

OUR NELSON

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Keep up to date with the latest news from Nelson City Council

Introducing 'Our Nelson'

Welcome to the new look of Council's newsletter. 'Our Nelson' provides you with up-to-date information and news about what Council is doing to make Nelson an even better place. Remember, you can also sign up to our e-newsletter and receive your news online. Head to nelson.govt.nz for more information.



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Recognising Nelsonians who are helping us make our city an even better place



Eelco Boswijk Civic Awards 2016



Nominations open for Eelco Boswijk Civic Awards

Nominations are now open for this year's Eelco Boswijk Civic Awards.

Do you know someone helping to make Nelson an even better place? It could be a neighbour who quietly organises community events, or someone who is leading the charge to protect our natural environment.

There are six awards to recognise individuals and organisations who are helping us achieve our goals as a community, in line with the Nelson 2060 strategy.

Created in partnership with the community, Nelson 2060 includes ten goals which have been created to help us achieve our vision of being an inclusive city, with a diverse range of residents, who can connect easily to each other and to the beautiful place we call home.

In essence, these awards are about celebrating Nelson 2060 in action; recognising those in our community working towards making Nelson an even better place.

The six award categories are:

- **Community hero**
Encouraging those who both lead and take part in community activities.
- **Change maker**
Recognising an individual who is environmentally innovative and embraces change in the business and/or the community.

- **Leadership**
Recognising an individual in the business or education fields who is thriving in a sustainable way, and educating and encouraging others to do the same.
- **Kaitiakitanga**
Raising awareness of those who are caring for our natural environment through volunteer efforts.
- **Smart living**
Recognising those going above and beyond to reduce resource consumption and/or embracing alternatives to fossil fuels.
- **Community spirit**
Rewarding those individuals and organisations that work to ensure resources are shared fairly and Nelsonians have their essential needs met.

Nominations for the Civic Awards are open until 5pm, Monday 25 July.

You can nominate an individual or organisation by filling in the form on the following page or heading online at nelson.govt.nz (search = civic awards 2016) or pop into our Customer Service Centre or your nearest library.

nelson.govt.nz

Search = civic awards 2016

Eelco Boswijk Civic Awards 2016

NOMINATIONS CLOSE MONDAY 25 JULY, 5PM



NOMINATION FORM

Fill in the details below to
nominate someone for the
recognition they deserve.

INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANISATION BEING NOMINATED

CATEGORY/IES NOMINATED FOR

REASON FOR NOMINATION

SPECIFIC PROJECTS / ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED WITH

CONTACT DETAILS OF NOMINEE (IF KNOWN)

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE

EMAIL

ENTERED BY

NAME

ADDRESS

EMAIL

Drop your completed nomination form in at the Council Customer
Service Centre (110 Trafalgar St) or any Nelson Public Library.





Council approves five new Special Housing Areas

Council has considered applications for eight new Special Housing Areas (SHA) at an extraordinary Council Meeting on 30 June. Five of the applications were approved to be submitted to the Minister for Building and Housing for Cabinet approval.

The areas considered, and Council's decisions were:

