



Beatson Road trial closure

Entry to Beatson Road from the Whakatu Drive roundabout will be closed to incoming traffic between the hours of 7.30am and 9.30am from Monday 27 October until Friday 7 November.

This is a trial to assess the effect on traffic delays in the morning peak.

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Toxic algae: the facts



Getting to the root of the cyanobacteria problem in the Maitai River are Cawthron scientists' Susie Wood and Dr David Kelly, Nelson City Council freshwater scientist Dr Paul Fisher, and students Ebon Aristi, Holly Mills and Emily Blaney.

Nelson City Council and Cawthron scientists are working with students this summer to better understand what local conditions encourage cyanobacteria blooms in the Maitai River.

They are particularly focussed on monitoring the cyanobacteria growth in the lower Maitai River, where it is mostly found during periods of low rainfall.

Earlier this month, Council warned dog owners against allowing their dogs to drink from the river or to swim in any areas of the Maitai where cyanobacteria is present.

Generally, research shows that cyanobacteria is more likely to spread when river flow and water levels are low, during warm and stable weather, and if there is fine sediment in the river.

Monitoring by Cawthron scientists last summer showed the area of the river by Avon Terrace and the Hardy Street bridge had the highest coverage of cyanobacteria and also the greatest level of sedimentation.

Council's freshwater scientist Dr Paul Fisher says unfortunately there is no quick fix for removing cyanobacteria. "We hope our continued research will help us further pin-point the factors so we can work out how best to look after our river."

Nelson City Council is focussed on four key initiatives to reduce cyanobacteria blooms as part of Project Maitai/Mahitahi. These are: changing dam operations to increase river flows helping to wash the algae off the rocks; improvements to gravel

management in the river; riverside planting to help stop erosion and reduce sediment from getting into the river; and a forestry review to encourage best practice forestry operations to minimise nutrients and sediment getting into the water.

Cyanobacteria for beginners

- In the last ten years, problems associated with cyanobacteria blooms have increased in rivers and waterways throughout New Zealand.
- This naturally occurring algae likes clean, healthy water – its presence does not mean a river is unhealthy.
- There is little that can be done to remove this algae apart from waiting for the river to clear it naturally in heavy rainfall.
- Cyanobacteria is present in all of Nelson's waterways but has particularly high coverage in the lower Maitai River.
- Cyanobacteria produces anatoxin, which is potentially lethal to dogs, stock and humans when ingested. Dogs tend to eat the algae, therefore they are most at risk.
- More than 100 dog deaths across New Zealand were attributed to cyanobacteria in the last five years.



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Views of our river

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Project Maitai/Mahitahi photo competition. Here are the winners, plus some other stand out photos that were submitted.

The photo competition was designed as an opportunity for the Nelson community to celebrate the river and what it means to people in different ways. It was also a chance for people to find out about Project Maitai/Mahitahi, which is an initiative that aims to make the river safer for swimming in and collecting kai from, and to create a river everyone can enjoy and feel proud of.



Winning photo by Anne Devlin, of her children Corbin, Devon and Hayley making a dam at Black Hole in January 2011. The judges said: "This photo epitomises all that we love about the Maitai River – an urban river that is beautiful, safe, accessible, and treasured by the community."

Second place by Helen Power, capturing the Centre of New Zealand from near Black Hole in Autumn. The judges said: "This photo embodies a quintessentially Nelson scene and a river that changes enormously depending on the season, the weather and the light."



Jordan Soole – Maitai by night.



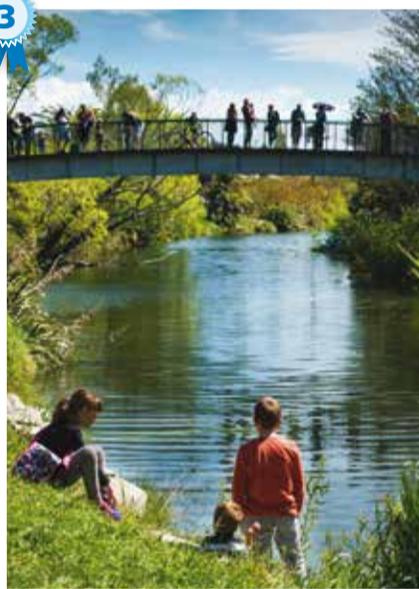
Clare Flemming – river reflections.



