



Matariki at the Library

Don't forget to head down to the Elma Turner Library and immerse yourself in Matariki this month and next. It's a chance to learn new things! Find out more at itson.co.nz

MAYOR'S BOUQUET



This month's recipient is Olive Jeffries who has been an active volunteer with Alzheimer's Society, Nelson for 26 years, including three years as President. Currently, Olive is on the Advisory Committee as well as mentoring other volunteers.

Olive's invaluable support to the Society combines the qualities of hard work, exceptional organising ability and remarkable innovation. Her dedication has seen her responsible for planning and arranging nearly all local fundraising efforts, including street collections, quiz nights and the first Mothers' Day High Tea last May.

As well as all this, Olive is a devoted member at the Richmond Church of Christ, encouraging and arranging outings especially for those living alone.

Over the years Olive has entertained residents of many rest homes with piano playing and sing-a-longs. She is a kind and generous neighbour and friend to many people.

I am pleased to be able to publicly acknowledge the important work Olive does throughout the community.

If you know someone you consider worthy of a Mayor's Bouquet, just follow these easy steps:

- Submit the nominated recipient's name and contact details, along with 150 words on why they deserve recognition - usually for going the extra mile to perform services to our community unpaid and unsung.
- Send via post to Mayor's Bouquet, Nelson City Council, PO Box 645, Nelson 7040 or email to mayorsbouquet@ncc.govt.nz. Remember to include your name and contact details.

The Mayor's Bouquet is brought to you in association with Woodlea Florist, Bridge Street, Nelson.

Draft Brook Plan released for consultation

Formal consultation has opened on the draft Brook Recreation Reserve Management Plan.



The draft plan outlines how the reserve that includes the Brook Camp could be used in the future, what needs protection on the site and how the setting could best serve both Nelsonians and visitors to the region.

Council has signalled its preference for a vision for the site that would allow for a recreation area, camping, education facilities and tourism ventures to be pursued in the future.

Feedback from the community and key stakeholders earlier in the year guided the development of the draft plan. Mayor Rachel Reese says it is a well researched and comprehensive document that provides a sound basis for consultation with the community.

"This draft plan now seeks people's input to a range of propositions. Council has signalled a preference that allows for tourism activities as part of this area, given that The Brook Waimarama Sanctuary is already a significant tourism asset for this city," she says.

"The process for developing a reserve management plan gives us an opportunity to appropriately manage the potential of this site by allowing for a range of complementary activities including camping. I urge all Nelsonians to consider this plan and comment on their preferences for the area."

The 100-page draft plan and summary is available to view at the Council's Customer Service Centre and Libraries, along with submission forms. People can also see the draft plan via the Council website nelson.govt.nz (search = Brook Management Plan) and provide feedback online.

Consultation closes on Monday 17 August 2015 at 5pm. A hearing panel will hear public submissions, and make recommendations to amend the draft plan, before a final version is adopted by Council.

Have you checked your chimney recently?

The cold, still, frosty weather conditions in Nelson lately are perfect for trapping smoke and holding it in our valleys. Smoky chimneys waste your wood, heat, money and pollute the air!

The things that all woodburner owners can do to help reduce air pollution are:

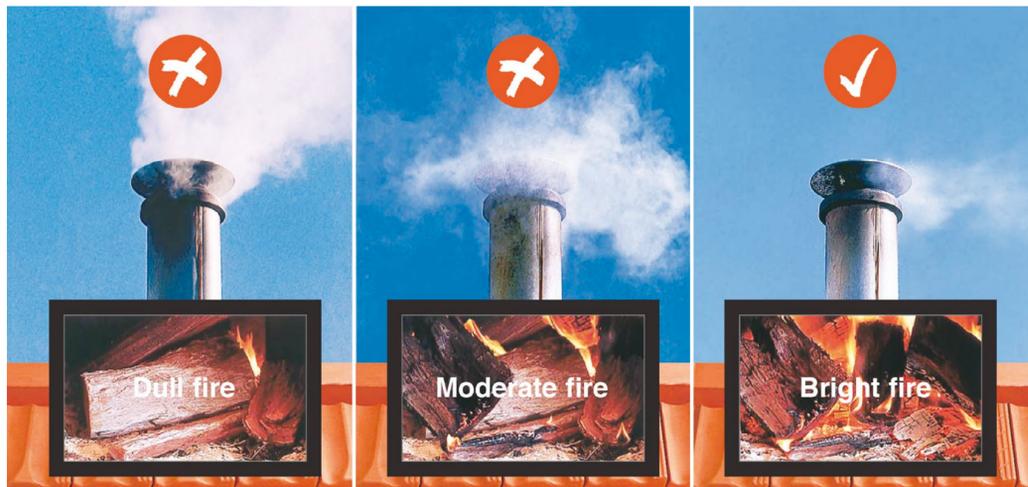
1. Check your chimney – it will smoke for the first 10-15 minutes after you light it, and when you add new wood, but otherwise it should burn cleanly.
2. Make sure your wood has less than 25% moisture. Ask your wood supplier to demonstrate the moisture content of the wood with a moisture meter before you buy it. All Good Wood suppliers have moisture meters.
3. Don't burn plastic, rubbish, or treated or painted wood. It can

