Count kererū and help us to fill in the gaps!

Have you seen kererū in Nelson? The map shows recorded sightings of kererū in the Nelson region. We want to fill in the gaps, to see where kererū are (and are not) in Nelson, and how their numbers are changing every year.

The best time to do this is during the Great Kererū Count, from 21 – 30 September, when people throughout the country record their kererū observations and help build a picture of how these amazing birds are doing.

**How can you help?**

Sometime between 21 – 30 September spend between five and 30 minutes looking for kererū at any spot in Nelson, and note any kererū you see (including if you see no kererū as we need that information as well). Then go to greatkererucount.nz/how-to-count to get your observations to us. The orange dots on the map show where kererū have been observed previously in Nelson. You can do as many observations as you want through the week, in one spot or at different sites. You can record any casual sightings of these birds when you are out and about in the same way.

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**Last chance to be in to win!**

Do you know that you can now catch up on the latest Council news online at our.nelson.govt.nz? While you are there, subscribe to Council’s email newsletter and be in to win one of five $100 grocery vouchers. Winners will be drawn Friday 21 September, so get in quick!
Keeping our streams healthy

Following on from the initiation of Project Maitai/Mahitahi in 2014, Council’s focus on freshwater is set to continue under a new umbrella brand across the region. Healthy Streams will maintain, and further improve, the health of the region’s freshwater, alongside the freshwater work under Nelson Nature.

We’re also setting up continuous sediment monitoring in key stream locations to enable a timely response to sediment issues that could affect habitat and stream health.

This work is funded through our Long Term Plan, 2018–28, in recognition of the Council’s priority on the environment and commitment to a proactive approach to freshwater improvements.

We’ve got a range of exciting projects for the 2018–2019 financial year.

Sustaining and improving river flows

Maintaining good river flow lowers water temperatures, reduces cyanobacteria, reduces E.Coli, and improves habitat for freshwater fauna. The focus will initially be on water conservation for urban rain harvesting and storage in rural catchments.

Improving freshwater habitat for aquatic life

Funding will be targeted to improve freshwater habitat for ecological outcomes. This will include ongoing fish passage remediation work and further improve, the health of the region’s freshwater, alongside the freshwater work under Nelson Nature.

We’re initially focusing on working with our infrastructure team around green infrastructure solutions for the urban areas and monitoring both the source and the age of E.Coli in the rural catchments.

Reducing sediment through controlling erosion

Council was successful in securing funding from Ministry for Primary Industries Hill Country Erosion Fund and will be partnering with New Zealand Landcare Trust for a one-year project focused on controlling erosion on steep hill country under pasture.

Building community knowledge through education and advice

There are lots of opportunities to increase knowledge and provide advice and we will be working with landowners on erosion issues, trees in the landscape, water conservation and other issues.

Bringing music to our ears – and more

The Nelson Centre of Musical Arts (NCMA) will be in the Nelson Arts Festival limelight this October with European and South American-influenced musical performances from two of New Zealand’s premiere performance groups – the NZTrio and the Tākiri Ensemble.

NZTrio’s Ashley Brown, Andrew Beer and Stephen De Pledge (Winner – Best Classical Artist 2018 Vodafone New Zealand Music Awards) will present tasty tapas-style music from Ravel, Piazzolla, Cassadó and Albéniz (Saturday 13 October, 6pm) with flavours of Spain, Argentina and Brazil.

The Tākiri Ensemble – Anna Leese Guidi, Maaike Beekman, Robert Tucker, James Harrison and Kirsten Roberson – (Sunday 14 October, 7pm) will bring German, French and English music to our ears. Powerhouse soprano Anna Leese Guidi was last seen in Nelson at Opera in the Park, February 2018, and now she’s back with four stunning performers to bring a rich and fresh presentation of delightful classical song ensembles.

If that’s all a bit highbrow for you, but you still want an excuse to go to the restored NCMA, check out Captain Pinky’s Pirate Toddler Boogie (Sunday 14 October, 2pm) for a family-friendly piratical disco led by the boogie child herself, Captain Pinky (AKA Penny Ashton). She’ll be joined by Jolly, Roger and Stinky the stuffed parrot – watch out for the funky chicken.

Somewhere in the middle ground between those two extremes, Sounds Excellent (Monday 15 October, 7pm) will bring you home with some of Nelson’s best singers and musicians, including barbershop from Nelson Bays Harmony, a cappella from Mosaic, and a mix of contemporary, classical, rock and country from the NCMZ Young Voices Choir, Brooklyn Scott, The Bachelorettes and Bryce Wastney.