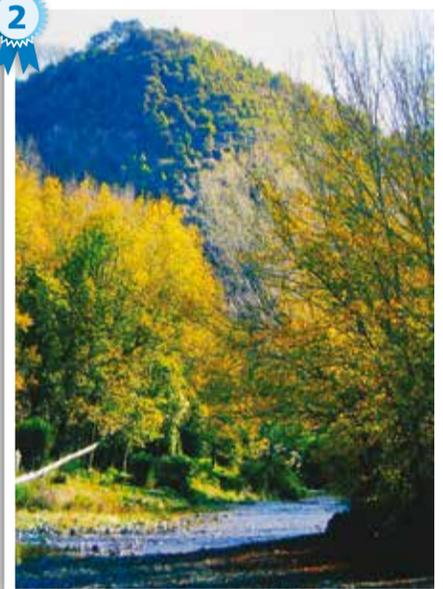
Bronwyn Shallcrass – my dad Fred Shallcrass, an old Maitai fishing hand, 29 December 1982 (courtesy of the Nelson Evening Mail).



Louise Waddington – rope swing on the Maitai.



Third place by Cherie Palmer, of the long wait for the St John's Duck Race ducks to float down the Maitai River. The judges said: "This stood out because of the photo's composition and the happy relaxed scene of Nelsonians enjoying their river."



Allanah King – meandering path, near Collingwood Street bridge.



Sim Berger – a flowing Maitai River.



Alice Fong – view of Nelson along the river

Pretty tree an invasive pest



The Taiwan cherry tree has already spread in some areas of Nelson, pushing out native vegetation.

Nelson City Council has recently become aware of a new pest in town. The Taiwan cherry tree is an attractive yet extremely invasive plant that spreads easily, overtaking native vegetation.

From just a few trees planted around Nelson about 30 years ago, this plant has been multiplying and spreading, especially in the Malvern Hills area between Atawhai Drive and Marybank. Council officers are concerned the Taiwan cherry could become the next old man's beard in Nelson if not dealt with quickly and effectively.

Keeping Taiwan cherry out of our native forests and special places such as the Brook

Waimarama Sanctuary is a must.

Birds transport this weedy tree's fruit, and once Taiwan cherry gets into the bush, it's hard to control. It has the ability to sprout in low light conditions and can grow quickly through the canopy. Once established, Taiwan cherries crowd out native trees and dominate the landscape, pushing out the range of native plants that would otherwise supply food for birds all year round.

Council recommends removing this pest tree from your garden. Good alternative trees can be sourced from your garden centre, such as fruit trees, or how about a kowhai, a rata, or cabbage tree to

keep the birds coming all year long.

A letter will be sent out to property owners in the most affected areas, highlighting the issues and advising residents what to look for and how they can help rid Nelson of this pest. Residents of properties where the tree is known to be growing may also be approached by Council contractors to discuss options to prevent the Taiwan cherry tree spreading even further.

For more information, visit nelson.govt.nz, search phrase = Taiwan cherry, or contact Environmental Programmes Officer, Lynne Hall, on 546 0308 or email lynne.hall@ncc.govt.nz.

Parking changes in Nelson city

Until 6 April 2015, Nelson City Council is trialling some changes to how parking works in the city.

Here are the important things to know:

- You must display a ticket in all "Pay and Display" car parks but the first hour of parking is free in all areas within the CBD.
- Parking fees after the first free hour will be at the rate of \$1.50 per hour.
- Please be aware that the Pay and Display meters will have two options to choose from. One is for the free hour option, but if you want to stay longer choose the other option. You still get the free hour and then pay for the extra time you want. See the picture below for more information.
- The lollipop style meters don't issue a ticket to display but do still offer the first hour free. If you want to stay longer than an hour, insert the money for the extra time you want to stay and the meter will automatically add your free hour.
- The Parking Bylaw will apply from an hour earlier; 8am instead of 9am Monday to Friday (no change to Saturday, still 9am till 2pm).
- Time limits will apply – check signs and meters for times.
- 26 new all day free car parks will be available in Wakatu Square for carpooling permit holders, read on for details.
- Free all day parking is available on the city fringes, for example Paru Paru Road and the Trafalgar Centre.

Press this button to park for more than one hour. You will still get the free hour and then just pay for the extra time you want.



Press this button for up to one hour free parking.



More free carpooling parks available

To take advantage of the 26 new free parks, just register your carpool group of two or more people with Council at the Customer Service Centre or do it on the website, nelson.govt.nz, search phrase = carpool. You'll receive a permit for the vehicle, plus one for each member of the group, that you need to display when taking advantage of the free parks. These are available on a first come, first served basis. Additional carpool only parks are available in Haven Road, Kerr Street (by Smiths City) and Harley Street.

