



Urban water restrictions lifted

Recent rainfall has enabled us to lift the water restrictions that were in place but please remember to always use water wisely.



Nelson City Council wishes you a safe, happy and fun Christmas and New Year holiday.



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Boogie into the new year in Trafalgar Square



Soul and funk band AhoriBuzz is the headline act for the New Year's Eve event at the top of Trafalgar Street.

Trafalgar Square's popular New Year's Eve Countdown promises the perfect way to see in the New Year, with an inspiring line up of local and national acts to keep everyone entertained.

The family-friendly event gets underway in upper Trafalgar Street from 8pm on Wednesday 31 December, and is free entry for locals and visitors.

Trafalgar Square Countdown is presented by Nelson City Council as part of its *Summer in Nelson* programme. This year's line up includes four energetic bands that cover a wide spectrum of rock, swing, funk and soul, plus street entertainment.

Party goers are asked to respect the fact this is a community event and there is an alcohol ban in the CBD. Drinking is permitted only on licensed premises.

Council is working closely with Nelson Police and other services including St Johns, HYPE and private security to ensure people can enjoy themselves in a fun, friendly and safe environment.

People are encouraged to come into the city early for a cafe dinner and enjoy the festive New Year's Eve atmosphere in Trafalgar Square.

Trafalgar Square Countdown New Year's Eve line up:

- *Fire Without Permit* – a young local band of five reborn out of the 2014 RockQuest's runners up and original line up (8pm–8.30pm).

- *Hot Pompe* – an acoustic swing band made up of a sizzling collective of some of Nelson's musical legends (8.40pm–9.40pm).
- *The Lizard Kings* – a six member band (five musicians and a visual technician), which will give us an experience of The Doors (9.50pm–10.50pm).
- *AhoriBuzz* – the headline act, who present us with a mix of hori, funk and soul and wowed the crowd at last year's Nelson Arts Festival with their captivating live performance (11pm–12.30am).

Other Summer in Nelson event highlights include:

- *Summer Movies Al Fresco* – classic movies in picturesque parks and reserves across the region from 6–25 January. Cost \$1 children; \$2 adult.
- *Teddy Bears' Picnic* – this popular picnic will be held on Sunday 11 January and feature a fun and busy few hours of entertainment for the kids – and their teddies.
- *Nelson Buskers Festival* – international buskers entertain crowds at the top of Trafalgar Street and Fairfield Park for several hours, from 29 January to 1 February.



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'The Adam' is coming to town

It happens every two years and is eagerly awaited by music lovers from New York to Nelson. The Adam Chamber Music Festival draws around 70 percent of its audience from out of town – but that doesn't mean there isn't something in it for you.

Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese says the Council is a significant funder of the festival, contributing a \$70,000 grant through the Economic Development Agency's (EDA) event promotion funding.

"The Adam Festival positions Nelson as a city capable of drawing an international audience to a world class event. It attracts high-end visitors who typically book for the whole festival, giving the EDA one of the best returns on investment for any of the events they sponsor," she says.

"We're proud to support an event that

brought in \$2.3 million to the local economy in 2013. What's more 'the Adam' gives locals opportunities to hear fabulous music in our lovely heritage venues or to catch one of the free events."

Tickets are being snapped up for the big evening concerts at the Cathedral and at Old St Johns, featuring guests such as New York's *Ying Quartet* and Australia's *Song Company*, but there is also a programme of free events that includes a kids' concert, master-classes, meet the artists sessions and performances from the *Troubadours* who will be popping

up in venues around the city.

"The lunchtime concerts at Old St Johns are also very affordable," says Festival Manager Bob Bickerton. "That's a great opportunity for people to have a 'taster' of some of our international guests for prices as low as \$10, which is amazing for this kind of experience."

The Adam Chamber Music Festival runs from 29 January to 7 February 2015. For more information or to book visit:

music.org.nz

New arrivals at Natureland

The Natureland team is proud to announce their newest arrivals, the Pygmy Marmosets, the smallest and maybe cutest monkeys in the world.

The Marmosets' tiny size means they can reach little branches that are off limits to all other monkeys, but don't be fooled, they can jump several metres!

Over the last year there have been lots of exciting developments at Natureland, including the arrival of baby yaks, llamas and a new chinchilla exhibit.

