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Tō Tātou Whakatū

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Request for Proposals (RFP) for the lease of Greenmeadows Community and Sports Facility – café premises

Nelson City Council invites proposals from interested parties for the operation of a café business within the new Greenmeadows community and sports facility.

Situated in the heart of Stoke this new Council facility is due for completion at the end of 2017. This is an exciting opportunity for a café to lease a 100sqm area within the new facility.

It is proposed to grant a six year lease over the premises with the area including both internal and external dining opportunities.

Council is committed to supporting Stoke and proposal submissions should include how the café would contribute positively to the Stoke community including how it would integrate with, and complement other similar services in Stoke.

Persons wishing to obtain further information on the RFP or wishing to respond to the RFP should apply online at the Government Electronic Tenders System (GETS), gets.govt.nz (search = greenmeadows).

The contact person – who may be contacted for help or assistance with the response process is: Peter Hunter (Team Leader Property Services). Email: peter.hunter@ncc.govt.nz
Submissions under the Request for Proposals close at 3pm on 15 April 2017.



L-R Chair of Community Services Committee Gaile Noonan, designer Andy Clover and Arts Council Nelson's Lloyd Harwood take in the new Welcome to Nelson sign.

Local designer creates warm welcome to Nelson

A fresh and brighter welcome is now greeting Nelson's many visitors, thanks to a competition to create a new 'Welcome to Nelson' sign in Atawhai.

The 'Welcome to Nelson Sign Competition' was organised late last year by Arts Council Nelson on behalf of Nelson City Council, with local designer Andy Clover creating the winning image, to replace the outdated sign.

83 designs were submitted for the creative challenge which was targeted at Nelson residents and provided wide community engagement.

Artwork was submitted by those as young as seven to 82, with the range of submitted imagery as diverse as the age gap.

The designs were judged by a panel of executive board members from Arts Council Nelson along with staff from Nelson City Council.

The panel was looking for clear, bold and bright designs and needed to contain the words "Welcome to Nelson".

Chair of Community Services Committee, Councillor Gaile Noonan, says Andy's design met this brief perfectly.

"It's great that we are able to revamp our Welcome to Nelson sign with something fresh and inviting, while also showcasing a local designer," she says.

"A big thank you to everyone who took the time to send in their submissions. It was fantastic to see the effort from so many people wishing to make a warm welcome sign for locals and visitors."

Road safety demonstrations coming to you

Stopping distance demonstrations are being held as part of a road safety campaign to show how long it takes for a car to stop when travelling at different speeds.

Anyone is welcome to come along and join in with local schools viewing these demonstrations.

The following roads will be closed to traffic during these demonstrations:

- **Norwich Street** (from Leicester Street to Thetford Chase), Tuesday 7 March 2017, 9.10am–12.45pm and 1.30–2.50pm.

- **Rui Street, Tahunanui** (the entire length), Wednesday 8 March 2017, 9.05–11.10am.
- **Ranui Road, Stoke** (from Willow Avenue to Titoki Street), Wednesday 8 March 2017, 1.00–2.45pm.
- **Nile Street** (between Tasman and Domett Streets), Thursday 9 March 2017, 12.25–2.30pm.

Building local communities

If you want to build a community, start with where the people are.

This is the mantra of US Neighbourhoods champion Jim Diers who returns to Nelson on 20–21 March to co-host an energetic two day 'Activating Community' workshop. This time, Jim will be working alongside Inspiring Communities, New Zealand's leading community-led development organisation.

"We know many people have ideas for things they'd like to see happen in their local community but they're not sure what to do next. This workshop is about giving people the know-how and confidence to get their ideas into action," says Megan Courtney from the Inspiring Communities team.

"Day one focuses on understanding local community assets and best ways to involve local people. Day two, we go out and practice what we've learned in Tahunanui and Victory communities – and hopefully come up with some new action projects along the way," Megan adds.

It's a formula that works. "When we ran this workshop in Dunedin last year, all kinds of exciting things happened – from community organisations working with communities in new ways, to new groups forming to progress projects created in the workshop."

"We have seed funding available to help kickstart new projects in Nelson too. It really helps those with



energy move quickly into action," Megan says.

Activating Community is being supported by the Nelson City Council Community Investment Fund.

Funding to support community action in your street or neighbourhoods is also available through the Nelson Neighbourhood Projects Pilot fund, for more see nelson.govt.nz/services/community/funding/neighbourhood-project-grants/.

To register, go to inspiringcommunities.org.nz/workshops-activating-community/.

What: Activating Community workshop
When: Monday 20 March, 9.30am–4pm
Tuesday 21 March, 9am–4pm
Where: Whakatū Presbyterian Church, 271 Songer St, Stoke

Celebrate World Water Day

Nelson Nature and Project Maitai will be at the Isele Park Twilight Market on Thursday 23 March, 4pm, to celebrate World Water Day (which falls on 22 March).

Come along and join us at the Nelson Nature and Project Maitai stand, which will be located alongside Poorman Valley Stream in Isele Park, to discover the secret lives of the fish and other creatures that live in our streams. We'll have great ideas to share about how we can care for our streams better, and we want to hear from you about what matters most to you about your connection with our freshwater streams and rivers. Information packs will be available at Council libraries and the Customer Service Centre from 14 March.

We'll be joined by Forest and Bird, Friends of the Maitai, and the Brook Sanctuary, with activities and

information about our biodiversity and looking after the life in and around our streams.

The United Nations General Assembly designated March 22 as World Water Day and this has been a focus for action on freshwater for the last 24 years.



Work is underway on the temporary cofferdam at Gibbs Bridge.

Strengthening work underway on Gibbs Bridge

Work is underway to strengthen the pier that supports the superstructure of Gibbs Bridge within the bed of the Maitai River.

The work includes extending the concrete pier 700mm below the river bed. This is being done using a temporary cofferdam around the piers (a structure designed to keep the water out of the area so work can be done on the piers). This temporary structure is lined with black plastic, which contains the sediment and is keeping the river running clear. It means people are still able to continue to enjoy swimming in their favourite holes.

The strengthening will be done using steel formwork around the central pier which will support the concrete during the curing process. The concrete is being pumped through a special hose from a concrete truck on land.

Other strengthening work was recently completed on the Poleford Bridge, further upstream in the Maitai River.

Great effort on recycling

Well done Nelson! Since the recycling wheelie bins were introduced in October last year the amount of material being recycled has grown and grown. That means we're putting much less waste into our landfill.

Thanks to everyone who has made the effort to recycle more – you are making a difference.

It's also a good time to remember what can and can't go into the recycling wheelie bins. Please remember not to bundle recycling into plastic bags before you put it in the wheelie bin – just put everything in loose for easier sorting.

Good to recycle in your wheelie bin

- Plastics 1–7
- Metal cans and tins
- Paper
- Light cardboard and corrugated cardboard

Leave these things out

Plastic bags, liquids, rubbish, meat trays, polystyrene, garden waste, food waste, disposable nappies, hot ashes, oven ware, electrical goods, engine oil bottles, automotive parts, paint and chemicals, bubble wrap, ceramics, crockery and porcelain.

Don't forget to keep glass in the blue crates

Remember your glass recycling still goes in your blue crate and you can only recycle empty, unbroken glass bottles and jars. For glass recycling you also need to be aware that overfilled or non-rigid glass recycling containers will not be collected, you should only fill to the lip of the crate and it must not weigh more than 14kg. These measures are to make it safer for staff who now manually sort glass at the collection truck.



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