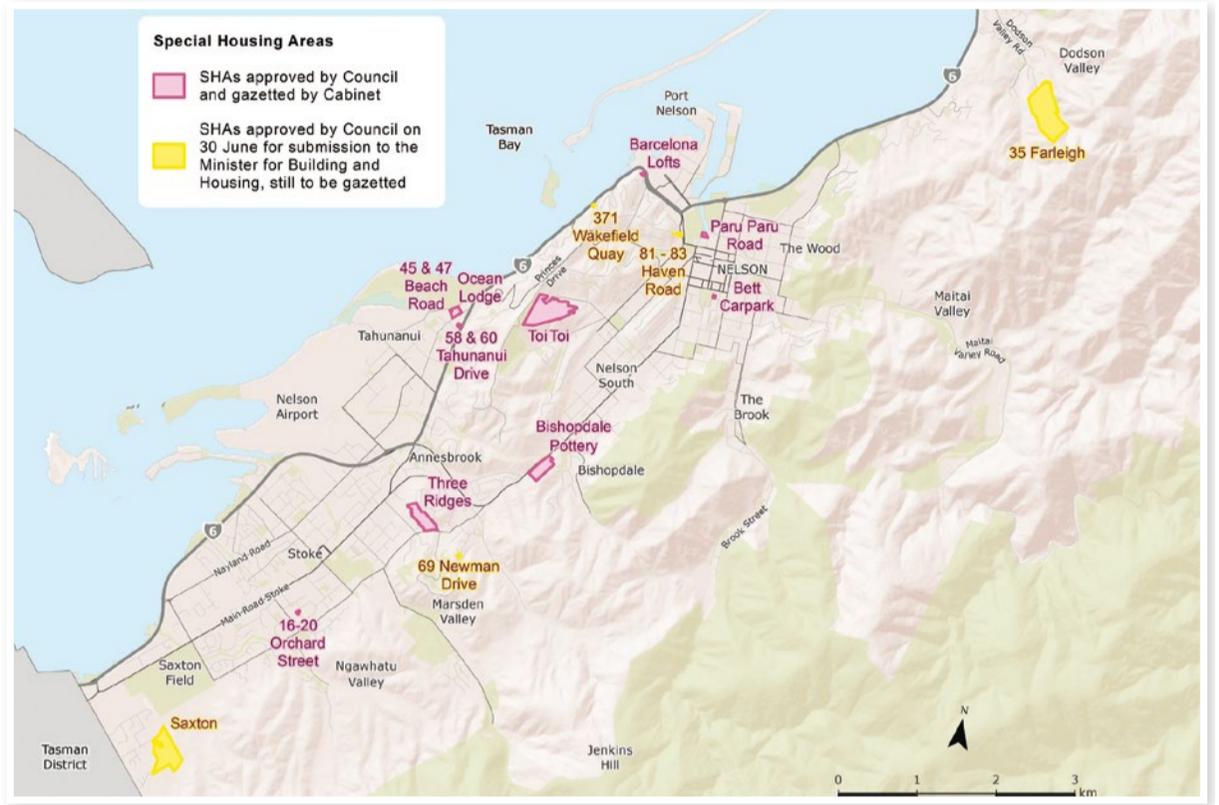
- 19 and 21 Beach RoadNot Approved
- 371 Wakefield QuayApproved
- 81-83 Haven RoadApproved
- 42 Domett StreetNot Approved
- 1 and 5 Tahunanui DriveNot Approved
- 35 Farleigh Street.....Approved
- Saxton.....Approved
- 69 Newman Drive (late item)Approved

Council also considered an amendment to the qualifying development criteria for the number of storeys for the SHA at 237 Haven Road. It was approved to increase the number of storeys from 4 to 5.

All SHAs recommended for approval are subject to the developer entering into a Deed with Council. This Deed will include a series of conditions, including that the developer seek Nelson Urban Design Panel approval before submitting their resource consent.

The Deed will need to be signed by developers before Council recommends the SHA as suitable to the Minister.

This meeting was the last opportunity for



Council to consider any applications for SHA. Council has previously approved 10 SHAs for recommendation to the Minister.

The HASHA ACT 2013 aims to enhance housing supply but is only operational for a short window of time. The Act will be partially repealed on 16 September and Resource Consent applications for SHAs must be lodged with Council by this date.

The meeting to consider the SHAs applications took almost nine hours, and involved significant

public involvement through Public Forum presentations. Legal advice was also received throughout the meeting to ensure process was appropriately followed.

The assessment of SHAs has been particularly challenging for Council staff, especially given the timeframes that were required to be met. Council thanked the staff involved for assessing the applications and providing advice in such a short timeframe.

Greenwaste vouchers well received

Council's recent greenwaste voucher initiative was well received, with 29 vouchers collected, for 29 trailer loads of environmental weeds to be taken to the transfer station for free.