The new Marmoset enclosure, which was officially opened by Mayor Reese on 23 December, is the first major new exhibit for five years and really showcases the whole new lease of life Natureland has taken on. Check out their enclosure mates too, the Agoutis, a small South American rodent with a big personality that loves to run around cleaning up after the messy monkeys.

Open every day this summer except Christmas Day, head down and get up close and personal with all of the residents at Natureland over the holidays. To find out more visit their new website.



Marmoset

Agouti

natureland.nz

Corder Park detour from mid January

From mid January there will be a detour in place for pedestrians and cyclists using Corder Park. This is when work will begin 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 work site will be fenced off and a detour for the shared path users will be signposted. The work will be done by Downer (NZ) Ltd and

take around 12 months to complete.

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.



Do the right thing with your dog

In summer there are lots more people out and about enjoying our beautiful city. That means it is even more important to do the right things with your dog so everyone can enjoy themselves.

Clean up after your dog

Owners are obliged to collect and dispose of their doggy do. Council has nine doggy do bag dispensers in popular dog walking areas. However, if there isn't one nearby, make sure you have your own bag ready.

Know the rules

Be aware of the areas where you need to keep

your dog on a lead. For instance dogs should be on a lead on all public footpaths and other public areas in the CBD and the suburban commercial areas of Tahunanui and Stoke, as well as all Council sports grounds when games or training sessions are occurring.

There are also some areas where dogs are prohibited altogether and other areas where they can enjoy the freedom of exercising off the lead. You can see the full list on the website, nelson.govt.nz, search phrase = dogs.

nelson.govt.nz

Search = dogs

New life for Isel's wind damaged trees

Just in time for the holiday season, a large outdoor table and bench seats have been installed in Isel Park. The table is about 7 metres long, perfect for those big family events, and will be available for the public to use from Christmas Eve, once the turf has established.

The table and seats have been made from heritage tree timber sourced from Isel Park and surrounding areas. The trees were blown down in the July 2008 wind storm, and the timber has been drying in storage at Saxton Field awaiting an appropriate use.

Timber from the torrey pine (*pinus torreyana*) that stood next to where the picnic table is being installed, to the side of the main lawn, has been used to create the striking table. The seats are made from redwood (the tree from The Ridgeway cherry lawn).

The bricks surrounding the base pad are from the chimneys that were removed from Melrose House and the tiles were used to reflect the stone work on the front of Isel House.



Council staff trial the new table with a Christmas picnic tea.

Christmas fun at Broadgreen

There's plenty of festive fun to be had at Broadgreen House over the holiday season.

Discover the many treasures of this beautiful old home and see what the season's celebrations would have been like in Victorian times, with the special Christmas exhibition, on until 11 January 2015.

Helping to bring Christmas in the 1850s alive are two young history students. Working alongside the regular team of dedicated volunteers, the girls have been employed to help with guiding and promotion at Broadgreen over the Christmas period, thanks to funding from Nelson City Council and a grant from the Canterbury Community Trust.

Don't miss your opportunity to see this grand old home in all her festive glory! Open daily 10.30am–4.30pm, closed Christmas day.

broadgreenhouse.co.nz



Council news via email



In 2015 we'll be offering Nelson City Council news via email for those who'd like regular snippets on top of the usual updates in print with Live Nelson.

Just go to the Nelson City Council Facebook page and complete the quick and easy sign up process.

facebook.com/nelsoncitycouncil

Mayor's Christmas message

As we near the end of 2014, it's time to look forward to a restful break with family and friends, and take the time to reflect on the year that has been.



It has been a productive year for Nelson City Council and I'm pleased with what's been achieved by our team of elected members and staff in the first full calendar year of this term of Council. Early on we made a deliberate decision to finish jobs that had been started and to engage early with the community on new ideas.

The Maitai River has received some well deserved attention by Council this year. We confirmed our commitment to the Maitai Walkway project, now almost complete and successfully activating a previously underappreciated stretch of river. The third and final stage of the Maitai Duplicate Pipeline to protect and future-proof our water supply was completed. Together with the community, Iwi and key agencies, we have also made progress improving the health of the river through Project Maitai/Mahitahi.

Creating successful partnerships within the community is vital to our success. Our engagement with Stoke residents on what they want for their suburb in the future, in particular the development of a multi-use community centre, is a great example of connecting early with the community to ensure we deliver the very best result.

