hazardous substance use, storage or disposal.

Council and the community need to be able to identify HAIL sites to know where to apply the National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health (NESCS).

Council's database includes all the areas of Nelson where our information shows that HAIL activities are taking or have taken place. Research has been done using historical photos, trade directories and property information to establish which areas of land in Nelson could be at risk of contamination. For example, if the land was once an orchard and chemical sprays were used, or perhaps it was a farm that had a sheep dip or a fuel tank, there is a risk of soil contamination.

This information was shared with landowners, many of whom gave feedback based on their own knowledge or research and following more investigation, Council has now finalised the database. The Council will continue to manage and update the database with new information as it is received over time.

You can check if a property is included on the HAIL Site Database using the searchable map on the Council website – just search on HAIL to find it. Information about the HAIL status of a property is also included on LIM and PIM notes for the property.

Even if contamination is present, the effect that has on how the land can be used may only be minimal. This will vary from property to property, so if you have an enquiry about a specific property please contact Council on 546 0200 or email [enquiry@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:enquiry@ncc.govt.nz).

[nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz) Search = HAIL



## Mayor's message



Next week, Nelson City Council's Summer in Nelson programme will be distributed to households, with a full line up of outdoor events in scenic locations for young and old to enjoy.

I encourage you all to invite your extended family and friends to stay in our spectacular part of New Zealand these holidays for what is set to be an outstanding summer.

The programme has something in it for everyone and opens with the magical Lantern Celebration up the Centre of New Zealand on the evening of Saturday 13 December. Other highlights include Summer Movies in our beautiful parks and reserves, the New Year's Eve celebration in Trafalgar Street, the incredibly popular Teddy Bears' Picnic and Nelson Buskers Festival.

Of course, this summer we are also thrilled to be hosting three matches in the ICC 2015 Cricket World Cup, with a number of events planned off the field as part of the Festival of Cricket.

Starting on Saturday 14 February, the Festival is a chance for Nelson to make the most of being a host city by ensuring our national and international visitors have a once in a lifetime experience while they're here.

This Council is committed to supporting a wide range of events, to ensure our tourism, retail and hospitality sectors reap the full benefits of doing business in a vibrant and popular visitor destination. Free Wi-Fi and an hour of free parking in the city makes it even more attractive for people to spend time here this summer.

Not only do public events create tangible economic benefits for the city, they also offer social and recreational spin offs, by giving our community the chance to come together in a positive and enjoyable way.

I hope you get the chance to attend at least a couple of the outdoor events that we are renowned for this festive and holiday season.

Enjoy!

Rachel Reese

## Community Youth Volunteer Awards

### Alexander Webber

A student at Nelson College, Alex has been a member of the Nelson Volunteer Fire Brigade since August 2013. Not only does Alex take part in training every week, he also attends call outs with the team. Alex has helped out in all sorts of emergency situations, from rescues and medical calls to house fires, forest fires and even chemical spills. He is also part of the Fire Brigade crew present at public events, such as the Anzac Dawn Service and Santa Parade, and has undertaken NZQA training on everything from emergency first aid to fire suppression. Alongside his school commitments, Alex gives up an extraordinary amount of time to help others when they need it most.



### Carla Lindley

Alongside her studies at Nayland College, Carla has been a Nelson Youth Councillor for the last three years, dedicating an extraordinary amount of time and making an extremely valuable contribution to our city. She is exceptionally dedicated to her role, volunteering to support her peers and community in any way she can. Carla attends a wide range of community meetings and events to represent the youth view, has coordinated several submissions to local and central government and has run training and mentoring sessions for new Youth Councillors. Carla often goes above and beyond her youth advocate role, helping to develop Nelson's sister city relationships with China and working tirelessly to enrol youth and first time voters in the 2014 election.



Nelson City Council annually sponsors the Community Youth Volunteer Award at each Nelson high school. The award is presented at prize giving and is to acknowledge the voluntary contribution a student has made to the community within the last 12 months, as identified by each school, and judged by a panel. The award consists of a \$50 voucher, a certificate from the Mayor and a trophy.

## Work underway on Sanctuary fence

Construction is underway on the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Trust's pest-proof fence in the upper Brook Stream (Waimarama) valley and surrounding ridges.

The first phase of the project—earth and tree work—began in the middle of October with Taylors Contracting.

The Taylors team is working closely with Nelson City Council and the Trust to ensure minimal disruption to the ecosystem. Trees are being limbed before the digger arrives to protect trees from breakage. The route is being carefully selected to protect as many large, old trees as possible and to minimise the amount of earthworks required.

### Track closures

To ensure public safety while the work goes on some public tracks are being temporarily closed on a rolling basis.

The temporary closures will be between 7am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

All tracks will be open with unrestricted access outside of these times, and on weekends and public holidays.

The Dun Mountain Track will be closed from Four Corners to Third House from 24 November 2014 until 15 March 2015. The track will reopen for the Christmas break, 20 December 2014 to 11 January 2015.

The Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Trust thanks the community for the great support for the project, and for your understanding, patience and cooperation with all posted signage while the work goes on.

Any enquiries regarding the project should be directed to the Trust in the first instance: 546 2422 or visit:

[brooksanctuary.org](http://brooksanctuary.org)

## Believe it or not – it's time to buy winter wood!

To avoid running out of dry firewood next winter, now is the time to buy. Even green and unseasoned wood purchased before Christmas, and stored in a dry and airy place will assure the supply of dry and seasoned firewood for winter burning.

### Here are a few 'Good Wood' tips:

- Plan ahead, order your firewood early – keep an eye out for Good Wood suppliers offering discounts during October to December this year.
- Make sure you have a good place to stack the firewood – on concrete or pallets and in a well ventilated shed, or against a sunny wall is ideal.

- Stack the wood loosely off the ground in a criss-cross pattern to let air circulate around it – if your stack is in the open, don't cover it completely with a tarpaulin, lay plastic only on the top of the stack.
- Dry firewood burns hotter and longer.

The 'Buy Now' campaign is supported by Good Wood suppliers who offer discounts from now until Christmas, to help us to buy now and burn cleaner later. Plus buying a load now, a load in January, and one more in March helps spread the cost too.

### Contact your local Good Wood Supplier:

- A Miller & Sons (03) 547 6850
- Bay Firewood (03) 525 9560 or 027 769 6348
- Mickey Rat Firewood (03) 542 3922 or 027 334 4291
- Richmond Wood and Coal (03) 544 6473
- Riwaka Valley Firewood (03) 528 9878
- Russ Firewood (03) 544 5151 or 027 450 0619
- The Wright Firewood Company (03) 544 4350 or 027 443 4909

# FROM THE COUNCIL TABLE

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

## Councillor's Comment – Luke Acland



Tomorrow the Wood Burner Working Party will report back to the Planning and Regulatory Committee on its review of the Nelson Air Quality Plan. I chaired the working party and am taking this opportunity to offer my own thoughts on this topic.

First, Council must comply with the Government's regulations so Council's control of this area is limited. One of those is the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Air Quality) Regulations 2004 (known as NESAQ).

The NESAQ lays down 'ambient air quality standards' for New Zealand. It allows a certain level of pollution. All regional councils must comply with the NESAQ by 2020. Nelson is working towards this through our air quality plan.

Now that we've got our plan we can't amend it to be more lenient than the NESAQ's standards. That would be unlawful. So the goal is to work out what Council can do within the NESAQ standards.

Second, the air quality plan and air quality regulations address pollution not cold homes. But undoubtedly cold homes are linked to the wood burner issue. People have said to me the rules are bad. Without a wood burner or open fire they can't heat their home. I am concerned about this. Cold homes contribute to poor health and people are struggling with rising costs and fewer options.

In my view, the Beehive needs to give regions that have met the air quality standards some support by providing incentives for homeowners and landlords to upgrade cold homes. For good health we need clean air and warm homes. They're not mutually exclusive. And Council can only do so much.

[nel.so/n/cac](http://nel.so/n/cac)

## How did we go?

The Annual Report, which covers Council's financial and service performance over the last year, is out now.

Looking back to July 2013, the report covers what Council achieved, as well as what was budgeted and actually spent over the financial year.

You can look at a copy of the 2013/14 Annual Report at Civic House, at any Nelson Public Library or online at [nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz), search phrase = annual report 2013/14.

If you would prefer to read a smaller overview document, a summary of the Annual Report will be available soon from the same outlets.

[nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz) Search = annual report 2013/14

## Inner City Noise

Council has resolved to make plan change 16 (Inner City Noise) operative from 1 December 2014.

The Inner City Noise Plan Change aims to revise the inner city noise standards to provide a more effective and enforceable way to manage inner city noise, while still allowing bars and entertainment activities, and residential activity to occur in the city.

The approach recognises that both those producing and receiving noise in the Inner City Zone have a responsibility for its management.

To find out more, please visit [nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz), search phrase = plan change 16, or contact the Planning Adviser on 03 546 0295.

[nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz) Search = plan change 16

## Hanging baskets planted

In just one week last month, 150 volunteers from the community helped Nelmac Nursery staff to create 850 hanging baskets for Nelson city.

The planted baskets will stay at the Nelmac nursery to grow until the first week in December, when they will be hung out along our city's streets to coincide with the annual Santa Parade. The baskets will stay in place until Easter, or until the weather allows.

The plants used to create the eye-catching baskets are petunias, impatiens, lobelia and begonias. It takes 21 plants and a compressed sphagnum basket liner to make up each 400mm wire basket.

A big thank you to all the members of the community who volunteered their time to contribute to this colourful project.