Vouchers were used by private land owners, community groups, and neighbourhood groups working to clear their own street or road reserve.

The most common weeds targeted were tradescantia and ivy, along with the usual problem vines of old man's beard and banana passionfruit, and the relatively new threat of climbing asparagus.

Over May and June, 23 ha of the Brook Valley side of the Grampians was controlled for climbing asparagus. A further 11.7 ha has been surveyed for control in this coming year.

All of these weeds need rigorous control on both Council and private land to ensure they don't smother our native plants and destroy natural habitats.

It is important to never dispose of any of these weed species in reserves or waterways, as this adds to the

problem. Weed material should be taken to the transfer station for safe disposal. Weed control sprays should not be used near waterways, as they can enter the water and damage stream health.

You can find more information at weedbusters.org.nz.

weedbusters.org.nz



Marina hardstand purchase goes unconditional

Council has gone unconditional on an agreement to purchase approximately 3000m² of land at Akersten Street for \$1.6 million.

This follows the completion of the due diligence process. The purchase includes the existing hardstand facility, a wharf, jetty and the travel lift (for lifting and moving vessels).

Completing this purchase means that travel lift services for marina users will continue and will be operated by Nelmac on Council's behalf. Fees and charges for the hardstand and travel lift have also been approved by Council. Both services will come into effect following the settlement date, which is expected to be around September.

Council's Chief Executive Clare Hadley says, "Providing a hardstand facility at the marina has been identified as an important issue for this Council. Completing this purchase concludes a great deal of work over many years and will continue to provide a much needed facility for marina users into the future."



Church Street upgrade gathers steam

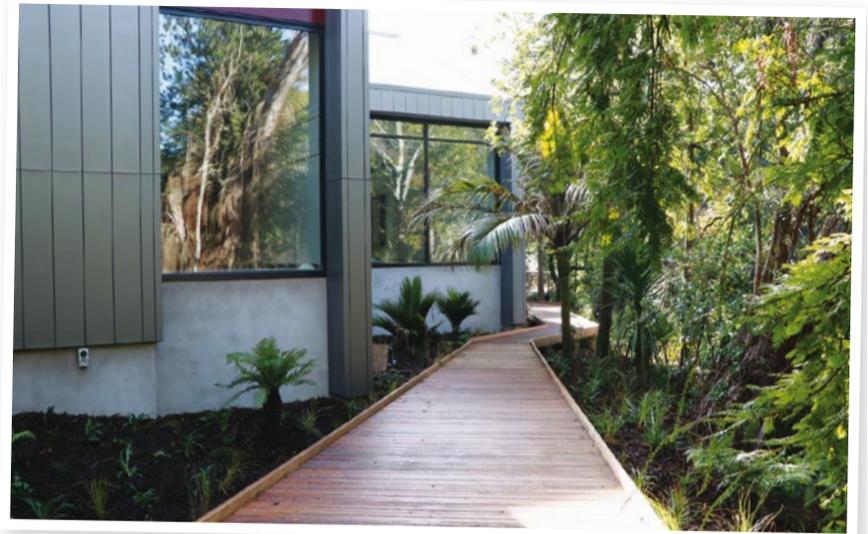
Council's Works and Infrastructure Committee has approved a proposal to work with Church Street businesses, landowners and stakeholders to implement an upgrade to the street.

This follows an approach from this group who wish to see their street upgraded and schematic plans prepared at their cost. They have also signalled that they are willing to contribute to some of the costs of improving the outdoor dining area.

The Committee was impressed with the enthusiasm of the group and with their initial concept designs and has allocated \$75,000 (from current CBD Enhancement funding) to engage with stakeholders and develop the design.

A more detailed design will then come back to the Committee for approval.

The key aspects of the upgrade could include the creation of outdoor dining areas, featuring paving and steel planter boxes, while Council will also consider widening footpaths, a lighting upgrade and threshold treatments at each end of the street to make it easier for pedestrians to cross the road and to encourage slow vehicle speeds.