We are doing the same with the Long Term Plan and have already engaged with many key groups about what is important to them. Early next year I'm looking forward to going out to the wider public to find out what you think Council should be focussing on for the next ten years. This is your chance to shape Nelson's future and I encourage you all to make your voice heard when this consultation process starts in March.

I'm incredibly proud of how the community competed in Gigatown to reach the finals. We now have a strong foundation to help us shape our city's digital

transformation. From grass roots community volunteers through to business leaders we demonstrated the connected and creative spirit that thrives in our region.

With 2015 fast approaching, I'm looking forward to promoting our city and region starting in January, when we showcase Nelson to visitors and the rest of the world during ICC Cricket World Cup 2015.

There will be significant economic opportunities resulting from our growing relationship with China, with some promising developments to be advanced.

Progress on the Trafalgar Centre Redevelopment is going well and I look forward to receiving concept plans early in the New Year with the start of construction to follow. Every effort is being made to reopen a safe, modern and completed centre early in 2016.

Make sure you take advantage of all that's on offer over the next few summer months. With a huge choice of outdoor events in the Council's Summer in Nelson programme, the Festival of Cricket as well as our world class Adam Chamber Music Festival, there's certainly something for everyone.

My message to you is to make sure our visitors are given the best possible experience while they're here. Share your secret haunts and favourite destinations so they are given a very special Nelson experience.

On a personal note, I've had the privilege this year to meet with a wide range of people in the community who are working hard to make a positive difference to Nelson's future. Thank you sincerely for the work you all do to make Nelson an even better place.

I wish you all the very best for the festive season, and a happy and safe new year.





Mayor Rachel Reese with (left to right): Deputy Director of Huangshi Foreign Affairs Office, Ms Xu Yuanping; Secretary General of Huangshi CPC Party Committee, Mr Deng Xinhua; Mayor of Tieshan District, Huangshi, Ms Xu Li; Chairman of Huangshi Dongbei M&E Group Co Ltd, Mr Yang Baichang.

Huangshi delegation builds Sister City links

The longstanding Sister City relationship between Nelson and Huangshi (pronounced Hwong-shir), in Hubei (Hoo-bay) Province, in the People's Republic of China, was further strengthened last week as our city welcomed a delegation of nine from Huangshi.

Mayor Rachel Reese led a welcome ceremony in the Council Chamber for the group on Monday 15 December. The diverse delegation, made up of representatives from local government, education, business and international trade was in Nelson for a packed two-day visit.

The delegation was led by Mr Deng Xinhua, Secretary General of Huangshi CPC Party Committee, and included prominent members of the Huangshi international business community, following up on potential joint venture and trade opportunities in Nelson. Other delegates included Ms Xu Li, Mayor of Tieshan District, Huangshi and Ms Xu Yuanping, Deputy Director of Huangshi Foreign Affairs Office, plus representatives of Hubei Polytechnic University.

As well as meeting with business connections, the party also visited NMIT, the Cawthron Institute and a local dairy farm.

Mayor Rachel Reese believes there is significant potential to grow joint trade and business ventures between Nelson and Huangshi, as well as numerous opportunities for shared learning and development.

"As Mayor of Nelson, I am very proud of our close and enduring connection with Huangshi. Next year marks the 20th anniversary of the signing of our Sister City agreement. Since then there have been over 20 educational, medical, cultural, business, sporting, and municipal exchanges between our cities and, on behalf of Nelson, I would like to thank the people of Huangshi

for their friendship and hospitality throughout.

"I hope that our Sister City relationship will continue to evolve and bring many mutual benefits, particularly within the areas of education, business, green technology, environmental protection and tourism.

"It is very pleasing to hear that the recent agreement between NMIT and Hubei Polytechnic University, to offer shared courses, is proving successful, with the first Huangshi students already studying in Nelson."

Bill Findlater from Nelson Regional Economic Development Agency, who helped to host the delegation alongside members of the local New Zealand-China Friendship Society, says Nelson's strong relationship with Huangshi is extremely important for local businesses wishing to access the Chinese market.

"Huangshi is centrally located in China, with excellent national and international transport links. The city's economy is developing at a phenomenal rate and the strong links that continue to develop between our two regions will stand Nelson businesses in good stead to benefit from close collaboration and shared opportunities."

Mr Deng thanked Nelson for the warm welcome and echoed Mayor Reese's positive outlook. He predicted a "bright shared future" with numerous opportunities for further collaboration and exchanges, especially in education, business, environmental protection and agriculture.