If you want to set up or join a carpooling group, visit the national website, letscarpool.govt.nz. The site is free and helps you find your carpooling match. All you need to do is fill out the basic details – where your journey starts and ends, the times you need to travel – then the website will let you know when a suitable match comes up.

There's never been a better time to start carpooling and save on petrol and parking.

nelson.govt.nz

Search = carpool

letscarpool.govt.nz

Senior Parking Pass

Council recognises that the Senior Parking Pass scheme has effectively been superseded by the current parking trial. For that reason, Council will not issue any new Senior Parking Passes pending the outcome of the current parking trial.

Holders of current passes have two options:

- Council is offering a pro rata refund of the \$20 annual fee, from the beginning of July 2014, to anyone who returns their parking pass at the Customer Service Centre, Civic House, Trafalgar Street.
- Otherwise pass holders can opt to retain their pass and when it is displayed, along with a pay and display ticket from the meter, a second hour of free parking is allowed, subject to the relevant time restrictions, which will still apply.

20th Masked Parade a success!

Nelson's famous Masked Parade wowed the crowd of thousands on Friday 17 October, when more than 2500 Nelsonians paraded through the inner city streets.

Organisers were thrilled with the high level of spectator interaction and the huge effort many participants had put in to design elaborate and colourful costumes in the Earth, Wind and Fire theme. Congratulations to Tasman School, who won the Kim Merry Supreme Group Award for their outstanding steam punk entry.

Masked Parade winners:

- First prize for Best Individual – Karl Wulff
- First prize for Best Group – Hickey Piks Southern Steamers
- Second prize for Best Group – Dance The Sun
- First prize for Best School – Tasman School
- Second prize for Best School – Birchwood School
- Kim Merry Supreme Award – Tasman School



A cute windmill from Nelson Montessori.



Kim Merry Supreme Award, Tasman School.



Karl Wulff, Best Individual.



Best Group, Hickey Piks Southern Steamers.



Runner Up Best Group, Dance the Sun.



Councillor Luke Acland congratulates the Supreme Award Winners from Tasman School.



111 Days to go

With just 111 days to go until Nelson hosts its first match in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2015, it's the perfect time to introduce everyone to a very appropriate cricketing tradition – The 'Nelson'.

The Nelson

A long-held cricketing superstition termed 'Nelson' applies to team or individual scores of 111 or multiples of it (known as double Nelson, triple Nelson, etc.). It is thought to refer to Lord Nelson's lost eye, arm and leg but this is not historically accurate as Nelson never lost a leg. Speculation is rife about what the remaining "1" might represent but that only adds to the intrigue.

Some players believe bad things will happen on that score. It may be considered unlucky because the number resembles a wicket without bails.

English Umpire David Shepherd (pictured) made popular the longstanding practice of raising a leg or legs from the ground on the Nelson in an effort to avoid ill fate. When crowds noticed this, they would cheer his leg-raising.

Now to add to the fun of ICC Cricket World Cup 2015, the whole community is urged to 'do the Nelson'...in Nelson.

There'll be plenty of opportunities to take part in this unique tradition, not only at the games but all the other activities that are planned in our city for the Festival of Cricket that will be surrounding the matches.

Festival of Cricket

Starting on Saturday 14 February, when New Zealand and Sri Lanka play the opening game in Christchurch, you can join the fun of the Festival of Cricket to celebrate the start of the tournament.

The Festival is Nelson's chance to enjoy some fun activities during the best part of our summer and showcase our city to visitors, tournament teams and the world.

Come join the giant Nelson 111 Street Party including a massive Market Day, local wine, beer and food, plus a huge screen at the top of Trafalgar Street to watch the opening game of the tournament live. It will all add to the excitement of the ICC Cricket World Cup 2015 in Nelson.

Kids cricket and beach cricket

The kids are not being forgotten. There is a children's cricket tournament and fun day at Tahunanui Sportsground, followed the next day by that classic Kiwi favourite a beach cricket tournament, so everyone can get out and enjoy summer sport at the beach.

Keep an eye out for other events that will be happening as the time draws near.

We'd also love to hear about other events that groups in the community have planned so please let us know what you are thinking of doing. You can contact Host City Manager Ian Littleworth on 546 0408.

Visit the giant ball

The giant cricket ball, that is counting down the days until the tournament, is now at Bowater Hyundai on the corner of Rutherford and Hardy Streets. Hyundai is one of the main tournament sponsors and the team would love you to pop in to see, sign or take a photo with the ball. It really is big!

Trophy tour

You can come face to face with and even get your photo taken with the Cricket World Cup trophy. It's making its way around the host cities and will be here in Nelson on Thursday 20 November. Venues and times will be confirmed nearer to the day.

