

# OUR NELSON

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## Broadgreen Historic House closed for one day

Please be aware that Broadgreen Historic House will be closed on Wednesday 1 November only for essential maintenance work. Usual summer opening hours are 10.30am to 4.30pm and entry is free for Nelson and Tasman residents.



Nelson Mountain Bike Club President Karl Merriman and Councillor Mike Rutledge open the new Te Ara Koa track on Fringed Hill. Photo: George Guille

## Te Ara Koa track ready to ride

A brand new jewel in Nelson's mountain bike crown was revealed last week with the opening of the trail on Fringed Hill, which has been named Te Ara Koa Trail (trail to happiness).

Nelson City Council contracted the Nelson Mountain Bike Club to construct the trail, which is one of the longest purpose-built single track mountain bike trails in the country. The resulting intermediate grade track is 5.1km long and descends 700 vertical metres.

The trail's intermediate grading means a wide range of riders will be able to enjoy it.

The work has had huge support from Club volunteers, with around 120 people getting involved in a final one day push to finish the track off.

Deputy Chair of the Sport and Recreation Committee,

Mike Rutledge, was one of the first to ride Te Ara Koa and says, "It is another exciting ride that should go on everyone's list of "must do" rides in Nelson.

"The length and quality of Te Ara Koa Trail, along with the other rides in the area, will give visitors a reason to spend that extra time in Nelson, so it will have great benefits for both locals and tourists, with the potential to add to our tourism revenue," says Councillor Rutledge.

"The Club and its volunteers have done an awesome job of the construction, and I encourage other keen mountain bikers to give this great new trail a try this summer".

## Flood protection and affordability key to Modellers' Pond

Delivering a long term solution to protect Tahunanui homes from flooding will be a key focus of a detailed business case, which is being developed to consider the range of options associated with the Modellers' Pond.

The Sport and Recreation Committee has decided to put the upgrade of the Modellers' Pond on hold for this current financial year (2017/18), while that business case is prepared. Its focus will be on pinpointing a long-term solution that incorporates the essential role the pond plays as part of the Tahunanui storm water and flood management infrastructure, at an affordable price.

Council has been working with the Modellers' Pond Project Group throughout the year and had signed off the detailed design of modifying the existing pond. This allowed for a detailed physical cost estimate to be finalised, which exceeded the amount provided to Council earlier this year (\$1.2M) by \$530,000.

While the efforts of the Modellers Society and the Project Group to raise external funding has been commendable, the challenge was too great to meet the additional dollars required for the project to continue.

In the meantime, manual cleaning of the pond will continue in order that the Modellers Society can host the Modellers International Convention in January.

Chair of the Sport and Recreation Committee Tim Skinner says, "We can all agree that ongoing maintenance with no end point in sight is not cost effective, practical or viable.

"We must focus on finding the most suitable way forward, which allows us to deliver a value for money solution that also recognises the essential storm water function of the pond. As staff said, in heavy rainfall events an estimated 1.5–1.8 cubic metres of water per second enters the pond. That's the equivalent of an old VW Beetle coming at you every second! The pond plays an essential role in keeping Tahunanui homes safe from flooding, and this will be part of the detailed business case," says Councillor Skinner.

## Council and Club cement partnership

Nelson City Council and the Nelson Mountain Bike Club have cemented their long-standing working relationship with the official signing of a Memorandum of Understanding.

The agreement gives some direction as to how the organisations will work together, and establishes a working group to ensure good communication on both sides.

Chair of the Sport and Recreation Committee, Tim Skinner, says "The relationship between Council and the Club has been crucial in growing the sport in our area. Working in partnership, we have been able to develop some amazing assets.

"We know there is much more potential for mountain biking in our region and signing this agreement demonstrates our commitment to working with the Club, the people at the "track face", to make even more great rides a reality."

Karl Merriman, president of Nelson Mountain Bike Club says "Nelson City Council is a significant partner of the Mountain Bike Club that we have worked with for over 20 years. We requested

an MOU as part of our Long Term Plan submission on behalf of our 2800+ members, with the aim of streamlining some of our processes and to ensure a positive and constructive relationship going forward.

"This agreement will enable us to continue building and maintaining high-quality mountain bike trails on Council land that are free for everyone to use. The future for mountain biking in the Nelson region is very exciting".

## Nelson Arts Festival breaking news

Nelson Arts Festival is proud to announce two new performers in its 2017 programme.

Normally we wouldn't accept such late additions, but in the context of the current political climate, we're willing to go with the flow. So Nelson's own Sir Geoffrey Palmer and Mike Ward will be joining Robbie Nicol under the spotlight in *White Man Behind A Desk: Live*.