The Page & Blackmore Readers and Writers Programme has a lot going on this year. One of the more thought provoking sessions is Mind Matters (Sunday 21 October, 3.30pm) – a panel session with Naomi Arnold, Danyl Mclauchlan and MP Chloe Swarbrick chaired by Liz Price talking about mental health and wellbeing in our busy modern world.

Fight for the Forests (Monday 22 October, 11am) features author Paul Bensemann talking to Debs Martin about the public campaigns to save many of our wonderful forests, starting with the Manapouri Dam in 1960 and including some strong Nelson links.

There’s bound to be other sessions you want to see, so don’t forget about the Page & Blackmore Readers and Writers ‘Hear More For Less’ Special Offer – five tickets for $50 or 10 for $90 (plus TicketDirect service fee).

Check it all out at nelsonartsfestival.co.nz.

Win tickets!

We’ve got two tickets to give away to the Tākiri Ensemble – to enter, simply email festivalenquiries@ncma.govt.nz with the name of the Tākiri soprano who appeared in Opera in the Park 2018, before 5pm on Monday 24 September.
PROTECTING AND IMPROVING FRESHWATER

COMMUNICATING ISSUES AND CELEBRATING SUCCESS
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CHECKING WE ARE ON TRACK BY MONITORING OUTCOMES
This historic match, the first All Blacks test for Nelson, was the culmination of a huge community effort, and thousands of supporters from both sides enjoyed an event that put the centre of New Zealand at the centre of world rugby. That energy flowed from the city with the crowd as they descended on the ground, with the 21,404 spectators ready and waiting well before the teams ran onto the pitch.

This Rugby Championship match was the first game for the newly renovated turf at Trafalgar Park, which was praised by the All Blacks’ coach Steve Hansen post-match as one of the best the team have played on.

I was immensely proud of how Nelson came together to put on this memorable event. This match was an amazing spectacle, excitement in Nelson had been growing all week as visitors poured into the city, and by game night the atmosphere at the ground was electric.

A big thanks to both the All Blacks and Los Pumas who put on a show that entertained everyone watching. Both were tremendous guests, and they are welcome back anytime they like.

Nelson showed once again that it can host these large international events, especially when all the community gets involved. Securing and delivering an All Blacks’ test match was the result of hard work and dedication from so many Nelsonians, and without this combined effort, the match wouldn’t have been the success it was.

A huge thanks to the Tasman Rugby Union, business sponsors and all the volunteers that stepped up to deliver a world class event. Thanks must also be extended to the supporters.

Not only did you fill Trafalgar Park to the brim, but you created an atmosphere that was second to none. It truly was something for all of us in Te Tau Ihu to celebrate.

Mayor Rachel Reese

### The Sustainable Workplaces Workshop

**Do you want to help your workplace become more sustainable but not sure where to start?**

Join us for a one-day workshop to learn the basic principles and tools to champion actions towards creating a sustainable workplace.

The benefits of sustainable workplace include showing great corporate leadership, reducing your organisation’s carbon footprint and reducing waste, while also improving staff health and saving money through improved efficiency.

The facilitator, Tim Cotter, is a psychologist who specialises in the psychology of sustainability. Since 2005, Tim has trained hundreds of sustainability professionals to be more effective at engaging people in sustainability. His consultancy, Awake, works with leading organisations around the world to support them in their efforts to embed sustainability more deeply in their culture.

This workshop most benefits those who have the job of driving sustainability initiatives in their organisation (E.g. reducing waste, increasing sustainable/active transport) and who wish to further develop their ability to understand the psychology of change and how to apply it.

**Topics covered include:**
- The enablers of a culture of sustainability and how to develop them
- Skills for identifying where people are at and what they need to take action
- Engagement techniques, such as using values, social norms and behaviour change
- Tools to support your sustainability leadership, including looking at reducing waste and increasing sustainable/active transport for staff

**Outcome:**

Participants will get tools and strategies to put together an internal action plan for their workplace, including deciding which areas they want to focus on.

### Event details

**What:** The Sustainable Workplaces Workshop
**Where:** Broadgreen Centre Meeting Room, 276 Nayland Road, Stoke
**When:** Thursday 27 September, 10am – 3pm
**RSVP:** By 20 September to nichola.brydon@tasman.govt.nz

The workshop is free to attend and refreshments will be provided.