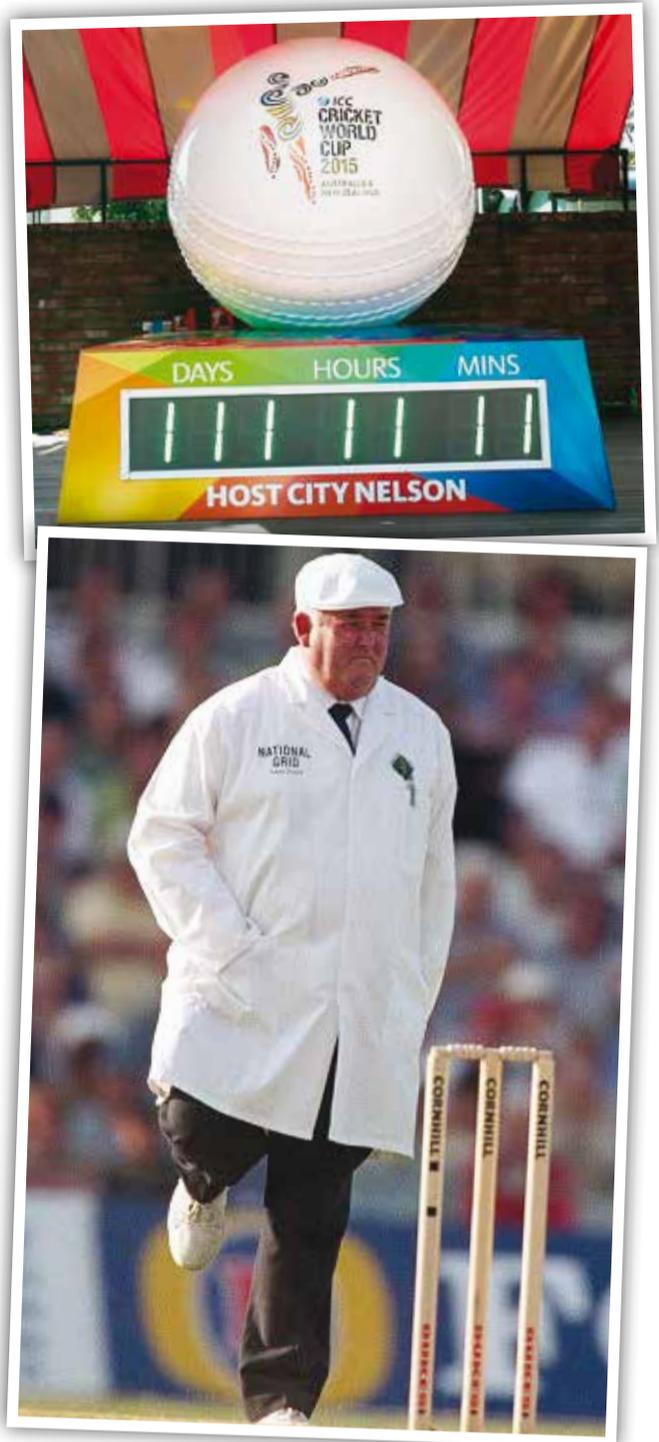
Get your tickets

There's a feast of cricket action coming to our very own Saxton Oval. But there's no need to choose just one match. With ticket prices so affordable, from \$5 for children and \$20 for adults, you could go to all three!

- Monday 16 February, West Indies v Ireland
- Thursday 19 February, Zimbabwe v United Arab Emirates
- Thursday 5 March, Bangladesh v Scotland

Grab your tickets now at cricketworldcup.com and give the visiting teams the support and great playing atmosphere that Saxton Oval is becoming famous for.

cricketworldcup.com



Water meter reading

The residential water meter reading round is now underway until the end of November.

Please check and ensure that the meter box itself, and the area surrounding it, 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 8am and 6pm seven days a week, including Sundays and public holidays. They will be identifiable by their hi-visibility vests with 'WATER METER READER' and "DataCol" on the back.

If your meter is not easily accessible for the readers, e.g. behind a locked fence or if you have dogs, please call 0800 870 008 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 \$25.

All water used through the meter is charged at \$2.086 per cubic metre. The minimum daily charge is \$0.554 per day, shown as a Daily Line Charge on the invoice/statement. These costs are 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 15 December 2014.

Understanding our place names

We'll be bringing you the meanings or translations for some of our local Māori place names. Some give an interesting insight into the earliest history of our region. For some people, it may help improve your understanding of Te Reo Māori. Look out for more articles in upcoming editions of Live Nelson.

