

Acclaimed author visiting Nelson

Come along to the Elma Turner Library at 6.15pm on Thursday 18 June to hear Otago author Paddy Richardson talk about her latest and highly acclaimed novel *Swimming in the Dark*. Entry is free and light refreshments will be served.

Paddy's visit to the region is thanks to Nelson Public Libraries, Nelson Booksellers Page and Blackmore, Tasman District Libraries and Upstart Press.

Councillor's Comment

If there is one thing that makes me mad, it's litter.


Most of the time I'm a pretty positive guy but one aspect of modern life that really gets my goat is the way some of us have forgotten what it means to be a Tidy Kiwi. These days a worryingly large percent of the population thinks it's okay to throw half eaten meals out car windows, leave rubbish on beaches and bottles in the gutter.

Not only does this mindlessness soil our town, it practically encourages others to litter, gives visitors the impression we're a bunch of slobs and comes at a price. Council spends around \$130,000 a year on picking up litter!

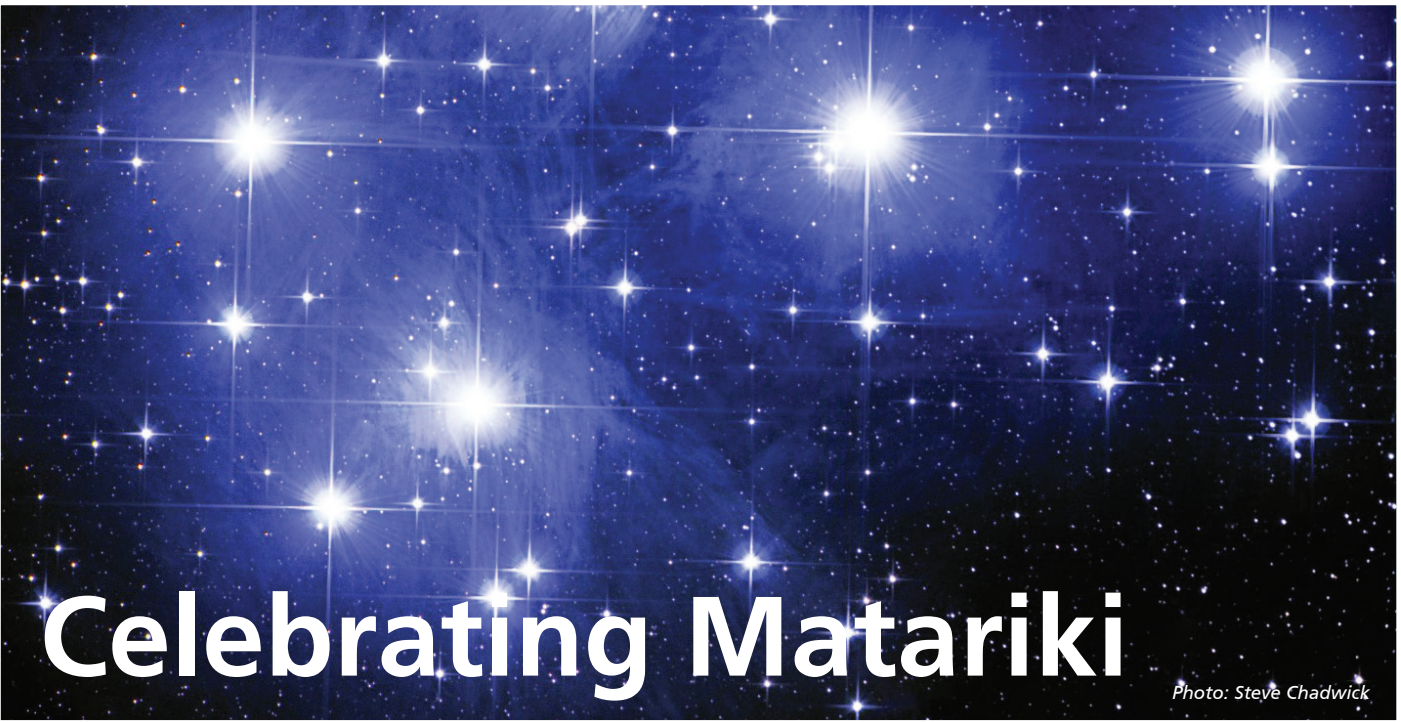
If litter bothers you as much as it bothers me, let's do something about it. Instead of waiting for Nelmac to turn up, let's pick up those bottles and cans and all that fast food packaging ourselves.

The way I see it, the fastest way to bring back the Tidy Kiwi mindset is for those of us who care to clean up after the clowns who don't. The more of us who do so, the more normal picking up litter will become, the more likely others will do it too and, in time, the less socially acceptable littering will be.

One of the reasons people litter is that they don't give a stuff about Nelson and they don't think anyone else really does either. Let's show them they're wrong and make Nelson a nicer place in the process.



Councillor
Matt Lawrey



Celebrating Matariki

Photo: Steve Chadwick

Matariki is a small but distinctive star cluster whose appearance in the north eastern pre-dawn sky in late May, early June marks the start of a new phase of life. Celebrations most often begin at the next new moon after Matariki has risen.

