

Tō Tātou Whakatū Our Nelson



Pasefika Festival draws thousands: More than 4,000 people attended the inaugural Nelson Tasman Pasefika Festival at Founders Heritage Park on Saturday 17 October. Organised by the volunteer-led Pasefika Arts & Culture Collective, the festival showcased the region's Pacific heritage and talent, with plenty of live music, dance, food and cultural activities for the whole family to enjoy.

Big Spring Street Party comes to Nelson

Whakatū Nelson's city centre will come alive with creativity, music and entertainment this weekend as the Nelson Arts Festival brings the Big Spring Street Party to Upper Trafalgar Street.

From midday, Saturday 24 October, this free street party invites people of all ages to experience the energy and community spirit of the festival with live music, circus, dance, roving performers, games and interactive art.

The Big Spring Street Party is part of the Nelson Arts Festival, which runs from 22 October to 1 November. Celebrating its 32nd year, the festival features an exciting programme of theatre, music, literature, film and visual arts, with joy at the heart of this year's event. Artistic director Janelle Bish invites attendees to join its very own "quiet riot".

"For us, a 'quiet riot' is about coming together and choosing joy. It might be a brilliant show, a conversation that stays with you, dancing with strangers or gathering on the beach at sunset. Labour Weekend is full of those moments, and we'd love people to come out and get amongst it."

The street party is a chance to enjoy the festival atmosphere without needing a ticket, discover local creativity and connect with the community in the heart of Whakatū.

Bring your friends, bring the whānau and come along to celebrate the start of this fantastic festival in the heart of Nelson city.



A little splash of colour! Unicorns, rainbows and other colourful designs brightened up some little faces on Bridge Street. Free face painting and balloon twisting brought a bit of extra fun to the central city during the school holidays, encouraging families to spend time in the city and support local businesses.



Nelson Arts Festival Big Spring Street Party - Upper Trafalgar Street, Saturday 24 Oct, 12pm-9pm, free to attend. The lineup for the even can be found here nelsonartsfestival.nz/event/the-big-swing-street-party