Whangamoa

Whanga (harbour/haven/inlet); Moa (extinct bird of varying sizes) = Moa haven/, haven of Moa.

Tahunanui

Tāhuna (sandbank); nui (huge/many/big) = Many sandbanks/big sandbank.

Atawhai

Atawhai = Liberality or kindness. Hospitable.

Wakapuaka

Wakapuaka = The name of 'Kupe's' fishing ground in Tahiti, transferred to Nelson. Waka (canoe); puaka (to produce vines/dry twigs).



Tours to coincide with Ecofest

A Garden Bus Tour and an Eco Home Tour are being held in the lead up to this year's refreshed Ecofest featuring Growables event, coming up at Founders Heritage Park on Sunday 16 November.

The Growables Garden Bus Tour, on Sunday 2 November from 9am to 3pm, will navigate you through five beautiful gardens between Richmond and Upper Moutere, with morning tea and lunch at Stoneridge Café included. Tickets are available from NBS – Nelson, Richmond and Motueka.

The Eco Home Tour is being held the weekend before Ecofest on Sunday 9 November, offering the first public tour of Braemar Eco Village. This intentional community has been evolving since



One of the architectural new builds at Braemar.

purchasing its 11 acre site from Nelson College in 2008. The past six years has been a journey through the process of subdivision, geotechnical and environmental compliance. Now with all sections sold and six of the eight families in residence, the village opens its doors to visitors. Tickets and information are available at Council Customer Service Centres in Nelson and Richmond.

Presented by Nelson City and Tasman District Councils, Ecofest featuring Growables is a fun and educational event with a wide range of stallholders, expert talks and workshops offering practical ways to live a more sustainable lifestyle.

Whether you want to grow more of your own food, save money on power bills or build an eco-friendly home, Ecofest is the place to come to find out more. Tickets: \$5 for adults, (buy them at the door) and children are free. The event runs from 10am – 5pm.



Safer Boating Week sets sail

The inaugural Safer Boating Week got off to an eye catching start on 17 October.

Maritime New Zealand (MNZ), along with councils and trusts throughout the country, teamed up with lifejacket manufacturer Survitec Group to put lifejackets on some of our most-recognised icons to remind boaties that if it's not on, it's no good.

The campaign was intended to be fun but it also carries a very serious message.

Every year, on average 15 boaties die in recreational boating accidents. Two-thirds of them could have been saved if they wore a lifejacket.

2014 Residents Survey results

The 2014 survey covered residents' satisfaction with Council activities and services in general, and asked for their opinions on the transport network in more detail.

"I think overall they try to cater for everyone. I'd like to see them spend more on the real basics e.g. footpaths."

The survey is conducted by an independent research company who speak to 400 randomly selected residents. The information is used to inform our city's Long Term Plan and the development of the Nelson Resource Management Plan.

Residents are most satisfied with parks and community facilities, such as libraries and the museum, but are less satisfied with flood protection and building consents.

More than half of those interviewed are satisfied with Nelson's transport network, with shared pathways scoring very highly, although some residents think that roads and cycle lanes need improvement and that the public transport network is not extensive enough.

This year's survey also included a new set

of questions about environmental issues, to better understand the community's priorities for environmental management. The most important environmental issues for residents were water quality of streams, rivers and the sea, with many mentioning the Maitai River and Nelson Haven specifically. Data was also gathered on recycling, composting and home heating, with almost three quarters of residents recycling their household waste every week, a steady increase from 2006.

We also asked residents for their feedback on housing and development options. With Nelson's growing population and changing demographics, we need to make sure we plan for future housing needs. The survey asked some general questions about the development

of new housing. More compact, efficient house types received the most support, followed by residential development in the inner city. People are not so keen on extending the housing boundary into rural land.

As part of the development of the Nelson Plan, further research is taking place to understand the number, location and types of housing that Nelson needs. We look forward to receiving more community input and ideas on Nelson's future housing options, as part of the Nelson Plan's community engagement later next year.

For more information or to read the full 2014 Residents Summary Report, visit nelson.govt.nz, search phrase = Residents Survey.

"They are always on the other end on the phone to answer a call. They are actively in the community."

"Make sure that they maintain and improve the habitat around the Maitai River, it can be one of the best things about Nelson."

"Nelson Council are good at organising events, they listen and have good quality playgrounds and fields."

"I would like to see heritage sites maintained and preserved and I also think the Council needs to make use of the Trafalgar Centre."

"I think they are too arts focused, they need to spend money where it's needed."

"I am very happy with the cycling trails."

"When we have heavy rains there are some areas that flood. I feel like there is a lot of work that needs doing."

