



Bikefest is coming

All the fun of the Konica Minolta Bikefest fills the first two weeks of February. This includes Bike Bingo (details on page 2) and Go By Bike Day but there's much more besides. Get details of all the events at bikefestnelson.co.nz.

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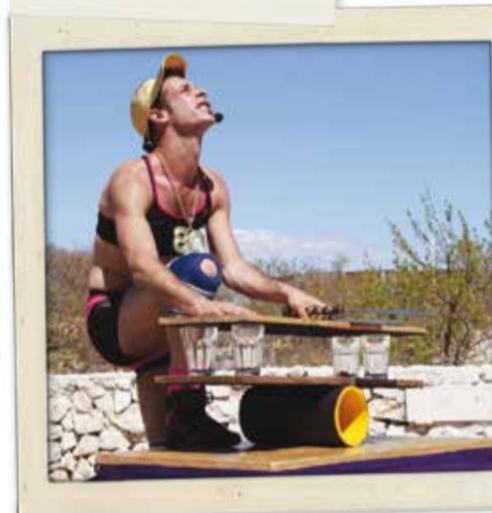
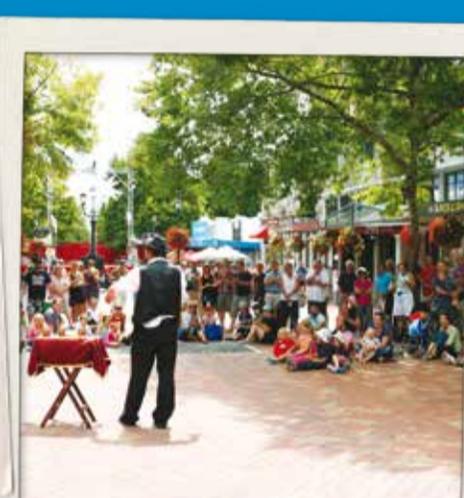
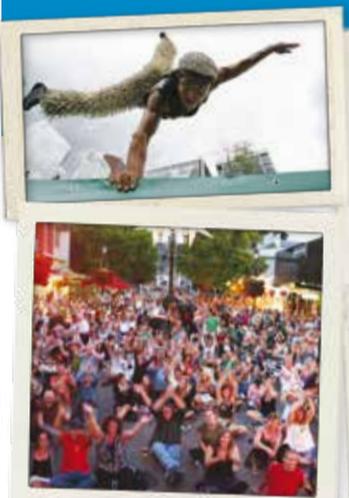
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Buskers are back!



All you need is a sense of fun and perhaps some loose change to enjoy the hilarious, hair-raising antics during the upcoming Nelson Buskers Festival.

In the last weekend of January, the buskers are back, bringing with them weird, wacky and eye opening acts from across the globe.

There are a few different ways to experience these street performers while they're here. You can check them out at the top of Trafalgar Street, Thursday 29 January and Friday 30 January, 11.30am–3pm, or Saturday 31 January, 10.30am–2pm.

If you are feeling a little more daring, come to *Buskers Go Bad* (R18) at The Boathouse, on Thursday 29 January at 8pm, and Friday 30 January at 8.30pm. Tickets are available online at Ticket Direct, by phoning 03 548 3840, or in person at Theatre Royal Nelson, Nelson i-SITE, Richmond Mall and TicketDirect outlets.

Or bring the family to the free evening shows at Fairfield Park, on Saturday 31 January and Sunday 1 February at 6pm. Come with blankets, cushions and chairs, plus a picnic for a great night's entertainment. Don't forget some cash to reward these zany, hard working performers.

Nelson Buskers Festival line-up:

- **Bendy Em** (UK/Australia)
A gymnast, dancer and contortionist, this pint-sized entertainer will have you on the edge of your seat as she bends and twists her body into freakily mind-boggling positions.

- **Becky Hoops** (Canada)
Becky charms and cracks up her audience in an unconventional, quirky fashion, combining parody, humour, crazy tricks and hula-hoops.

