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Tō Tātou Whakatū

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Tahunanui Cycleway Open Day

Nelson City Council has been investigating how to improve cycling facilities through Tahunanui and is now asking the community about the preferred route. As part of that discussion process, another open day is coming up. Everyone is invited to go along, get more information and ask questions about the route and designs.

Open Day date: Sunday 12 February, 1–4.30pm at Tahunanui Community Centre, Muritai Street (this includes a ride-through, so that people can experience the route first-hand). For more information go to nelson.govt.nz/tahunanui-cycleway.



Greenmeadows construction going well

The new Stoke Greenmeadows community and sports facility is progressing well, with physical works starting in December last year. All demolition work was completed prior to Christmas, with good progress continuing in the New Year.

All foundation levels have been built up and drainage work is now underway.

Work is tracking well and it is envisaged ground floor slabs will be poured over the next four weeks; these should be completed in March.

Deputy Mayor Paul Matheson says he's impressed with the progress to date.

"This is a major project supporting our fastest growing suburb and I am pleased to see the initial foundation work – which can be some of the toughest – is going well."

Stormwater work

As part of the work at Greenmeadows, Council is diverting and upsizing an existing stormwater system via the Greenmeadows playing fields. This includes installing an above ground intake and earth bund in the southwest corner of the Greenmeadows playing fields to capture stormwater runoff which naturally accumulates at this low point.

This work is scheduled to start early March and is expected to take seven weeks, of which six weeks will be within Greenmeadows field, the remaining week within Songer Street.

Applications open for local arts funding round

Applications are now open for the next Creative Communities Scheme Funding round.

Each year, Creative New Zealand provides funding to Nelson City Council to support arts initiatives in the community. Arts Council Nelson administers this scheme on behalf of Council.

Local artists can apply for financial assistance for projects which:

- Provide benefits to communities within Nelson city
- Have an arts focus
- Start after 1st April 2017.

Project assistance grants are commonly up to \$1,200 per allocation, although projects requiring greater assistance can be considered. Applications for this round close 1 March.

Guidelines and application forms are available on the Arts Council Nelson website, acn.org.nz where you will also find details of past projects assisted by the scheme. For assistance with applications contact artscouncilnelson@paradise.net.nz or call 03 548 4640.

Go By Bike Day – Wednesday 15 Feb

Travel to work or school by bike and call in to grab a free breakfast as your reward.

In Nelson you can stop in between 7.30 and 9am at 1903 Square by the Cathedral Steps.

There'll be FREE really good coffee or hot chocolate for the first 100 or so cyclists, plus a yummy breakfast of fresh fruit, yoghurt and muesli and/or Pic's

peanut butter and toast.

Plus there will be excellent live music with the Plinkers, some great giveaways and free bike checks.

Remember cycling is good for you and for the planet, so get on your bike and join the breakfast party on Wednesday 15 February.



Connect with neighbours on Neighbours Day

Nelson residents are being encouraged to show their neighbourliness by taking part in Neighbours Day Aotearoa on 25 and 26 March.

The national event invites neighbours to say hello, share a cuppa, or organise a neighbourhood get-together such as a BBQ or picnic.

To celebrate the occasion, Neighbourhood Support Nelson is providing food and equipment hire vouchers for neighbourhood events over that weekend.

The vouchers are available to any neighbourhood gathering of five households or more in the Nelson city boundaries. They include meat and bakery vouchers for social gatherings

and waterblaster, weedeater and trailer hire vouchers for neighbourhood clean-ups.

People wanting to apply can do so via Neighbourhood Support Nelson's website, nsnelson.org or phone 03 546 4902 to get an application form by post. Applications close on 24 February.

The vouchers have been funded through a grant from the Nelson City Council, and sponsorship from participating businesses such as Pestell's Rai Bacon Company, Stoke Bakery and Hirepool.

nsnelson.org

neighboursday.org.nz



Network Tasman opens a new Electric Vehicle fast-charging station in Nelson

Network Tasman CEO Oliver Kearney joined with Mayor Rachel Reese recently to open its third (first in Nelson CBD) public Electric Vehicle fast-charging station.

The charging station is in the Millers Acre carpark next to the Nelson iSite.

The company will monitor use of its first three EV fast-charging stations with a view to installing more in other locations within Nelson/Tasman.

All three of the current fast-charging stations are free for the public to use at this stage and Network Tasman encourages all EV owners to make good use of them so that they can ascertain the level of demand for more stations.

Almond Tree Flat Ford removal planned for late summer



Almond Tree Flat Ford will be removed in late summer to improve fish passage in the Maitai River.

Work to remove Almond Tree Flat Ford, in the Maitai Valley, is expected to take place in March 2017.

The ford is the last remaining major fish barrier on the Maitai River, and its removal will give fish clear access to the headwaters of the river for spawning. Removal will also improve the health of the river bed and reduce annual maintenance requirements and riverbed disturbance.

Council has consulted with the main users of the ford (mostly walkers and cyclists), and an online survey conducted in 2016 showed 76% of users supported removal of the ford for fish passage. 67% of users supported another form of crossing such as a footbridge in the area, and planning

is underway for a business case for a new footbridge near the site.

A natural river crossing will remain at the site and Council will be installing map boards at strategic sites in the area to give information about alternative walking/cycling routes and dry river crossing points.

Clare Barton, Group Manager Strategy and Environment said that the removal of the ford will improve water quality for fish and invertebrates.

"The removal of Almond Tree Flat Ford represents a major milestone towards the goals of Project Maitai/Mahitahi – to help restore the river to its natural state so that we can all feel proud of it."

For more information about Project Maitai/Mahitahi visit projectmaitai.nz.

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MEETINGS

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

Saxton Field Committee – Netball Pavilion, Saxton Field	14 Feb
1.30pm	
Works and Infrastructure Committee	16 Feb
9am	
Sports and Recreation Committee – to hear submissions to Emano East Reserve Revocation	21 Feb
9am	
Sports and Recreation Committee – ordinary	21 Feb
To follow Hearing of Submissions	21 Feb
Planning and Regulatory Committee	23 Feb
9am	
Chief Executive Employment Committee – Ruma Mārama	28 Feb
2pm	

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