"The gardens in town look good, they're doing work on the river banks, they have really good walkways, we should have more art and murals."

"I think we get a pretty good service, it is a nice place to live. I just think they're doing a good job, except for public transport."

"Clean water, water quality in rivers and the sea so it's safe to swim in."

"Housing choice needs to be addressed."

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Gigatown – what winning means for Nelson

Whether or not you are tech-savvy or an avid avoider of computers, there will be great benefits for everyone living and working in Nelson if we become *the* Gigatown:

At home – much quicker uploads and downloads and all at a discounted price (30x as fast as regular broadband). This means HD videos and music will stream more smoothly, movies or study materials will download quicker, Skype calls with overseas family and friends will go without a hitch, and the online experience will be generally much more convenient and friendly.

At work – you will get quicker access and functionality when using interactive online tools such as Google Maps or Top of The South Maps. Online searching or

streaming webinars will be lightening fast – no more waiting for pages to load or videos to buffer.

In the community – \$200k in funding will lead to new services and help take businesses global. \$500k to help drive community initiatives using gigabit infrastructure will be a huge upside for everyone in the local community. Our schools will be able to get better access to resources through the internet and similarly, our health providers can call on national and international specialists and research to assist them in real time.



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Nelson needs You



How can you help?

Here's what you can do to help get Nelson over the finish line. Follow these steps yourself and encourage all your friends and family, whether in Nelson, elsewhere in New Zealand, or overseas to do the same!

- Go to gigatown.co.nz, and if you haven't already done it, sign up and choose Nelson as your town (watch out for the activation email – it could go to your junk folder)
- Do the Fantastic Fibre quiz at gigatown.co.nz
- If you're on Twitter, just 20 tweets each day will get us up the scoreboard!
- Posts on the Facebook page (facebook.com/gigatownnelson) and on Instagram also count
- Posts or tweets should be about the Gigatown competition; about connected technology; or about Nelson and why it deserves to be the Gigatown! Go to gigatown.co.nz to check out the new competition rules.

For more information contact info@gigatownnelson.co.nz.

“Gigatown Nelson four towns to beat, Gigatown Nelson needs your tweet!”

Gigatown help at the Library

Librarians will show you how to sign up for Gigatown, set up your social media accounts (Twitter, Facebook and Instagram) and complete the quiz, so you can contribute to Nelson's success in the Gigatown competition in time for the closing on 11 November. Just stop by the Community Corner at lunchtime this week, or ask for help from a librarian at any other time, and we'll do our best to get you started.

Details:

Where: Elma Turner Library, Community Corner

When: Wednesday 29 – Friday 31 October

Time: 12pm–1pm

Create your own eden composting workshops

Want to save money, reduce your rubbish and help your plants grow healthy and strong? Then come along to the Nelson City Council's new season of Create Your Own Eden home composting workshops that will be taking place in a garden near you!

If you've thought about setting up a compost system but are unsure how to start, or have been composting for years but have some questions, then this is the workshop for you. Come along and find out how to turn kitchen scraps into healthy compost for your soil, learn about which system best fits your needs, and take a tour round a working garden.



The workshop will be facilitated by a local expert who will go through the different ways to compost and be available to answer any questions you have. The workshops are free, and each Nelson resident will receive a free compost bin to take home with them at the end of the session (max one per household).

Spring workshops will take place on:

- Monday 3 November from 10am – 12pm at Stoke School
- Wednesday 26 November from 10am – 12pm at the Nelson Environment Centre, Franklyn Street

Registrations are essential as numbers are limited. To book your place contact the Nelson Environment Centre on 03 545 9176 or register via Nelson City Council's website, nelson.govt.nz, search phrase = composting workshops.

nelson.govt.nz Search = composting workshops

More trips = more savings

If you want to make your trips on the NBus service even cheaper, grab yourself a multi-trip ticket.

You can save up to 30% if you purchase a 30 trip ticket and there's a great discount on the ten trip tickets too.

You do the sums – a four zone 30 trip ticket would save you \$36 over the cash fare/ pay as you go option. Travelling through four zones, the length of the network, is suddenly \$2.80 rather than \$4 – bargain!

They're easier too. No more worrying about having cash ready when the bus comes, just get your ticket clipped instead. You'll be on the bus and choosing the seat with the best view even sooner.

If you like saving money and making life easier for yourself, why not grab an NBus multi-trip ticket from the depot, Council office or library today.