Urban environments bylaw – have your say

Nelson City Council proposes to consolidate seven of its bylaws. The draft Urban Environments Bylaw incorporates provisions currently included in the following bylaws:

1. Miscellaneous Matters Bylaw 2008 (No. 215)
2. Numbering of Buildings Bylaw 2009 (No. 219)
3. Trading in Public Places Bylaw 2007 (No. 213)
4. Advertising of Commercial Sexual Services Bylaw 2011 (No. 208)
5. Control of Drinking in Public Places Bylaw 2009 (No. 206)
6. Reserves Bylaw 2014 (No. 222)
7. Burial and Cremation Bylaw 2008 (No. 216).

Anything included in the draft bylaw can be changed as a result of the consultation process. Feedback on all of the provisions in the bylaw are welcome, and will be considered by the Council, regardless of whether or not the Council is proposing a change or a continuation of an existing provision. The most significant changes to the existing bylaw provisions are outlined below.

Most significant changes in the proposal

Council proposes to:

- Require poultry houses to be set back five metres from neighbours' houses
- Make it clearer that begging is prohibited
- Require all sandwich boards to be placed beside the kerb, and not allow sandwich boards to have flashing illumination
- Prohibit washing of vehicles in public places where it might cause a nuisance or cause an obstruction to traffic
- Provide the ability to gain a permit for low risk activities involving limited amounts of alcohol in areas where alcohol is banned (for example after a wedding in Queens Gardens)
- Consider the areas in which alcohol bans apply in public places.

For more information

The Statement of Proposal (including the draft bylaw) is available to view or download from the Nelson City Council website, nelson.govt.nz, search phrase = draft Urban Environments Bylaw. Hard copies of the Statement of Proposal are also available free of charge from the customer service centre at Civic House, and on request.

Submissions

Anyone is welcome to make a submission by **4pm on Monday, 23 February 2015**. Submissions can also be sent in letter or email form and should be:

Posted to: Urban Environments Bylaw Consultation
Nelson City Council
PO Box 645
Nelson 7040

Or emailed to: submissions@ncc.govt.nz

Please state in your submission whether or not you wish to speak at a hearing in support of your submission.

For any enquiries please contact Jane Loughnan, on telephone 546 0257 or by email to jane.loughnan@ncc.govt.nz.



nelson.govt.nz

Search = draft Urban Environments Bylaw

Community Youth Volunteer Award

Paige Thomas

A student at Garin College, Paige has been actively involved in the Ministry of Inspiration initiative, which supports young people in their academic learning, implementing educational extension strategies for gifted and talented youth and delivering innovation programmes out to all school age children in the Nelson Tasman region. Paige has presented workshops, which attracted more than 500 students from across the region, and organised a very successful youth computer science camp. Her enthusiasm, patience and ability to articulate complex information has impressed everyone. Paige has donated an incredible amount of time to these community events, often working completely under her own initiative. Thank you Paige!



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.

Parking time limits in Tahunanui

With the busy summer period upon us, it's worth noting that parking time limits have changed in the Tahunanui shopping area. The changes to be aware of are as follows:

- The time limit for parking on SH6 Tahunanui Drive between the intersections with Bisley Ave and Muritai St has increased to 90 minutes
- A parking time limit of 90 minutes has been introduced on the northwest kerb of Muritai St outside property numbers 2 and 8
- A parking time limit of 90 minutes has been introduced in front of property number 37 Tahunanui Drive (the Bel-Aire Tavern)
- The current 30 minute limit outside property numbers 8 and 10 Tahunanui Drive (the Hot Rock Gourmet Pizza Pasta Bar and the Ploughman's Bakery) has been changed to 10 minutes between 8am and 4pm and 90 minutes at all other times.

Please make sure you check the signage when you are choosing where to park in Tahunanui.

Joint landfill proposal to go ahead

Council has approved an amended proposal to receive waste from Tasman and Buller at the York Valley Landfill from a date to be agreed next year.

The proposal outlined why a regional landfill is the most cost effective option for both Nelson and Tasman councils. It enables waste disposal to be managed more efficiently due to economies of scale, which will financially benefit both communities.

In a change from the original proposal, Nelson City Council will be asking Tasman to agree to provide a reciprocal arrangement to receive waste from Nelson at Eves Valley (or an alternative site) on the same terms as Nelson is offering Tasman at some point in the future.