Suter construction nears completion

The beginning of October will be the start of a new era for the Suter – Te Aratoi o Whakatū.

It's less than three months until the front doors open, with a family focussed day of activities planned for 2 October

Construction on the redevelopment programme (a 50:50 partnership between Council and the Bishop Suter Trust) will be completed this month, but there is much painstaking fit-out work to be done before the doors can open.

Once the fit-out of the building is complete, all the new systems that have been installed will be thoroughly tested, before the Suter's precious collection can be

moved back to its restored home. The delicate process of moving the collection is very delicate and will take several weeks to complete.

So while the building may look complete as you stroll past, more patience is needed before we all get to enjoy this wonderful community asset. Look out for more information about the public opening as the date approaches.

And in the meantime enjoy the last exhibitions at The Suter's temporary gallery space at 28 Halifax Street opposite the Elma Turner Library.

Waimea Road Detour now in place

Please remember that the southbound (heading to Richmond) lane of Waimea Road is now closed and traffic is following a detour via Rutherford and Van Diemen Streets.

Northbound (heading to Nelson CBD) traffic is not affected at this time but Waimea Road will need to be fully closed for two nights only during the project. When this happens, northbound traffic will also detour via Van Diemen Street and Rutherford Street, for those short periods.

Van Diemen Street will be closed at the Ngatitama Street intersection to allow southbound traffic to keep moving.

This detour is for the construction of an underground stormwater chamber in Waimea Road.

Access for residents and businesses will still be available. The Challenge Service station will stay open for business with access from Van Diemen Street.

There will also be temporary parking restrictions in the areas of the closure

including sections of Rutherford, Van Diemen, Hampden and Ngatitama Streets. Please look out for signs in those areas.

Motorists are advised to allow extra time for their journey, especially at peak times, or choose another route if possible.

Choosing to walk, cycle or take the NBus instead of driving will help to reduce congestion on the road so please consider those options if you can.

Council realises this detour will be inconvenient for residents and road users alike. However, it is essential to complete the crucial Little-Go Stream stormwater upgrade, with the aim of preventing future damage in heavy rain events.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.





Washington Valley gets new sculpture

A new sculpture is now in place in Washington Valley, bringing more life to the area.

Following a submission from Washington Valley residents to the 2014–15 Annual Plan, Council allocated \$10,000 seed funding towards a project to erect an artwork in the vacant traffic island at the intersection of Washington Rd and Hastings St.

A core group was formed, comprising of members of the Washington Valley Community Group, to undertake fundraising and progress the project.

Further funding was successfully sought from the Rata Foundation, the Nelson Creative Communities Scheme and the Nelson Civic Trust. Downer, who have overseen the civil works, have also been supportive of this community project.

The sculpture has been designed by

Janet Bathgate in Nelson and hand crafted by Classic Gates Engineering in Blenheim.

One reason for the artwork is that the area is steeped in history, for example the sculpture site is the historical edge of the Paruparu tideway estuary and on the original hill route from the Port to town. In addition, it is adjacent to several historic workers cottages and is in proximity to Matangi Awhio, a large pā and kainga complex important for local Māori, as described throughout the Te Tau Ihu Statutory Acknowledgment documents.

The sculpture will be illuminated at night by an internal LED lamp. Phase two of the project will involve interpretative panels being installed nearby.



Latest community investment funding round announced

The latest community investment funding round has been completed, with over \$185,000 to be distributed across the community.

Council's Community Investment Fund, previously the Community Assistance Fund, has been allocated by a panel of community members, established in 2015 following a review of the Community Assistance Policy.

The funding panel is made up of four community representatives and one Council staff member, and will distribute \$300,000 annually, with up to \$50,000 for small scale projects, to organisations with a focus on social development activities that support the well-being of the wider Nelson community.