Remember all the timetable and fare information you need is at your fingertips on:

nbus.co.nz

FROM THE COUNCIL TABLE

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

Councillor's Comment – Paul Matheson



We're fast approaching the busy season for the region and areas such as Tahunanui will again be the focus for thousands of visitors and families on holiday. The beach and the reserve are major draw cards, so an amazing amount of work has been supported and undertaken by Council to bring the area and its attractions up to date.

New parking areas, enhanced walking and cycling connections, fresh attractions and the new look at Natureland are just a sample of the work completed. All this can be enjoyed alongside the area's award-winning restaurants, cafes and bars. Well done to Smugglers, winner of the overall 2014 Nelson

Tasman Top Shop Awards!

Tahunanui is the gateway to the city centre and often the first impression for visitors arriving either by air or road. In the future it is hoped to complete new walking and parking links, safer crossings for Tahunanui Drive, plus new cycle connections from Rocks Road south to connect with Whakatu Drive and the Railway Reserve.

Tahunanui residents are proud of their village and what it contributes to our city and so am I! As the weather begins to warm up, I encourage Nelsonians to join visitors from near and far in getting out and making the most of this beautiful place, which we're lucky enough to have right on our doorstep.

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Meetings

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

Council meeting

9am 30 October

Community Services Committee

at the conclusion of the Council meeting 30 October

Chief Executive Employment Committee

12.30pm in Ruma Ana 3 November

Governance Committee

9am 6 November

Chief Executive Employment Committee

12.30pm in Ruma Marama 11 November

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.

New home for Highland Pipe Band

The Highland Pipe Band may be on the move to the former Hunting and Fishing building in Wakatu Square. The group will lease this building from Council temporarily, provided that a Detailed Seismic Assessment of the building does not show up any critical structural weakness.

This building has been identified as earthquake prone following an initial assessment but no critical structural weaknesses have been identified so far. It is currently being used for storage. Provided the findings of the Detailed Seismic Assessment are acceptable, the Highland Pipe band will begin with a six month lease, renewable monthly following that, while work continues to find a suitable long term venue.

The former band rooms on Paru Paru Road, which are also earthquake prone and do have an identified structural weakness, will then be

demolished, subject to approval at a future Council meeting.

Works and Infrastructure Committee Chair Eric Davy says, "The band has known since work began on the Rutherford and Trafalgar Parks Development Plan that a new band room would need to be found. It has been a challenge for them to find a site that meets their needs but we're pleased to have an interim solution. It provides some surety for the band and will allow us to open out the area next to the new Maitai Walkway, one of the first steps on the long-term development of the area."

Haven Road layout changes on the way

In June this year, the Works and Infrastructure Committee approved a proposal to reduce traffic to one lane in front of Auckland Point School for safety reasons.

The current layout, with two lanes each way going through the pedestrian crossing, doesn't meet New Zealand Transport Agency guidelines.

Work will get underway next month to reduce this stretch of road to one lane in each direction while retaining the existing zebra crossing.

The Committee selected this option as it believed it offered the best mix of improving pedestrian safety without creating significant traffic delays.

Look out for lane re-marking in this area soon.

Trial closure for "rat run" street

The perceived delays caused by peak hour traffic taking a short cut up Beatson Road is being tested with a temporary road closure trial.

The closure is underway at the entrance to Beatson Road from the Whakatu Drive roundabout. Council's Works and Infrastructure Committee approved the trial that is running for two weeks, only on weekday mornings between 7.30 and 9.30am. The results of the trial will be reported back to the Works and Infrastructure Committee.

Works and Infrastructure Committee Chair Eric Davy says "Drivers using Beatson Road as a rat run to try and avoid queues in the morning peak has been a source of complaints from residents and drivers alike for many years. There is a perception that drivers trying to rejoin

Waimea Road at the top of Beatson Road contribute to traffic delays. This may be exacerbated by vehicles on Waimea Road slowing to let rat running vehicles into the traffic flow. We monitored the situation before the trial closure, and will continue monitoring throughout, to get a clearer picture of the issue and whether or not it is slowing traffic."

Previously a series of speed humps and chicanes were installed on Beatson Road in an effort to make the street less attractive as a short cut.

A previous proposal for a longer trial closure was presented to the Committee in July but didn't gain approval.



Mayor gets Sister City behind Nelson's Gigatown bid

Mayor Rachel Reese recently visited our Japanese Sister City Miyazu, as part of the city's 60th anniversary celebrations.

The Mayor also visited Kyoto and Tokyo during her trip, taking the opportunity to whip up some enthusiastic support for Nelson's race to become Gigatown.

Mayor Reese used a 2.1kg giant "One-Ring" replica, manufactured by Jens Hansen Jewellers, to attract Japanese social media users, encouraging them to tweet their photos with the *One Ring*, while using the hashtag #gigatownnsn. All Japanese users who take part will go in the draw to win their own replica ring.