Help us create beautiful baskets

**Will you be one of the team of volunteers who help us create a beautiful new bunch of hanging baskets for the summer?**

Around 650 baskets need planting, ready to go up around the city in late November/early December.

The planting will be done at the NELMAC Nursery on Atawhai Drive. The session times available are as follows:
- **Monday 8 October** 10.30am–12pm and 1.30–3pm
- **Tuesday 9 October** 10.30am–12pm and 1.30–3pm
- **Wednesday 10 October** 10.30am–12pm and 1.30–3pm

Fifteen volunteers per session are needed. All you need to bring is your own gloves and a good dose of enthusiasm. The 90 minute sessions will see you planting petunias, impatiens and geraniums, with nursery staff on hand to help and advise if needed.

In the past people have really enjoyed the planting process, and it’s a good skill to learn, as you can then go home and create your own hanging baskets.

The baskets really bring the city to life over the summer months and are enjoyed by locals and visitors alike. We’d really love your help to get them up and running again this year.

If you would like to volunteer as a hanging basket planter, call Council Customer Services on 546 0200 to register.
Water meter reading

The residential water meter reading round starts on 1 October, and will continue for about two months. Please check and ensure that the surrounding area and the meter box itself are clear and easily accessible for the meter readers to locate and read. Please move any pot plants that are sitting on the boxes.

The meter readers are allowed to read the meters between 7am and 7pm seven days a week, including Sundays and public holidays. They will be identifiable by their hi-visibility vests with ‘WATER METER READER’ and ‘HireStage’ on the back. They also carry ID with them, which you may request to view.

The city is divided up into areas, with the meter readers starting in Tahunanui, moving to Stoke, through the town, The Wood, Atawhai and ending at the Glen at the end of November.

As part of the ongoing maintenance of the meters, some meters will be checked to see if they are still recording accurately. If your meter is being checked the meter reader will let you know if you are at home at the time. If no one is at home, a letter will be left in your letterbox letting you know that Council contractors have been. The test requires the meter reader to fill a 10 litre bucket with water. If the meter needs to be replaced, the water will be turned off to do this. The whole check usually takes about 10 minutes. These checks will still be on going in December.

If your meter is not easily accessible for the readers, e.g. behind a locked fence or if you have dogs, please call our Contractor’s help desk on 021 0266 6708, so that suitable arrangements can be made to have the meter read. Please be aware that if you don’t make a suitable arrangement or repeated visits are needed to obtain a meter reading, you could be charged a Special Water Meter reading fee of $28.50.

All water used through the meter is charged at $2.102 per cubic metre. This is inclusive of GST.

The Invoice/Statements are posted out usually within two weeks of the meter being read. They will be due for payment on 20 December, 2018. If your account has a balance of less than $10 or a credit of less than $10 no invoice will be sent.

Road closures

Road Maintenance Works

Downers will temporarily close the roads listed below for road maintenance works.

• Parkers/Bolt Road Roundabout – 7am Tuesday 25 September until 6pm Thursday 27 September.
• Pascoe Street (Quarantine Road intersection) – 6pm Monday 30 September until 7am Friday 4 October.

Wet weather contingency will be the following week. Nelson City Council thanks the public for its patience and understanding.

Proposed closure – Armistice Centenary Commemoration

Nelson City Council proposes to temporarily close Selwyn Place between Trafalgar Square East and Trafalgar Square West on Sunday 11 November 2018 for the Armistice Day Centenary Commemorations. Upper Trafalgar Street will already be closed for summer at this time.

Any person wishing to give feedback about this proposal is asked to do so in writing by Friday 5 October 2018, attention Melissa Ramsay, Nelson City Council, PO Box 645, Nelson, or email enquiries@ncc.govt.nz. The decision of whether the roads will be closed will be advertised on Council’s website at nelson.govt.nz.

Heritage Project Fund

2018 – 19 grants awarded

Nelson’s heritage is much valued by Council and the community.

To help look after it Council has an annual contestable Heritage Project Fund which provides grants to help owners of heritage properties look after them for the long term good of the city.

This year, we received 23 applications, seeking a total of $544,000 from an available amount of $106,121.

After considering the merits of each application, 14 projects were accepted for funding covering a range of residential, commercial and community buildings. Work includes structural repairs, earthquake strengthening, weather-tightness remediation and roof replacement.

Maitai wetland complete

We’ll be celebrating the completion of the wetland on site, Friday 21 September, 9.30 – 11am.