- **Pancho Libre** (Mexico)
Pancho has warmed the hearts of thousands across the globe, performing his incredibly energetic and playful acrobatic show. Watch Pancho perform impossible feats of strength and danger in a non-stop action packed show.

- **Eddy Eighty** (Spain)
From a travelling seal tamer father and dress maker mother, Eddy Eighty grew up on the road and from the beginning he had a dream... to bring 80s music to the circus world! Follow this heart-warming story of our charming hero while he delights you with equilibristics, juggling, comedy and dance.

- **Vinyl Burns** (New Zealand)
Brimming with inept sophistication, extreme stunts and surprisingly polished physical comedy, Vinyl delivers a glittering, escapist adventure just for you. Expect a dramatic, silly, beautiful and hilarious one-man show!



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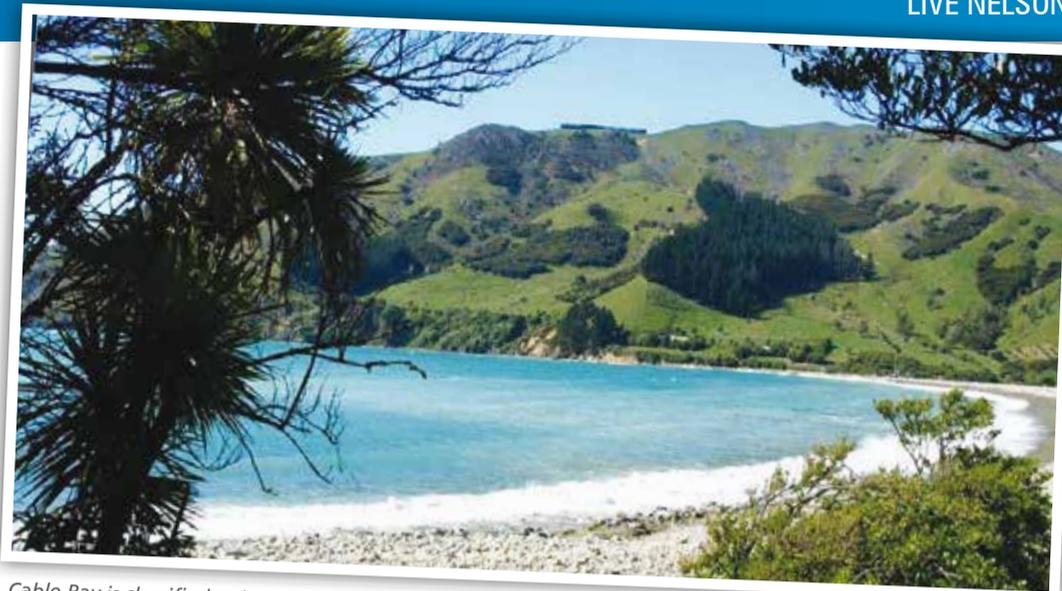
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Watch us on YouTube
youtube.com/nelsoncouncil

Nelson's beaches on show for summer

Nelsonians are being encouraged to do their surfing online before hitting the beach this summer. Beach goers can check the quality of the water at their nearest beach thanks to environmental monitoring website Land, Air, Water Aotearoa (LAWA), lawa.org.nz.



Cable Bay is classified as having a low risk of causing infection or illness on the LAWA website.

The national website provides a seasonal guide to beaches' water quality based on the last three years of monitoring as well as the results of weekly beach testing.

"We're fortunate in Nelson that all our monitored beaches are currently safe for swimming," says Councillor Brian McGurk, Planning and Regulatory Committee Chair.

Cable Bay and Tahunanui are classified as having a low risk of causing infection or illness (between 1–5% risk of illness), while Monaco and the Haven at Atawhai are classified as moderate risk (between 5–10% risk of illness).

LAWA assesses bacteria levels at beaches

over time and also provides the results of weekly beach monitoring, giving users a good idea of the water quality and current suitability for swimming and recreation.

People should always avoid swimming after rain events when bacteria levels are elevated because sediment and bacteria from land is flushed via stormwater channels into our waterways and coastal areas.