"For our city to win Gigatown we need help from as many people as possible, especially on social media, so we're taking our cause overseas to gain support from our Sister Cities and beyond."



Promoting Gigatown Nelson to 'The Kyoto Shimbun News' newspaper.

"People in Japan were very excited to see the *One Ring*. Not only did the ring bring attention to Gigatown Nelson, it also helped us to promote our city as a tourism destination. The *Lord of the Rings* and *Hobbit* movies are popular worldwide, and the *One Ring* manufactured right here in Nelson, is extremely recognisable," says Mayor Reese.

Sharrows feedback still needed

Feedback from all road users is still needed on the 'sharrow' marking trial that has been in place on Hardy, Tasman and Brook Streets for several months.

This is a national trial by the New Zealand Transport Agency and several other cities have also been taking part.

As a reminder, the 'sharrow' marking resembles a standard cycle symbol supplemented with two chevron arrow markings. The distinctive stencil-style road marking has been used overseas to improve cyclist safety and promote better road sharing.

You are invited to take part in a short survey, available via the Council website, nelson.govt.nz, search phrase = sharrows. This will help the Transport Agency to understand how effective the roadmarking trial has been.

Feedback is invited until 14 November. Anyone taking part in the survey is eligible to win a \$50 supermarket voucher.



nelson.govt.nz Search = sharrows

Keep Victory Safe Workshop

An interactive workshop with Laurie Gabites will look at how we can make the Victory community a safer place and how each one of us can make a difference. At the end of the workshop participants will have practical techniques to take away and the ability to look at safety through a different lens.

Event details:

When: 5–7.30pm, Thursday 6 November (refreshments provided)

Where: Victory Primary School staff room (entry off Vanguard St)

RSVP: marcia.kvs@victory.school.nz by Monday 3 November

Temporary road closure

Lane between Countdown and Fire Station in Stoke.

This lane will be closed for approximately two months for fireproofing work to be carried out on the wall of the Countdown supermarket. Please use the car park entrance on Putaitai Street instead. Thank you for your patience while this work is carried out.

What's on – at a Council venue near you



Wakapuaka Hall

Hobnail Band and Dance: 31 October, 8–11pm

Founders Heritage Park

Friday Night Halloween Dance Party: For 15–18yr olds, 31 October, 8–11.30pm

Minuit – The Final Fling: 1 November, 8pm–midnight

Tahunanui Sportsfield

Awareness Walk: 9 November, 1–3pm

Nelson Public Libraries

Elma Turner Library

BookChat: Second Tuesday of each month, 10.30am

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

Small Time at the Library: Stories, songs and rhyme incorporating movement for 0–2yr olds, Wednesdays, 10.30–11.30am (term time only)

Story Time at the Library: Stories for 2–4yr olds and their parents, Thursdays 2pm (term time only)

Books for Blokes Book Sale: 1 November, 10am–12.30pm

Coffee and books with author Kirsten Rodsgaard-Mathiesen: 2 November, 2pm

Free Computer Classes: (Registrations essential)

- Word 1: 30 October, 10am–12pm

- Employment 1 – Create a CV: 11 November, 1–2.45pm

Community corner:

- Device Advice: 28 October, 4 and 11 November at 10–11am; 30 October and 6 November at 2–3pm

- Gigatown Help: Help setting up your social media accounts: 29–31 October, 12–1pm

- Neighbourhood Support: 30 October, 10am–12pm

- Friends of the Library Book Sale: 1 November, 10am–12.30pm

- Justices of the Peace: 1 and 8 November, 10am–12pm

Stoke Library

BookChat: Third Wednesday of each month, 5pm

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

Story Time: For 2–4yr olds and their parents, Wednesdays, 10.30am (term time only)

Small Time at the Stoke Library: Stories, songs and rhyme incorporating movement for 0–2yr olds, Tuesdays, 10.30am (term time only)

Museums and Galleries

Nelson Provincial Museum

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

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

Suter Art Gallery

7 days, 10.30–4.30pm

Suspicious Minds: Until 2 November

CHECK OUT

- **Awareness Walk, 9 November, 1–3pm** – Bring the whole family to the annual Awareness Walk, a fundraiser for Parkinson's and MS, at the Tahunanui Sportsfield. Show your support by coming down and doing your lap around the 1km course. Getting involved is easy, just enter on the day, \$5 for individuals and \$10 for families and it's your choice how many laps you do. All proceeds go to Parkinson's and MS Nelson. There will be entertainment and a coffee stall.