Nelson Public Libraries is celebrating Matariki – the Māori New Year – with displays, workshops and events at the Elma Turner Library. Māori culture and experiences of Whakatū will be shared with Nelsonians from Wednesday 17 June–Friday 17 July. Please book for events at the Libraries. Koha appreciated.

For more information visit:

itson.co.nz



Council supporting innovation and entrepreneurship

With a mission to drive innovation and entrepreneurship for the prosperity of the region, INNOVATE has launched, with its first event being the inaugural Nelson Start-up Weekend on 26–28 June. Based on the proven Google Start-up Weekend platform, Nelson's event will be at the NMIT's Nelson campus.

INNOVATE is a regional entrepreneur activator based at the NMIT and supported by the Nelson City Council,

the Nelson Regional EDA and the NMIT, as part of their investment in regional growth.

If you are an entrepreneur, business person, designer or developer looking for new ideas or challenges, check out INNOVATE and register for Nelson's Start-up Weekend at:

innovatenelson.com

New bus shelters around town

Eagle-eyed users of Nelson's public transport network will have spotted a few new bus shelters around the city.

This year two new shelters have been installed along Waimea Road, one opposite Russell Flats and the other between Beatson and Quarantine Roads.

Plans for further bus shelters are in the pipeline with Annesbrook Drive suggested as a future shelter location. In deciding where shelters should go, consideration is given to

proximity to an existing shelter, potential use numbers and the available footpath width.

On average, Council has installed two new shelters per year for the last ten years, in response to requests from people who have previously had to wait for a bus exposed to high sunshine or rain. Coupled with an improved bus service, the shelters seem to be achieving the goal of increased use of public transport and patronage continues to climb.

Nelson City Council has received positive feedback from local residents and bus users saying how pleased they are with the new shelters.



Refugees: ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances



Nelson is one of five refugee resettlement regions in New Zealand. We welcome approximately 75 former refugees into our community every year.

World Refugee Day is held annually throughout the world on 20 June. In the week leading up to this day, Red Cross Refugee Services Nelson would like to encourage people to acknowledge and reflect on the strength and courage of the people who are forced to flee their homelands and resettle in New Zealand.

An invite is extended to Nelsonians to come together to learn more about refugee resettlement in our region and to celebrate the contribution former refugees make to our community in terms of our local economy and cultural diversity. Look out for displays

around the region and join in with one or more of the activities that will be taking place between 14–20 June.

How else can you help former refugees in Nelson?

Become a refugee services support volunteer. Volunteering is a fun and rewarding experience. Nelson Refugee Services Support Volunteers help families start again, while learning about new cultures, meeting new people and changing lives.

For more information contact Jettie.Zeestraten@redcross.org.nz or phone 548 4978.

World Refugee Week 15–20 June 2015

Calendar of events

All Week

• Display of Fiction and Non-Fiction at the Elma Turner Library

• Displays throughout Nelson and Richmond

17 June

• 10.30–11am, Story time for children at Stoke Library. Free

18 June

• 2–2.30pm, Story time for children at Elma Turner Library. Free

19 June

• 10am–3pm, Red Cross Refugee Services Open Day, Level 1, 132–134 Bridge St, Nelson. Free

• 6pm, Mary meets Mohammad Film, State Cinema, tickets from Nelson Multicultural Council, 4 Bridge St. Ph: 539 0030. \$20 a ticket

• 10–11am, Multicultural Social Seniors at Victory Community Centre. Free

20 June–World Refugee Day

• 11am–12pm, Dancing/performance at Elma Turner library. Free

• 10am–1pm, Chat to Red Cross Refugee Services staff at Nelson Elma Turner Library. Free

25 June

• 12.30–1pm, Story Time for adults at Elma Turner Library. Free

South Island Masters Games entries open

Saxton Field will be front and centre as the sporting, social and administrative hub for the South Island Masters Games returning to Nelson this October.

This world class complex will be in full use as over 2,400 participants sweat and strain during the nine day sporting festival.

Participants from across New Zealand and beyond will visit Nelson to take part in over 45 sports, dress up for the themed social functions/dance parties in the evenings and extend their stay to enjoy our beautiful region.

Saxton playing fields will host archery, athletics, football, netball, softball, ultimate, running, walking and cross country, touch events.

The South Island Masters Games will run from 26 September–4 October and is a sporting festival for over 30's.

Entries are now open. Go to www.simasters.co.nz for more details.



Meetings

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

Council meeting 9am 11 June

Chief Executive Employment Committee – Ruma Ana 12pm 15 June

Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee – Ruma Mārama 1pm 18 June

Commercial Subcommittee – Ruma Mārama at the conclusion of the Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee 18 June

Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit – Ruma Mārama 1pm 19 June

Council meeting 9am 23 June

Planning and Regulatory Committee 9am 25 June

For a full list of Council meetings go to:

nelson.govt.nz/meetings

What's on

At a Council venue near you?

For a full list of Nelson events go to:

itson.co.nz

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