create poisonous fumes and damage your burner.

4. Get your wood in advance of needing it – dry wood may not be available on demand in the middle of winter. Rain wet wood can take two to four weeks to dry out, and unseasoned wood six months.
5. Stack your wood in a criss-cross pattern in a sunny, well ventilated area off the ground, and protect from rain. Dry wood, especially pine, can absorb moisture from the air and ground and become wet if it is stored in a damp place or completely covered by a tarpaulin.
6. Get your fire going really well with lots of paper and small wood

before adding larger pieces. The faster the flue warms up, the better it draws and the more cleanly the fire will burn.

7. Don't damp your fire down overnight – smouldering wood is not being burnt properly and the smoke is full of un-burnt particles of wood. If this smoke is produced steadily overnight it falls to the bottom of the nearest valley and stays there for the residents to breathe. You will get more heat from the wood if you let it burn completely.
8. Make sure your chimney is clean so that it can draw properly. Chimneys can become choked with soot and a residue from the resins found in some types of wood.



Seismic strengthening survey

The Council is currently surveying owners of inner city buildings, as well as owners of heritage buildings that are within scope of the Earthquake Prone Buildings Policy 2006.

The objectives of the survey are to gauge building owner awareness of seismic strengthening requirements, investigate the economic implications of strengthening work and inform the development of the Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan (review of the Nelson Resource Management Plan).

The survey closes on 24 July 2015. For any queries, please contact: Planning Adviser Paul Harrington, phone 546 0388.



Nelson Housing Accord signed

A Nelson Housing Accord aimed at improving the supply and affordability of housing in the district has been signed by Mayor Rachel Reese and Building and Housing Minister Dr Nick Smith.

The Accord will see the Government and the Nelson City Council work together to support an increase in housing and improve housing affordability in Nelson. It sets a target of consenting 720 new dwellings over the next three years.

"Encouraging more affordable housing choices for first home buyers, young families, and older people looking to downsize is a priority for

this council and collaboration is key to achieving this. We look forward to working with the Minister, the wider community, developers and others to reach our goals over the long term," says Mayor Rachel Reese.

"This is also an important opportunity to help boost economic growth for the region by increasing the supply of affordable housing," she says. Dr Nick Smith says "A key goal is

increasing the affordability of homes and this is to be achieved by both facilitating easier consenting and growing demand.

"This Accord needs to be considered alongside the new HomeStart scheme, which provides grants of up to \$20,000 for a new home priced under \$450,000. 1625 HomeStart grants are expected to be available in Nelson over the next five years."

Victory at the Library – return of the double-decker bus

Families from the Victory community will have another chance to visit Elma Turner Library on the double decker bus these school holidays.

The library is planning a range of fun activities for parents and children to enjoy during their visit, which aims to showcase the library as a community space in the city, with books and so much more.

The bus will be at the Victory Community Centre at 1.45pm on Thursday 16 July and will leave the Library at 3.15pm.

To join the free trip, book at Victory Community Centre, phone 546 8389 or email vcrcception@victory.school.nz Don't miss out!

When: Thursday 16 July, 1.45pm
Where: Victory Community Centre



Meetings

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

Community Services Committee	9am	2 July
Governance Committee	9am	9 July
Regional Transport Committee	1pm	10 July
Council meeting	9am	23 July
Hearing for exemptions to Fencing of Swimming Pools Act	9am	29 July
Works and Infrastructure Committee	9am	30 July
Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee – Ruma Mārama	1pm	30 July

Other Meetings

Nelson Youth Council	12.45pm	1 July
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For a full list of Council meetings go to:

nelson.govt.nz/meetings

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.

What's on

At a Council venue near you?

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