To alleviate submitters' concerns about truck numbers, Tasman District Council will be changing to closed bins for transporting the waste. Closed bins allow greater compaction and will reduce truck movements.



This change will take place after October 2015. However this change will not apply to waste from Buller.

Another concern raised in submissions was regarding the surcharging of wastewater at the Caltex garage, which the submitter thought was related to leachate from the landfill. Investigations have found it is related to an undersized sewer pipe between the garage and Waimea Road. An upgrade was scheduled to be completed as part of the York Stream upgrade next financial year. However, officers are bringing the renewal forward for this part of the work – to alleviate immediate surcharging at the Caltex garage and address these concerns.

The two councils will continue to work together in 2015 to see if more can be done to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of solid waste management activities.

New roading projects to improve safety

The Regional Transport Committee has decided to add two new safety focussed projects to the current 2012–15 Regional Land Transport Programme. These projects will be funded solely by the New Zealand Transport Agency.

One project proposes to install 2.1km of wire rope safety barrier between the walking and cycling path and Whakatu Drive from Orchard Creek up to the underpass to the ASB Aquatic Centre. A recent report evaluating the social and economic impacts of the Tasman Great Taste Trail highlighted feedback from users that the section between the Honest Lawyer and Richmond was too narrow and too close to the motorway.

The other project is to widen the SH6 Gentle Annie passing lanes north of Nelson to provide a 1.5m sealed shoulder for vulnerable road users and barriers where necessary to prevent

run-off accidents on the northern side of the saddle.

Regional Transport Committee Chair Councillor Eric Davy says "The Committee was keen to include both these projects in the current programme. They both offer some valuable safety gains, which will benefit road users in these busy areas."

Acting Nelson Highways Manager Mark Owen says the Transport Agency is thrilled that the Regional Transport Committee has greenlit two additional safety projects.

"Every safety improvement makes a difference, and every death or serious injury prevented is a human tragedy averted."

Another step forward for proposed Stoke community centre

Council has appointed Nelson based Onus Construction Management Limited as the project manager for the proposed Stoke community centre. Onus will oversee the development of concept plans for the new facility, coordinating expert architectural, urban design, transport and geotechnical input as required.

Council is currently inviting expressions of interest from architects and will go out to tender in mid January. For more details see nelson.govt.nz, search phrase = contracts and tenders.

Deputy Mayor Paul Matheson says Council will continue to work with the people of Stoke to produce a concept design that will meet the needs identified and is affordable.

"Onus will deliver initial concept plans to Council by April 2015, so that appropriate funding can be allocated and the project considered, in partnership with the community, as part of next year's Long Term Plan process."

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City Centre pedestrian counts

You may have noticed people around the city centre with clipboards in early December. They were counting pedestrians as people on the street are a great indication of city centre vitality.

Pedestrian counts have been carried out in the past but this latest round of counting was restarted in winter this year and will be carried out in the winter and summer of each year from now on.

Over time this will show changes in the number of people on different streets of our city, including the time of day and directions people are moving. The information obtained will help with future planning of the city centre, guide where to target physical projects, and assist in monitoring the ongoing health of our city and success of efforts to improve this.

As an example, the summer count showed that on Thursday 4 December between 9am and 1pm, 695 people walked along Bank Lane between Trafalgar Street and Montgomery Square, while two days later when the market was on 3798 people walked the same way. This a clear demonstration of the numbers of people entering the market from Trafalgar Street and therefore the importance of both the market and of this route.

The locations where pedestrians are counted are shown on the map below and the dates surveyed are the first Thursday and Saturday of July and December each year. The summer dates of early December have been chosen to coincide with the same dates that the parking surveys are traditionally undertaken.



Vellamo Finnish folk duo

Ethereal Finnish folk pop with gorgeous vocals and memorable melodic hooks.



Photo by Sami Koski-Vahala

The folk duo has been performing in Europe since 2008 and are coming to New Zealand for the first time in the new year. Pia Leinonen on lead vocals and Joni Tiala on several stringed instruments, are based in Vaasa on the West Coast of Finland. Their band name *Vellamo* is from Finnish mythology meaning 'goddess of the sea'.

The music they write and perform is influenced by melancholy Slavic music, cheerful Scandinavian dance music and poetic 5/4 time lyrical structures in their national folklore.

