

Whakatū Nelson events in the spotlight

TUKU|25 WHAKATŪ

This year's Tuku 25 Whakatū events have been a vibrant celebration of our region's cultural heritage. The festival was launched at The Boathouse in March, honouring the event hosts whose tireless work makes the festival possible.

With over 70 events on offer, there's something for everyone — from learning how to make and use

a pair of long poi in 'Poi 102 with Matepō', to the nostalgic charm of 'Celebrate the Bungalow' and the dynamic artistry of 'Gymnastics Unfolded.' Each event helps to *tuku* (share) the unique stories of our people and place.

Tuku 25 Whakatū runs until 4 May — explore the programme at: tukuwhakatu.nz



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Jewels Shine at Nelson Jewellery Week

Proudly presented by Arts Council Nelson, Nelson Jewellery Week had Whakatū sparkling from 10–16 April 2025. Visitors enjoyed exhibitions from Aotearoa and Australian makers, hands-on workshops with celebrated jewellers and artist talks. Highlights included Evening Jewels, where guests filled the CBD for opening night, KOHĀ at Nelson Provincial Museum, exploring taonga and connection with works by Neke Moa, Sofia Tekela-Smith, and Stevei Houkāmāu, and a packed Floortalk at Refinery ArtSpace, where audiences delved into Handshake 8's exhibition Materialise.