If you haven’t had a chance to get out to look at this site, spring is a great time for a visit. If you want to learn a little more about how wetlands function to achieve freshwater and biodiversity outcomes, then come and meet with some of the people involved in designing and constructing this project.
What shouldn’t be going to landfill?
A load of rubbish, or is it?

As part of the work to prepare a new joint Council Waste Management and Waste Plan, we did an up to date estimate of what’s going into landfill:

Each year about 62,000 tonnes of waste (including 2,000 tonnes from Buller District) is sent to landfill in our region, with annual total waste per person estimated at 596kg for 2016.

About 6,500 tonnes of recyclable materials were diverted from landfill through kerbside collection services during 2016. Most of our recycling is made up of glass and mixed paper and cardboard, with a smaller amount of plastics, tin and aluminium.

So can we do better? Watch this space because we’re going to run a series of stories about how we can ‘reduce, reuse, recycle’ to help us all get less waste into landfill.

For more information about the kerbside recycling service and to make sure you are recycling as much as you can, check out nelson.govt.nz/recycling.

Flagging down the NBus
You can now flag down the bus – literally!

Council has produced some new NBus Hail and Ride flags, specifically for hailing the bus on the local routes (Stoke, Atawhai, Victory, The Brook and Washington Valley) that don’t use formal stops.

The initiative started with feedback from Greypower members that they didn’t feel confident waving down the bus on the Hail and Ride routes, especially the recently revamped Stoke Loop. So Council has produced the hand held flags which can be collected from the bus, some retirement homes or through Greypower. You can keep the flag with you so you’re all good to go next time you want to hail and ride the NBus.

Greypower representatives, Bob Hancock and George Truman, who joined Deputy Mayor Paul Matheson in checking out the new flags, say the return of the Stoke Loop service has been well received.

The revamped service caters more specifically for older people living in Stoke, many of whom either no longer drive or simply prefer not to. The changed routes and the timing of the services throughout the middle of the day are tailored to meet that transport need within the community.

The fact that the Stoke Loop is always free to SuperGold card holders is an added bonus.

For more information about the Stoke Loop service, visit nbus.co.nz or collect a timetable from the bus depot, the Council office or the library.

Brook Reserve

Council has previously consulted on and adopted in principle the Brook Recreation Reserve Management Plan (draft RMP).

As a result of the draft RMP process the Council has completed other statutory processes under the Reserves Act 1977 (RA) and the Local Government Act 1974 (LGA 74) to achieve the integrated and appropriate management of the area under the RA as a Local Purpose Reserve, consistent with the vision and intended uses set out in the draft RMP.

The vision for the reserve set out in the draft RMP is: “The Brook Recreation Reserve serves as a centre for environmental education and conservation and as a destination for camping and outdoor recreation, including “appropriately scaled” and complementary commercial recreational and tourism development.”

Council now proposes to change the specific local purpose of the Local Purpose Reserve (shaded green on the map), from ‘recreation’ to ‘outdoor leisure, camping, conservation and education’ to better provide for the appropriate management of the area consistent with this vision and the intended uses set out in the draft RMP.

It will remain a Local Purpose Reserve. Only the specific local purpose is proposed to change.

In addition, Council proposes to declare land that has been subject to a road stopping process (shaded purple on the map), to also be Local Purpose Reserve with the specific local purpose ‘outdoor leisure, camping, conservation and education’, so as to amalgamate it into the adjoining reserve.

Both of these changes were publicly notified on 8 September 2018 and the consultation period will run until Friday 12 October. The submissions hearing is set for the 1 November 2018 and deliberations are scheduled for Thursday 27 November 2018.

If you would like to make a submission or objection, or find out more information on the above please visit nelson.govt.nz/consultations.

For more information about the Brook Reserve and the Local Purpose Reserve (Recreation) Reserve please visit nelson.govt.nz/consultations.

As a result of the draft RMP process the Council has previously consulted on and adopted in principle the Brook Reserve.

Council now proposes to change the specific local purpose of the Local Purpose Reserve (shaded purple on the map), to also be Local Purpose (Outdoor Leisure, Camping, Conservation and Education) Reserve.

If you would like to make a submission or objection, or find out more information on the above please visit nelson.govt.nz/consultations.
Native habitats pest control underway

Nelson Nature is embarking on a long-term programme to reduce numbers of goats, deer and other browsing animals in the Maitai and Roding water reserves. Controlling browsing pest populations will help to restore the natural biodiversity of these important native habitats.