And don't miss Erin Donohue's free talk at the Johnny Cash Room, NMIT, 5pm, Friday 20 October about her first book, *"Because Everything Is Right but Everything Is Wrong,"* as part of the Page & Blackmore Readers and Writers programme. This replaces the previously advertised show at 9pm on Saturday 21 October.

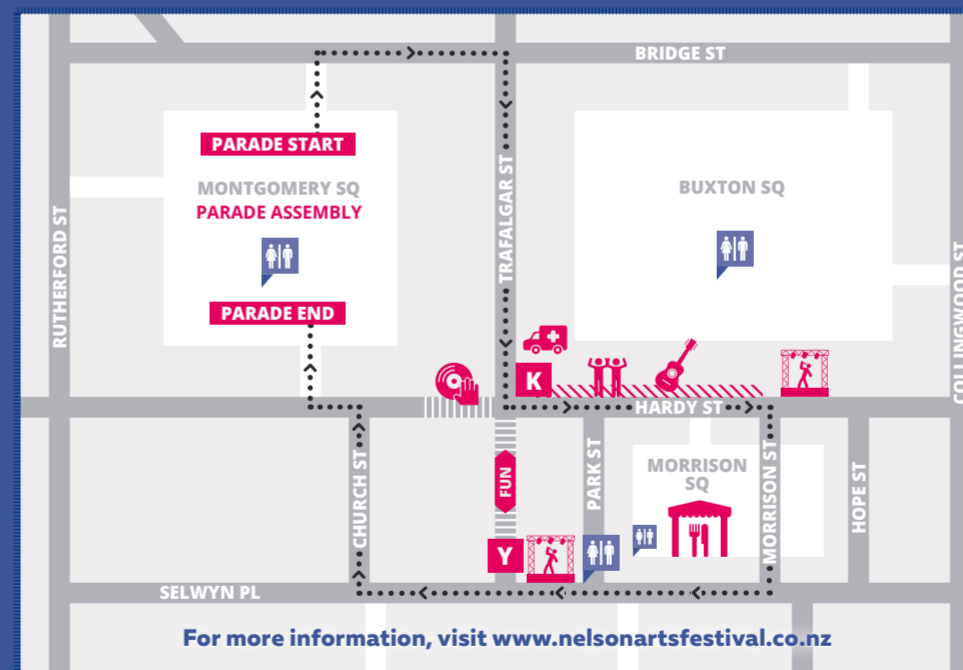


White Man Behind A Desk: Live

Erin Donohue

## MASKED PARADE & CARNIVALE

FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER, FROM 5.30PM



- Masked Parade Route
- Performance Stages
- Toilets
- St John Ambulance
- Dancing Groups
- Street Performances
- Carnivale Kai & Market
- DJ & Food Zone
- Acoustic Zone
- Youth Zone
- Kids Zone (includes games, facepainting, wacky hair dos and more)
- Amusement Zone (includes bungy, climbing wall, velcro wall, gladiators and more)

The iconic Nelson Masked Parade will start at 5.30pm and wind its way through the streets of Nelson City Centre – see map above for details. The theme this year is 'We Are the World.' The Parade is followed by the Carnivale, so make a night of it and enjoy. For more information, parade assembly times and weather updates please go to:

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

[facebook.com/nelsonmaskedparadeandcarnivale](https://facebook.com/nelsonmaskedparadeandcarnivale)

## Save the date – Community Trapping Workshop

If you are interested in helping to restore our native wildlife by trapping invasive predators such as rats, stoats and possums, save the date Sunday 3 December 2017 for the Top of the South Community Trapping Workshop.

The day will include presentations, workshops, information and assistance for anyone involved with, or wanting to get involved with, invasive animal predator trapping in the Top of the South.

Registrations will be open from 17 October. For more information, contact Leigh Marshall, Nelson Nature, [leigh.marshall@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:leigh.marshall@ncc.govt.nz).

## MEETINGS

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

Council meeting 9am	18 Oct
Community Services Committee 9am	19 Oct
Governance Committee 9am	26 Oct
Resource Management Act Hearing – RM165175 – Gaire Thompson, 1 Boulder Bank Drive 9am	27 Oct
Chief Executive Employment Committee 10am	27 Oct
Council meeting 9am	31 Oct
Works and Infrastructure Committee at conclusion of Council meeting	31 Oct
Other Meetings	
Nelson Youth Council 1pm	24 Oct

For a full list of Council meetings go to:

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

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