Vellamo combines the rich tradition of Finnish folksong with an appealing 'retro' sensibility, recalling the likes of Judy Collins or Richard and Mimi Fariña, creating an exotic and magical acoustic experience. Pia and Joni have even been known to sneak in a "Vellamo-ized" Jethro Tull song now and then just to shake things up! A visit to the world of *Vellamo* is an enchanting, educational and unforgettable musical journey.

Event details:

Venue: Elma Turner Library
Date: Thursday 15 January
Time: 12.30pm
Cost: Free

vellamoband.wordpress.com

facebook.com/vellamoband

Beachfest

There will be more reason to continue the festive celebrations this holiday season, as Beachfest drops live music, interactive activities, games and more onto the Tahunanui Sports field on Saturday 27 December, between 4–10pm.

Acoustic sets from *Liam Fitzco*, *Jacob King* and *The Tava Sisters* will open proceedings, and as the sun sets *Paper Scissors*, *Paper City* and *The Dions* take to the stage for what promises to be high energy sets from these local bands. Local youth DJs *Kayis*, *Helbronn Le* and *Forseti* will round out the night, with foot stomping, crowd pleasing beats.

"Live music is a powerful tool to bring together people from varying backgrounds and social circles to share experiences and make new connections. While the events are targeted at 15–18 year olds, given the open-air nature of the events and the awesome line up of local talent, we are aware these events may attract a wider audience," says YMCA Youth Services Manager Sally Wood.

Complementing the live



music will be a heap of interactive activities including the Truck's Freshpark Skatepark, Blast Entertainment's Sumo Wrestling and Gladiator Jousting and the ZM Foam Zone.

People are encouraged to dig out their best Hawaiian beach themed attire, to be in to win some sweet spot prizes from the ZM Black Thunder.

The event is strictly alcohol and other drug free, with security and HYPE Street Ambassadors on site to ensure young people are safe and able to enjoy themselves.

Fine settled weather is required to complete the line up, and should this not be the case, the event will be rescheduled to the following Sunday (28 December).

Look out for sharrows

As part of a national road marking trial, Nelson now has "sharrows" on some streets.

The sharrows (pictured below) feature a cycle symbol and directional chevrons (arrow heads). They are quite distinctive and have been used overseas to improve cyclist safety and promote better road sharing.

Look out for them on Tasman, Hardy, Brook Streets and Westbrooke Terrace.

Sharrow markings indicate a shared-lane environment

for cyclists and motorists. They help to position cyclists on the street, for better visibility and clear of hazards such as car doors. They can also be used to mark routes for cyclists to use.

So remember that when you see a sharrow it means that both cars and bikes need to share that section of road with patience and consideration for each other.



FROM THE COUNCIL TABLE

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

Councillor's Comment – Gaile Noonan



"Pay it forward" is described by Wikipedia as an expression for describing the beneficiary of a good deed repaying it to others instead of the original benefactor.

I saw the movie of the same name some years ago and the concept is one I agree with. People ask me on a regular basis

why I stood for Council last year and the concept of pay it forward is one of the reasons.

I was raised in a family connected to the community here in Nelson – I am from the Russ family and there are lots of us but we

were raised to contribute to our community. I started on committees as a teenager and have volunteered for lots of things over the years and its one of the ways to give back or "pay it forward".

So why am I sharing this with you? Because it's Christmas and it is a time for giving, but it doesn't have to be a physical gift; it can be your gift of time, which really is more precious because you can't get it back.

So this Christmas try to pay it forward. You may be surprised at what comes back.

Have a safe Christmas whatever you're doing and enjoy welcoming all the season's visitors to our lovely city.

nel.so/n/cac



Meetings

Council meetings for 2015 will commence in February. The latest meeting schedule is available on the Council's website nelson.govt.nz.

nelson.govt.nz

Search = meetings

Freshwater values for the Maitai Catchment

As you may be aware, Council is working hard with the community to improve the health of the Maitai River. As part of the aim to improve water quality, Council want to begin discussions with interested parties about freshwater values and management options for the Maitai Catchment early next year. Council contractors will be out over summer surveying recreational users to identify how the

river is valued as well priorities for improvements to water quality and the river setting generally. Roding River users will also be surveyed, as well as residents living along both rivers.

This information will inform the consent renewal for the city's water take from the Maitai and Roding Dams and be incorporated into the development of the Nelson Plan currently under review.