The initial programme will involve a focussed annual 2-3 week operation over 4,200 ha of the reserves, with the intention to expand to cover 7,200 ha of forest in the future. The first of these operations is running from 17-30 September 2018. Reducing these pest populations will help to restore forest health in the largest intact forest ecosystems in the Nelson region. These areas need special protection as they are home to threatened plants associated with the limestone geology in the area, and to others found only in the Dun Mountain Mineral Belt ecosystem.

Deer and goats browsing in the understory kill off important plant species, making the forest less diverse and changing the habitat for our wildlife. Our local species of giant land snails rely upon the moist environment created by a lush understory and are regarded by wild pigs as a tasty snack. This control operation aims to reduce numbers to very low levels over a long term so the forest has a chance to recover.

Track Closures

If you are planning biking or tramping trips in to the Maitai and Roding catchments between now and 30 September (inclusive), please note that many tracks will be closed to allow contractors to carry out pest animal hunting operations.

The map above shows the areas affected. The following tracks will be closed during this period, and warning signage erected at trail entrances.

- Dun Trail from Third House to Coppermine Saddle (note the section of Dun Mountain Trail from Four Corners to Third House has a detour in place due to a slip)
- Wooden Peak track
- Southern section of Black Diamond (Sunrise Ridge to Dun Trail)
- Peaking Ridge
- Dew Lakes track
- Maitai Caves trail
- Old Malita Rd and Mt Malita Summit Rd
- Champion Smelter and Roding Dam access trail

We also recommend caution if using the Maitai section of the Dun Trail (Coppermine Saddle to the Maitai Dam). This track remains open to provide a connection to the Richmond Forest Park/Rocks Hut area but please avoid leaving the track in this area.

Signs will be in place at track entrances. We apologise for any inconvenience and recommend people follow all signage and respect restrictions.

AlphaOne going live

Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council are going live on 1 October 2018 with the AlphaOne system. It will allow you to submit and track applications, including building consents, certificate of acceptances, exemptions and code compliance certificates.

From 1 November at the latest, inspection bookings will be streamlined using the AlphaOne booking app.

MEETINGS

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

- Chief Executive Employment Committee – Ruma Ana
  2pm 2 Oct

- Hearings Panel – Other
  9am 3 Oct

- Regional Transport Committee
  2pm 3 Oct

- Planning and Regulatory Committee – to hear submissions to draft Fees and Charges for Environmental Monitoring and Science – Resource Consents Activity (if required)
  9am 4 Oct

- Community Services Committee
  1pm 4 Oct

- Community Investment Funding Panel – Ruma Ma-rama
  9.30am 5 Oct

- Nelson Tasman Joint Waste Working Party – to hear submissions to Joint Nelson Tasman Waste Management and Minimisation Plan – Tasman District Council, 189 Queen Street, Richmond (if required)
  9.30am 9 Oct

- Planning and Regulatory Committee
  1pm 9 Oct

- Governance Committee
  9am 11 Oct

- Council meeting to follow Governance Committee 11 Oct

  9.30am 24 Oct

- Council meeting
  9am 25 Oct

- Governance Committee at the conclusion of the Council meeting 25 Oct

Other meetings

- Nelson Youth Council
  1pm 24 Oct

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 the Governance Advisers 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.

nelson.govt.nz/meetings

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Watch out for Myrtle Rust

Myrtle Rust has been found in our region, so we need you to be vigilant in helping contain the spread of this plant disease which could infect many of our native plants including cabbage tree, mānuka and pōhutukawa.

If you see anything that looks like myrtle rust in your garden, contact the Ministry for Primary Industries hotline on 0800 80 99 66.

Don’t mix suspected infected material up with your green waste as it must go into the general chute at the transfer station, not the green waste chute. This will enable it to be buried which will help prevent spread. You’ll find more info, including a myrtle rust identification guide at mpi.govt.nz/myrtlerust.

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

Trafalgar Centre
Cawthron Sctec Expo 2018. 10am – 5pm, Wednesday 26 September.

Founders Heritage Park
The Upbeats – Nelson. 7pm – 12am, Friday 28 & Saturday 29 September.

Broadgreen Historic House
Suffragists at Home. 11am – 4pm, from 1 October.

Miyazu Gardens
Cherry Blossom Festival 2018. 20123 April, Sunday 30 September.