The Community Investment Funding Panel met last week to consider and allocate the available contract funding of \$189,520. This latest funding round has been awarded to 19 applicants from a wide range of not-for-profit organisations, delivering social development services in Nelson.

In addition to this funding, a further \$87,480 has already been assigned to existing agreements, bringing the 2016/17 Community Investment Fund allocation to \$276,730. A further \$50,000 will go to Community Investment Fund grants later in the year.

"The Community Investment Fund is about supporting social development activities, and it's fantastic to be able to support a number of organisations who are doing important work in our community," says Group Manager Community Services and Chair of the Panel, Chris Ward.

"The Community Investment Funding Panel would like to thank applicants for the time and effort that went into their funding application. While we received more applications than we could fund, it's pleasing to see such a wide range of valuable and worthwhile projects, which we are fortunate to have offered in our community"

2016/17 New Community Investment Fund Contracts

Organisation	Project	Amount
Beneficiaries and Unwaged Workers Trust (BUWT)	Free income support entitlement advice	\$9,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters	Recruiting and training mentors	\$10,000
Community Art Works	Connecting through art	\$13,000
Life Linc Nelson Inc	Free/low cost counselling service	\$6,000
Magenta Creative Space	After-school programme for at-risk, mentally ill youth	\$4,250
Neighbourhood Support Nelson	Fostering community cohesion and resilience	\$10,000
Nelson Community Foodbank Trust	Grocery purchases	\$5,000
Nelson Tasman Housing Trust	Emergency housing and advice	\$20,000
Nelson Tasman Pasifika Community Trust	Building the capability of the Pasifika community	\$3,000
Nga Wahine Tamariki Punanga o Whakatū – Nelson Women's and Children's Refuge	Education and child youth advocacy	\$12,000
Open Home Foundation	Foster parent recruitment and training	\$15,000
Post Natal Depression Support Network Nelson Inc	Free counselling	\$4,000
Q-Youth	Peer-led, mental health support	\$5,000
Sexual Abuse Support and Healing	Education and prevention programmes	\$7,000
SVS Living Safe	Addressing youth violence	\$2,000
Tahunanui Community Centre	Hosting a wider range of programmes and events	\$20,000
The Nelson Ark	Youth rehabilitative programmes	\$6,000
Victory Community Centre	Positive Behaviour for Learning educational framework	\$10,000
Volunteer Nelson	Connecting people to community	\$36,000
Total amount		\$189,250

Are you interested in standing for Council?

Election nominations

In Nelson City, we have one Mayor and 12 Councillors.

To be eligible to stand for election, you must be a New Zealand citizen on the electoral roll.

Candidates must be nominated by two people, both of whom need to sign the nomination form, along with the candidate. The nominators must be on the electoral roll for Nelson City.

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

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

Nominations open on Friday 15 July 2016 and close at 12 noon on Friday 12 August 2016.

You can get a nomination pack from Council Customer Service Centre or any Nelson Library. Alternatively, you can call 03 546 0200 or head to nelson.govt.nz.

Want to know more?

Come along to a candidate information evening at the Council Chamber at 5.30pm on

Tuesday 2 August, where prospective candidates can learn more about what's involved in both standing for, and taking on, the role of a Mayor and/or Councillor.

You can also read our Candidate Information Handbook on our website.

Are you enrolled to vote?

Anyone who is correctly enrolled can vote in the local elections where they live.

From the start of this month, everyone enrolled should have received an enrolment update pack. All you need to do is check that your details are right. If they are you will get your voting papers sent to you in the mail. If anything needs updating, make the changes and send the form back to the Registrar of Electors immediately.

If you did not get a pack, you are not correctly enrolled to vote, and you need to enrol.

Enrolling is easy

- Go online at elections.org.nz/enrol
- Free text your name and address to 3676
- Call 0800 36 76 56
- Go to any Post Shop and fill in an enrolment form.

More information about enrolling to vote is available at elections.org.nz.

Did you know?