Temporary road closures

Carols by Candlelight

The following roads will be closed on Wednesday 24 December 2014, from 7.30 pm until 10.30 pm:

- Trafalgar Street, from Hardy Street to Selwyn Place
- Selwyn Place, from Trafalgar Square West to Trafalgar Square East

Selwyn Place and Trafalgar Street

The following roads will be closed from 5.00am Wednesday 31 December 2014 until noon Thursday 1 January 2015:

- Selwyn Place, from Trafalgar Square West to Trafalgar Square East
- Trafalgar Street, from Hardy Street to Selwyn Place

This closure is for the New Year's Eve Countdown event.

Nelson CBD and Parkers Road

The following roads will be closed from 5.00pm Wednesday 31 December 2014 until 6.00am Thursday 1 January 2015. The Parkers Road closure will start at

6.00pm on the Wednesday:

- Bridge Street, from Collingwood Street to Trafalgar Street
- Trafalgar Street, from Bridge Street to Hardy Street
- Buxton Square Car Park
- Hardy Street, from Morrison Street to Church Street
- Park Street
- Parkers Road, from Golf Road to the beach

These closures are for public safety during the New Year's Eve celebrations.

Brougham Street

The following road will be closed from 7am until 5pm on Thursday 1 January 2015:

- Brougham Street, from Rutherford Street to Trafalgar Street
- This closure is for the Nelson Jazz and Blues Festival.

Roads in the Port area

The following roads are to be closed from 4.00am until 6.00pm on Friday 2 January 2015:

- Wildman Avenue, from Vickerman Street to Port Nelson
- Low Street
- Carkeek Street
- Rogers Street
- Duncan Street
- Vickerman Street, from Wildman Avenue to the end by Sealord
- The Vickerman Street service road beside the Marina

This closure is for the Port Nelson motorcycle street races.

Top of Trafalgar Street

The following road will be closed from 11.30am until 2pm on Wednesday 28 January 2015:

- Trafalgar Street, from Hardy Street to Selwyn Place
- This closure is for the Tug of Peace, a charity event to raise awareness for Nelson Tasman Hospice.

Nelson City Council thanks everyone for their patience and understanding.



Summer at your library

Find out what is happening in our new look newsletter and events listing. Available at your library or online at:

nel.so/n/21

Longer holiday book loans

Customers of Nelson Public Libraries will notice a holiday gift when they take a look at book return slips.

Library books issued after 26 November will have an extended loan period over the Christmas break.

This means library customers won't have to rush away from family and friends during the festive season to get books back on time, but will have a few days' grace.

The extended loan period does not apply to DVDs, CDs, Interloans and three-day loans.

The normal loan period for books will resume for items issued from the first week of January.





Holiday hours

Civic House

Civic House will be closed from 3pm on 24 December and reopen on Monday 5 January. For emergencies please call 546 0200, which will be answered at all times.

Nelson Public Libraries

Closed on public holidays only (25–26 December and 1–2 January) at all branches. No other changes to usual opening hours. Please see nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz.

Broadgreen Historic House

Closed Christmas Day only. Open 10.30am to 4.30pm every other day.

Founders Heritage Park

Closed Christmas Day only. Open 10.00am to 4.30pm every other day.

Nayland Park Pool

Closed Christmas Day only. Otherwise open Monday–Friday, 9am–7pm; Saturday–Sunday, 8am–7pm and public holidays, 9am–7pm.

Riverside Pool and Fitness Centre	Pool	Fitness Centre
Thursday 25 December	Closed	Closed
Friday 26 December	8.30am–4.30pm	8.30am–4.00pm
Saturday 27–Wednesday 31	Normal Hours	Normal Hours
Thursday 1 January	8.30am–4.30pm	8.30am–4.00pm
Friday 2 January	8.30am–4.30pm	8.30am–4.00pm

NBus holiday timetable changes	NBus Services Between Nelson & Richmond	NBus Local Services (Brook, Atawhai, Victory, Washington Valley)
Thursday 25 December	No service	No service
Friday 26 December	Saturday Timetable	No service
Saturday 27–Wednesday 31	As usual	As usual
Thursday 1 January	No service	No service
Friday 2 January	Saturday Timetable	No service

Late Late Bus is running Friday and Saturday nights as per usual right through the holiday period but please note there is no Late Late Bus on New Year's Eve.