Nelson Public Libraries
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Small Time at the Library: 11:30am every Monday & 10.30am every Wednesday, Story Time at the Library: 2pm, every Thursday, Saturday Stories: 11am, every Saturday.

Library Knitters: 10am – 12pm, every Thursday.

Justice of the Peace: 10am – 12pm, every Saturday.

STEMWriters: 1pm, second Tuesday of each month.

Young Adult Reading Club: 3.45 – 4.45pm, every Wednesday.

Tea & Talk: 10am – 11.30am, every Friday.

Alzheimers Nelson: 10 – 11.30am, Wednesday 26 September.

Device Advice: 10am, every Tuesday and 2pm, every Thursday.

National Play Month Performance. 11am – 12pm, Saturday 22 September.

Heart Foundation. 10am – 12pm, Friday 22 September.

Technology Overtime. 5.30pm – 6.15pm, every Wednesday.

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Nelson Provincial Museum
Open weekdays, 10 – 4.30pm; weekends and public holidays, 10 – 4.30pm.

Flintoff – Bob Bickerton. Saturday 11 August – Monday 22 October.

Prospects Farful: Caroline McQuarrie and Shaun Matthews. Saturday 1 September – Sunday 11 November.

Thursday Talk: Guided Tour. Thursday 20 September.

Urban Awakening. Friday 21 September.

Thursday Talk: How to Look at Art. Thursday 27 September.

Refinery ArtSpace
Open weekdays 10am – 5pm, Saturdays 11am – 2pm.

Inspirable. Monday 3 – Saturday 29 September.


Stoke Library
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Story Time at the Library: 10.30am every Wednesday.

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A Century of Saying Cheese: Daguerre To Digital: Photographic Technology Overtime. 3.30pm – 6.15pm, Friday 21 September.


The play is written by local Nelson writer Susanne Smith. No charge.

If you are interested in what Youth Council does, currently live in Nelson and are between 14 – 24 years old, then Nelson Youth Council could be for you.

What’s on at the Library?

Board on Sundays?
To welcome spring, we are starting a monthly board game afternoon on Sundays. Come along and play board games at Elma Turner Library – all ages welcome. Games are provided, with the support of Nelson Toy Library. Next session Sunday, September 23 from 2 – 3.30pm. No charge.

Celebrate National Play Month
Come to see the Nelson Repertory Theatre perform ‘The Queen’s Gambit’ at 11am on Sunday 22 September at the Elma Turner Library. The Agatha Christie style, 45-minute murder mystery play invites the audience to guess who the murderer is before the story fully unfolds. The play is written by local Nelson writer Susanne Smith. No charge.

Join the Nelson Youth Council
If you are interested in what Youth Council does, currently live in Nelson and are between 14 – 24 years old, then Nelson Youth Council could be for you.

If you are passionate about your community or have strong beliefs about Nelson and the future of it, then please register your interest.

Registrations open on 24 September and close on 19 October. You can sign up at nelson.govt.nz/youth-council from 24 September.

Nelson Youth Council is a fantastic group to be part of and is something that the people of Nelson are passionate and proud of.

Providing a youth voice to Council is one of our objectives, along with advocacy and engaging the wider youth voice. Meanwhile, we have recently submitted on the Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan. The management of waste around Nelson has been a topic of interest for us and we have been involved in projects in the past, supporting Nelson’s environment.

Nelson Youth Council sees the long term value of waste management for our environment and strongly supports Council’s goal of avoiding the creation of waste.

By Ella Smith

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Miyazu Gardens
Cherry Blossom Festival 2018. 11.30am, Miyazu Gardens October.

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Suffragists at Home. 11am – 3pm, until 30 September. 10.30am – 4pm, from 1 October.

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Heart Foundation. 10am – 12pm, Friday 28 September.

Live Music Series – Avid Opera. 2pm, Sunday 30 September.

Nightingale Library Memorial
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Open weekdays, 10 – 5pm; weekends and public holidays, 10 – 4.30pm.


The Suter Art Gallery and Theatre
Open daily, 9.30am – 4.30pm.


Prospects Farful: Caroline McQuarrie and Shaun Matthews. Saturday 1 September – Sunday 11 November.

Thursday Talk: Guided Tour. Thursday 20 September.

Urban Awakening. Friday 21 September.

Thursday Talk: How to Look at Art. Thursday 27 September.

Refinery ArtSpace
Open weekdays 10am – 5pm, Saturdays 11am – 2pm.

Inspirable. Monday 3 – Saturday 29 September.