Voters who own property within a local council area, but who usually live outside this, can apply to go on the ratepayer roll. They will then be able to vote in the area where they pay rates, and the area where they live.

To find out more, including the 'ratepayer elector' form to fill out, head to our website.

Enrolling to vote by Friday 12 August

Everyone correctly enrolled by Friday 12 August 2016 will be sent their voting papers in the mail.

Those enrolling after 12 August will need to cast a special vote, and will need to contact the electoral officer to obtain voting papers.

Voting in the local elections is by postal vote from Friday 16 September 2016–Saturday 8 October 2016, 12 noon.

elections.org.nz

nelson.govt.nz



Broadgreen gets a makeover in time for school holidays

The newly renovated Broadgreen House is now open over winter, with free entry to Nelson and Tasman residents.

The historic Nelson home, which has recently been repainted in its original heritage colours, will be open from 11am–3pm over winter (the rest of the year Broadgreen is open 10.30am–4.30pm).

Remedial repair and painting of wooden elements at the House has provided the opportunity to reinstate the home to its original colours, to ensure an accurate reflection of its existence in earlier times.

Paint layers were analysed

during the preparation work, and the green trim was matched by heritage conservation architect Ian Bowman.

"It's really exciting to see the colours that were a part of Stoke's original colonial landscape over one hundred years ago, brought back to life at Broadgreen," says Heritage Facilities Manager, Maria Anderson.

"Looking within the interior of the House, we see beautiful

colours and textures on the walls, furnishings, and textiles."

"The upcoming school holidays are the perfect time to experience Broadgreen House."

There are school holiday activities on offer, including a quiz based around Victorian games and parlour activities for children.

Bring the children for a free tour of the House by a knowledgeable guide, do the children's quiz and go into the draw to win a prize.

Broadgreen House winter opening hours & entry cost

Open 11am–3pm daily (winter hours).

Entry is free to locals of all ages, both Nelson and Tasman residents.

Entry for visitors: adults \$5, children 5–17 years \$1, under 5's free.



Keep it clear

Did you know that it is your responsibility as a resident to make sure the vegetation on your property doesn't grow over the footpath or the road?

Overhanging vegetation on footpaths can hinder safe access for pedestrians, pushchairs, wheelchairs and mobility scooters. On roadways, it can cause visibility issues for drivers and may potentially cause an accident.

You can check out Council's requirements for trimming vegetation on our website, nelson.govt.nz (search = overhanging).

In cases where residents don't keep their vegetation clear of the footpath or road, Nelmac is authorised to carry out the work; the householder may be invoiced for the cost of this work by Council.

Your efforts to keep your frontage clear will help to make your neighbourhood safer for everyone.

nelson.govt.nz

Search = overhanging



Rural Firefighter Derek Bonnington inspects the old and new trucks in Hira.

Rural fire gets new smokechaser

The Hira Volunteer Rural Fire Force has been given the keys to a brand new vehicle, to assist in responding to emergency call outs in the rural community.

Council recently handed the keys over to a new Toyota Hilux to Hira's Rural Fire Controller, Ian Thomas and his team.

The new four wheel drive replaces the 1988 two seater ute, and was funded by Council and the National Rural Fire Authority, with Bowater Toyota ensuring a very good price on the new vehicle.

On top of this, the crew themselves raised \$15,000 and put in their own labour, adding a set of lockers, a hose and 500 litre water tank on the back of the truck.

The new ute will help the Hira Fire Station, which has a crew of 12 volunteers, to respond more effectively to its 40-odd calls a year, including rural fire, road accidents, ambulance assists and search and rescue assistance. It allows more crew to attend events, and reach places that larger fire response vehicles can't get to.

Council acknowledges the amazing job these volunteers are doing, and is grateful to the team, who are first on the scene for many road accidents and dealing with rural fire.



MEETINGS

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

Governance Committee	
9am	14 Jul
Council meeting	
9am	28 Jul

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.