Holiday kerbside recycling and rubbish pick up

Thursday 25 December	Pickup Friday 26 December
Friday 26 December	Pick up Saturday 27 December
Thursday 1 January	Pick up Friday 2 January
Friday 2 January	Pick up Saturday 3 January

Please put your recyclables and refuse out at the kerbside by 8.00am

Pascoe Street Transfer Station

Thursday 25 December	Closed
Friday 26 December	10.00am – 4.30pm
Saturday 27 December	8.00am – 4.30pm
Sunday 28 December	10.00am – 4.30pm
Monday 29 December	8.00am – 4.30pm
Tuesday 30 December	8.00 am – 7.00pm
Wednesday 31 December	8.00am – 4.30pm
Thursday 1 January	Closed
Friday 2 January	10.00am – 4.30pm
Saturday 3 January	8.00am – 4.30pm
Sunday 4 January	10.00am – 4.30pm

York Valley Landfill

Thursday 25 December	Closed
Friday 26 December	10.00am – 2.00pm
<i>Open to transfer station and rubbish/compactor trucks only</i>	
Saturday 27 December	10.00am – 2.00pm
Sunday 28 December	Closed
Monday 29 December	8.00am – 4.30pm
Tuesday 30 December	8.00am – 4.30pm
Wednesday 31 December	8.00am – 4.30pm
Thursday 1 January	Closed
Friday 2 January	10.00am – 2.00pm
<i>Open to transfer station and rubbish/compactor trucks only</i>	
Saturday 3 January	10.00am – 2.00pm
Sunday 4 January	Closed
Monday 5 January	8.00am – 4.30pm

What's on – at a Council venue near you



Church Steps

Carols by Candlelight: On the Cathedral Steps, 24 December, 8.45pm

Trafalgar Square

New Year's Eve Trafalgar Square Countdown: 31 January, 8pm–12.30am
Street Beat: Hear the music of local performers at 1903 Square and roving theatre acts around the city, 8–10 and 15–17 January, 12.30–1.30pm Saturdays, 10.30–11.30am Sundays

Founders Heritage Park

Jazz on the Village Green: Katrina and the Swing Men, 11 January, 1.30–4pm; Bourbon Street Beat, 18 January, 1.30–4pm

Tahunanui Sports Field

Beachfest: Summertime live youth music gigs, activities and more, 27 December, 4–10pm

Art and Craft Fair: Around 100 stalls, food, refreshments and rides, 1 January, 9am–4pm

Tahunanui Beach

Get Beached Nelson: Every day for two weeks ZM will be at the beach with activities and giveaways, 26 December–10 January, 10am–4pm

Port Nelson

Port Nelson Street Races: 2 January, 10am–4pm

Stoke Memorial Hall

Nelson Classic and Vintage Motorcycle Show: 3–4 January, 9am–5pm (Saturday) 9am–4pm (Sunday)

Broadgreen Historic House

7 days, 10.30am–4.30pm (closed 25 December)

A Victorian Christmas: The house will be decorated for Christmas 1855 style, 15 November–11 January

Isel House

Tuesday–Sunday, 11am–4pm (closed 25 and 26 December, 1 and 2 January)
Further Afield – Stoke's WW1 soldiers: Admission by gold coin

Isel Park

Summer Movies Al Fresco:
• A Streetcar named Desire: 7 January, 9pm
• Little Women, 11 January, 9pm
• Mary Poppins, 15 January, 9pm
Nelson Mail Teddy Bears' Picnic: 11 January, 11am–1.30pm

Neale Park

Nelson Summer Kite Festival: 17–18 January, 12–5pm

Nelson Public Libraries

Elma Turner Library

BookChat: Second Tuesday of each month, 13 January, 10.30am

Stoke Library

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

Museums and Galleries

Nelson Provincial Museum

Weekdays 10am–5pm, weekends and public holidays 10am–4.30pm (closed 25 December)

WW1-Their Stories, Our History – centennial commemoration: Until April 2015

A Pandemonium of Parrots: Until April 2015

CHECK OUT

- **New Year's Eve Trafalgar Street Countdown, 8pm–12.30am**

Nelson's New Year's Eve celebrations on the church steps are just getting better and better! An eclectic mix of acts including *Fire Without Permit*, *Hot Pompe*, and the *Lizard Kings*. As midnight approaches it is time to unleash our guest of honour, and taking us into the turnaround is *AhoriBuzz!* Alcohol free. Festivities start from 5pm.