## Meetings

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

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|----------------------------------------|--------------------|--------|
| Works and Infrastructure Committee     | 9am                | 27 Nov |
| Planning and Regulatory Committee      | 1pm                | 27 Nov |
| Council meeting                        | 9am                | 28 Nov |
| Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit | 9am in Ruma Mārama | 28 Nov |
| Community Services Committee           | 9am                | 4 Dec  |
| Governance Committee                   | 1pm                | 4 Dec  |
| Regional Transport Committee           | 1pm                | 5 Dec  |
| Joint Committee                        | 9am                | 17 Dec |
| Council meeting                        | 9am                | 18 Dec |

### Changes to meetings

Joint Shareholders Committee - previously advertised as 9am 17 December  
1pm in Ruma Mārama 28 Nov

Civil Defence Emergency Management Group - previously advertised to follow Joint Shareholders Committee  
to follow Joint Committee  
17 Dec

### 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](http://nelson.govt.nz).



## Look who's coming to town

Nelson City Council is proud to support the Nelson Santa Parade and Carnival, which returns on Sunday 7 December from 1pm.

The Nelson City Santa Parade and Christmas Carnivale at Trafalgar Park has now become a afternoon's event offering entertainment, food and fun for families and a chance to celebrate and connect with neighbours and friends.

### An improved parade route, shorter and sweeter

The Parade will start this year as per tradition from the bottom of the Church Steps, head down Trafalgar Street and finish at Trafalgar Park where the Christmas Carnivale will provide a chance to meet Santa Claus and entertainment and refreshments for all ages.

Go along and be part of the festive, family fun.

For more information and ways to get involved on the day, go to the website:

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

## Reading under the library Christmas Tree

Come and spend a Christmas evening with us under our Christmas tree, from 6.15pm Thursday 11 December.

Julie Saraswati, who usually sings to us in our libraries to celebrate Christmas, will be playing her harp and singing on the evening.

We will learn how to make Christmas cards and non-alcoholic Christmas drinks.

Come and chat to us about what you recommend for holiday

reading – and we will share our ideas with you – and read some of our Christmas favourites.

Dress up for a nostalgic Christmas evening if you want – prize for best dressed.

Look out for our advent quiz, counting down from December 1!



Nelson Public Libraries congratulates the winners of the short story competition *Nelson at War*. From left: Darryl Ware, Kat Bailey, judge Adrienne Frater and Don Young.

## WW100 Short Story Winners

As part of the WW100 commemorations, Nelson Public Libraries, Tasman District Libraries and Page & Blackmore Booksellers held a short story competition *Nelson at War*.

The competition judge, local author Adrienne Frater, announced the winners to authors of the 10 stories that had been shortlisted at celebrations at Page & Blackmore's last month.

The winning story was *Unravelling Pa* by Kat Bailey, second place went to *The Hero* by Don Young and third place to *Day One* by Darryl Ware.

Adrienne said all the 10 shortlisted stories were well researched and well written and she had enjoyed judging the competition.

*Unravelling Pa* was broadcast on FreshFM in November and is available as a podcast from the FreshFM website [freshfm.net](http://freshfm.net). The story will also be published in the December issue of *Mudcakes & Roses*.

All 10 short-listed stories will be published on the e-book site Overdrive before the end of the year.

Congratulations to all who entered, to the 10 short-listed authors, and to the three prize winners!

## What's on – at a Council venue near you



### Founders Heritage Park

SASH Nelson, 30th Anniversary:  
Live music, auctions, food and cash bar,  
29 November, 7-11pm

Digital Photography for Beginners,  
30 November and 7 December, 9am-12pm

### Broadgreen Historic House

7 days, 10.30am-4.30pm  
A Victorian Christmas: The house will be  
decorated for Christmas 1855 style,  
15 November – 11 January

### Isele House

Tuesday – Sunday, 11am-4pm

Further Afield - Stoke's WW1 soldiers:  
Admission by gold coin

### Saxton Field Sports Complex

Black Sticks Men vs Canada Hockey Tests:  
9-10 December, 6.30pm

## 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

The Last Picture Show:  
Until 29 Nov

## Nelson Public Libraries

### Elma Turner Library

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)

### Free Computer Classes

(Registrations essential)

- Introduction to Social Media:  
27 November, 10am-12pm
- Home Finances: 2 December,  
1-2.45pm
- TradeMe: 4 December,  
10am-12pm

### Community Corner

- Device Advice: Tuesdays 10-11am,  
Thursdays 2-3pm
- Justices of the Peace: Saturdays  
10am-12pm

### 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 their  
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

**International Hockey - The Blacksticks Men vs Canada:**  
9-10 December, 6.30pm, Nelson Hockey Complex, Saxton Field.  
It's the first time a New Zealand men's team has played in Nelson  
for more than 60 years! Nelson will host the first two tests of the  
series against Canada, before the teams head to Christchurch.

So come along, bring the family and watch the best hockey players  
from New Zealand and Canada battle it out PLUS get player  
autographs after the game!

Tickets are cheaper online than at the gate, with discounted family  
passes available. Under 5's FREE.