Volunteers needed as Sanctuary fence nears completion

The Brook Waimarama Sanctuary is well on its way towards becoming the largest native wildlife sanctuary in the South Island and an exciting visitor attraction for Nelson.

The Sanctuary's pest proof fence will be complete in August, and its breeding programme is planned to begin this spring.

As well as providing a home for some of our most vulnerable native species, the Sanctuary expects existing populations of native species to increase once the fence is complete. Residents can expect a 'halo effect' around the Sanctuary as more native birds spread across the surrounding area, back into our gardens and daily lives.

A large number of volunteers have worked hard to realise the Sanctuary dream of a safe haven for wildlife and an enriching experience for visitors. Beyond the fence, Nelson Nature, a partnership between Council and the Department of Conservation, is working with the wider community to support native bird populations in the wider area.

Much of this work is dependent on volunteer groups, like the Marsden Valley Trapping Group and Bird Life on Grampians, which are actively involved in supporting growing populations of native birds around the outskirts of the pest proof fence. With the community's help, tui, bellbird and kererū will be seen and heard in increasingly large numbers in our gardens, and the hills of Nelson will become a safe haven for some of Nelson's globally unique native wildlife such as kaka.

The Sanctuary is recruiting new volunteers to help with the next phase of this visionary project. The Sanctuary team is looking for people to help with a variety of work, in the field, in the visitor centre, and in the city office. Get in touch today: 03 546 2422 or 03 539 4920.

For more information visit brooksanctuary.org or nelsonnature.nz.

brooksanctuary.org

nelsonnature.nz

Getting the jobs done

We're pleased to have finished some important projects recently.

We appreciate that whenever we do infrastructure work, there is an impact on surrounding residents and on everyone who is affected by road works or closures. Thanks to everyone involved for their patience and understanding.

The projects that have recently been completed include:

- **Stage One Saxton Creek Stormwater Upgrade**
This included a gravel trap, rock channel and a new walkway.
- **Orphanage Stream Stormwater Upgrade**
A flood detention bund and other associated

work has been completed at Orphanage Stream, next to Main Road Stoke. This is to minimise the potential for damage to downstream properties from extreme rainfall events.

- **Beatson Road sewer renewal**
This has been completed using a new method of drilling under the road, which meant no interruption traffic.
- **55 Muritai Street**
Earthquake strengthening has been completed on this property that is home to the Tahunanui Community Centre.



Orphanage Stream



Saxton Creek



What's on at the Library



Alzheimers and Dementia information sessions

Alzheimers Nelson staff are offering free drop in information sessions at your local library from July. No bookings required.

- Elma Turner Library, Nelson – monthly, fourth Weds, 9.30–11am. Starting 27 July.
- Stoke Library – monthly, fourth Thurs, 9.30–11am. Starting 28 July.
- Nellie Nightingale Memorial, Tahunanui, fourth Thurs, 1.30–3pm. Starting 28 July.

Computer classes at the Library

Elma Turner Library, 10 – 11.30am

Book at the service desk, email library@ncc.govt.nz or phone 03 546 0414.

Mousing skills	Wednesday 3 August
Basic internet 1	Thursday 4 August
Basic internet 2	Thursday 11 August
Newspapers online	Thursday 18 August
Tablets	Thursday 25 August
Library @ your fingertips	Thursday 1 Sepust
Health online	Wednesday 7 September
Social media	Thursday 8 September
TradeMe	Thursday 15 September
Research databases	Thursday 22 September

Stoke Library, 8.15 – 9.15am

Book at the service desk or email library@ncc.govt.nz.

Tablets	Friday 5 August
Basic internet 1	Thursday 11 August
Basic internet 2	Thursday 18 August
Tablets	Friday 19 August
Word 1	Thursday 1 September
Word 2	Thursday 8 September

You can also book online. Simply go to 2020.arlo.co/upcoming-courses, select Nelson-Marlborough region, then select the class you wish to attend.

