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Tō Tātou Whakatū

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

Book Fair starts this weekend

The 2017 Annual Founders Book Fair opens its doors at 10am this Saturday 3 June – Queen's Birthday Weekend – and promises to impress. This year's Book Fair runs through until Sunday 11 June, 10am–4.30pm each day. Entry \$2 per person, \$5 for a nine day pass, children free. See you there!



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Green light for Maitai to Rocks Road cycle path

The Maitai to Rocks Road cycle path, which Council sought feedback on earlier in the year, will now progress through to detailed design and construction.

The cycle route will connect the existing Maitai shared path near Wildman Avenue, to the proposed Haven Precinct and existing amenities on Wakefield Quay.

The preferred option is for a shared path on the seaward side of Haven Road and improved on-road commuter cycle lanes.

The Works and Infrastructure Committee agreed to support recommendations that the NZ Transport Agency take the lead on the delivery of the project. Under this recommendation, the project will be funded by central government's Urban Cycleway Fund. Delivery of the project will continue to involve council officers to ensure it is

integrated with other projects in the area.

Chair of the Works and Infrastructure Committee, Paul Matheson says, "The support from the Transport Agency is very welcome and makes a lot of sense. As the cycling improvements run alongside the state highway, it is appropriate for them to take the lead on project delivery.

"The availability of central government funding to deliver the project is great news as this will allow us to enjoy this new facility to make it safer for cyclists on this busy stretch of road, while reducing the impact on rates for Nelson residents," Councillor Matheson says.

Nelson Public Libraries celebrate Matariki

Matariki is on 25 June this year and Nelson Public Libraries are organising a number of special events in the lead up to this important date.

The programme will run between 12 and 30 June and will feature:

- A harakeke (flax) weaving workshop
- A plant, seed and seedling exchange – supported by Nelmac
- Cooking with Wayne Deuxberry – demonstrating how to cook fresh, local and traditional foods
- A display featuring stories from the Ancient Races
- A presentation by Wakatū Incorporation



Wayne Deuxberry's Matariki cooking demonstration at Elma Turner Library, June 2016.

- Cooking with the Angels Trio – who also talk about their origins, business and feeding families in need.
- Kapa haka performance

Details are still being confirmed, but all events will be at Elma Turner Library. Check ItsOn and nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz for further event times. Mihi Ki Te Tau Hou

Local attractions win big

Congratulations to two of our prominent local venues – Nelson Provincial Museum and The Suter Art Gallery Te Aratoi o Whakatū – for taking out top honours at last week's New Zealand Museum Awards.

Nelson Provincial Museum won the Exhibition Excellence – Social History award for their innovative exhibition, Murder at Maungatapu. The exhibition was successful in reaching

a younger audience with a range of access points including local history, local artists, theatrical display, digital media and a fascination with murder and CSI type investigations.

The Museum Project Excellence Award went to what was described as 'the beautiful and carefully redeveloped Suter'. A Council partnership project, it was described as 'visionary and clever' with huge involvement from our great community: 'This project was fully embraced by the people of Nelson, who are justly proud of both the historical and contemporary aspects of their much-loved gallery.'



Photo © Paul McCready.

nelsonmuseum.co.nz/previous-exhibitions

Library Live Music Series

Harpist Lizzie Peacock will be performing at the next Live Music Series concert in the Elma Turner Library on Sunday 4 June at 2pm.

Lizzie is a professional harpist, harp teacher, piano teacher, and accompanist currently based in Nelson, but originally from the UK. She plays many kinds of music, from soft background, traditional classical, pop classics or show tunes.



Young Nelsonians to share their inspirational stories

Young Nelsonians who are living their dreams out in the real world will take centre stage at an event aimed to inspire the next generation of young people to discover and follow their own dreams.

Returning for its second successive year, 'Young and Inspired – Living my Dream' celebrates the achievements of eight remarkable young people, who will share their stories on the circumstances and challenges they have encountered and overcome, and the choices they have made along the way.

Coinciding with National Youth Week, the event provides an opportunity for young people to share, learn and connect.

Funded by the Nelson City Council and Ara Taiohi, 'Young and Inspired'

will be held on Friday 2 June at the Suter Theatre, Nelson from 7.30–10pm.

Chair of Council's Community Services Committee, Gaile Noonan, says supporting youth events is important for Council.

"This is a way of supporting our youth and helping to inspire our local young people and encourage them to aspire to reach for their goals."

Young and Inspired is free to attend, however those interested in attending are encouraged to reserve their seat, through Eventbrite.

When: Friday 2 June
Time: 7.30–10pm
Where: Suter Theatre, Nelson
Cost: Free

eventbrite.co.nz

Councillors experience city in a different light

Nelson City Councillors recently experienced first-hand what it's like to move around our community while affected by sight or hearing loss, shortness of breath and limited mobility.

They spent an hour in the city experiencing a variety of simulations, using wheelchairs, mobility scooters, crutches, glasses that replicate sight loss, earmuffs and straws (to mimic restricted breathing). They visited popular places around the city, including Queens Gardens, the library and a supermarket to experience the challenges that each venue provides.

Works and Infrastructure Committee Deputy Chair Stuart Walker says, "This gave Councillors an opportunity to experience these challenges first hand. It helps us to consider how current and future infrastructure may need to change to meet those challenges.

"We have already altered the way we install driveways across footpaths

to make them as even as possible, we're providing lower counters in our customer service centre and libraries and we have kneeling buses operating. We have added extra accessible carparks in Trafalgar Street for those who can't walk very far but we always need to keep thinking about what more can be done," Councillor Walker says.



Knitting sale at the library

The Library Knitters will be selling knitted blankets, baby and children's garments and toys at the Elma Turner Library on Saturday 3 June from 10am–1 pm to raise funds to buy wool.

This group of 30 knitters meet on Thursdays at 10am in the Elma Turner Library and Mondays at 1.30pm in the Nightingale Library Memorial. The group have knitted over 935 garments in less than a year, gifting them to Nelson Tasman Plunket, Nelson South Kindy, Ronald Macdonald House in Wellington, Ma's Place in Richmond and Tahunanui Community Centre.

As well as the sale this Saturday, any donations of wool would be most welcome. For more information, please email Viv at viv.rounce@ncc.govt.nz or call 03 539 5507.

Dogs Online goes live

Council's online dog registration system, Dogs Online, is now up and running at my.nelson.govt.nz.

Registration forms were recently sent out with all the information needed to register your dog online, along with Council's doggy newsletter, Dog&Bone, which contains handy information on dog registration, microchipping and where to walk your dog in Nelson.

All dog owners who register online before 1 July will go in the draw to win a 3kg bag of dog biscuits.

It's quick and easy to get set up with an account at my.nelson.govt.nz.

All you need is your dog owner number, which you will find on the registration form, your date of birth and your credit card

If you need any help with logging in, contact Council's customer service centre and we can help. We hope these changes will make registering your dog a lot easier. You can also continue to register by posting the form back, or delivering it by hand to Council, if you prefer.

Just remember, however you do it, all dogs over three months of age need to be registered by 1 July, and if you register online you will be in to win!

my.nelson.govt.nz



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