2020.arlo.co/upcoming-courses

Ukulele taster sessions

The Library is offering two free classes for adults to give ukulele playing a try.

You need to book for two sessions – either Wednesday 27 July and Wednesday 3 August or Friday 29 July and Friday 5 August, from 1–2pm. There is no charge and there are some ukuleles available for people to use. To book, email library@ncc.govt.nz, visit the main desk at Elma Turner Library or phone 03 546 8100.

Library Knitters

The Library Knitters group is going well, with around 13 keen knitters meeting at 10am on Thursdays at the Elma Turner Library.

They are currently knitting peggy squares for Nelson Plunket babies and would be grateful for donations of wool and needles – 4 or 8 ply 100% wool and size 4.5mm or 7mm needles. You can drop them off at the library.



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



Founders Heritage Park

Science Stars Electro Doh workshop: 22 July, 4–7yr olds: 9.30–10.30am, 7–10yr olds: 10.45–11.45am

Saxton Sports Stadium

Top of the South Gymnastics Competition: 15–17 July

Saxton Junior Dodgeball: 7–12yr olds, 15 July, 3.30–4.30pm, \$3

Nelson Public Libraries

Elma Turner Library

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

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

BookChat: Second Tuesday of each month, 10.30am

STEMwriters: Second Tuesday of each month, 2pm

Alzheimers Nelson – free drop in sessions: Fourth Wednesday of each month, 10–11.30am, starting 27 July

CSI: Elma Turner:

- Meet a Detective, 13 July, 1pm
- Murder in the Library, a panel discussion with three crime writers, 14 July, 6.15pm
- Neighbourhood Support, 15 July, 1pm
- The Mad, the Bad and the Bawdy, 17 July, 2pm

Ukulele taster sessions for adults: Wed 27 July, Wed 3 Aug, Fri 29 Jul and Fri 5 Aug, 1–2pm. Bookings required

School Holiday programme:

- Mystery Ink, forensic science session \$5
- Simply stories, most mornings at 11am, no need to book
- Free bookable events: Leaning Morse Code, Make Your Own Shadow Puppet, Origami, Crafting A Hidden Book, Learn To Play Ukulele, Intro To Computer Coding, Mystery Morning

Stoke Library

BookChat: Third Wednesday of each month, 5.30pm

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

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

Alzheimers Nelson – free drop in sessions: Fourth Thursday of each month, 10–11.30am, starting 28 July

School Holiday Programme:

- Free bookable events: Leaning Morse Code, Make Your Own Shadow Puppet, Simply Stories, Crafting A Hidden Book

Nightingale Library Memorial

BookChat: Fourth Tuesday of each month, 10.30am–12pm, from 26 July onwards

Alzheimers Nelson – free drop in sessions: Fourth Thursday of each month, 1.30–3pm, starting 28 July

Science Stars – Mega Magnets Workshop: 20 July, 2–4yrs: 9.30–10.15am, 4–7yrs: 10.30–11.30am, 7–10yrs: 11.45am–12.45pm

Museums and Galleries

Nelson Provincial Museum

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

Vital Statistics: Until 31 July

Murder at Mangautapu: Until 21 Oct

Memorial to Misadventure Floortalk: 24 July, 2pm; 28 July 5.15pm

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The Suter Art Gallery Te Aratoi O Whakatū

Brian Brake – Lens on China and Japan: Until Aug

Bill Hammond – Specified Departures: Until Aug

The Nelson Suter Art Society (Suter Cafe Gallery)

Alan Roberts – With a little help from my friends: Until 1 Aug

Maureen Batt – On the bright side: Until 29 Aug

CHECK OUT...

CSI: Elma Turner, 11–17 July

Every day at different times during the week pop into Elma Turner Library for CSI! Meet a detective, there's a panel discussion with three crime writers, learn some tips to protect yourself against crime with Neighbourhood Support and discover the mad, the bad and the bawdy of Nelson's real crime histories. Sessions are free!