"Even a low risk beach can be unsuitable to swim at from time to time and we recommend that you avoid swimming until at least 24 hours after heavy rainfall or until the water clears," says Councillor McGurk.

When a beach or river needs to be closed

for swimming or recreation due to poor water quality, Council will continue to be proactive in notifying the public of any associated health risks.

LAWA was developed by New Zealand regional and unitary councils, the Ministry for the Environment and the Cawthron Institute with the support of the Tindall Foundation to provide New Zealanders with more accessible information about natural resources.

Over time the LAWA site will provide more information describing recreation bathing sites, amenities and events.



Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese with Scott Construction's Justin Candish at the signing of contracts at The Suter Art Gallery.

Work starts on the Suter

The contract was signed just before Christmas and now Scott Construction are on site starting work on the much anticipated Suter Gallery redevelopment.

The Suter on Bridge Street is now closed but you will still be able to enjoy a trimmed down version of the collection at the "Suter on the Move", temporary gallery in Halifax Street, opposite the Library, which will be open within a few weeks. The very popular Suter Café is also relocating to the Halifax Street site.

The redevelopment is being jointly funded by Nelson City Council and the Suter Trust with huge support from the community and charitable organisations. It will take almost two years to complete and includes:

- Upgrade of existing historic gallery

- Construction of new gallery buildings
- Upgrade of the existing theatre
- Heating, ventilation and air conditioning
- New kitchen and cafeteria
- Landscaping.

Please note: During the construction period (until July 2016), five car parks outside 208 Bridge Street will be lost, to give truck drivers clear visibility as they move in and out of the work site. Nelson City Council apologises for any inconvenience.

Bike Bingo!

bikefestnelson.co.nz

Now's the time to start playing Bike Bingo! Check out the details below and be in to win. It is part of the Konica Minolta Bikefest NELSON, proudly supported by Nelson City Council, and offering so many great reasons to get on your bike this summer. Check out the full programme at bikefestnelson.co.nz.



I fitted my helmet correctly.	I checked my brakes.	Railway Reserve, Victory Community Centre	Railway Reserve, Poorman Stream
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I rode on the left hand side.	Atawhai Path, Corder Park	I cleaned my bike.	Maitai Path, Rutherford Park
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Atawhai Path, Neale Park	I wore bright or hi-visibility* clothing.	Coastal Path, Poorman Stream	I slowed down to pass someone.
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Coastal Path, Orphanage Stream	Railway Reserve, Youth Park	I used my bell to warn others.	I added air to my tires.
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*Free hi-visibility vests available at Nelson City Council Customer Service Centre

Tick the box when you complete a task.

Write the letter from each location you visit in the shapes. For more details of the locations visit: www.bikefestnelson.co.nz/events/bike-bingo.cfm

Complete a row, column or diagonal to go in the minor prize draw.

Visit all the locations and arrange the letters into the message below to go into the prize draw to win a MERIDA MATTS 10V BIKE.

Bring your completed Bike Bingo sheet to the Get Moving Tent at Carnivélo, Friday 13 February at Trafalgar Park, to enter the prize draws.

Message:



Name: _____

Phone: _____



Countdown to a summer of cricket

Are you ready for some summer cricket action? The first of three ICC Cricket World Cup 2015 matches to be played in Nelson will see two time trophy winners West Indies meet crowd favourites Ireland at Saxton Oval on 16 February.

Three days later, on 19 February, Zimbabwe meet United Arab Emirates – the first time UAE have played in this tournament since 1996. The third and final Nelson match on 5 March will see Scotland have a chance to even the score against Bangladesh – the last time they met in the ICC Cricket World Cup Bangladesh scraped home by 22 runs, so anything could happen this time round.

Festival of Cricket

And there will be much more to our cricket celebrations than the international matches. Nelson's Festival of Cricket, which starts on February 14, will bring together everything kiwis love about summertime. Get the kids to Tahunanui Sports Ground for an internationally themed kids cricket match. Join in the Nelson 111 Street Party on Trafalgar Street, where you can watch live coverage of the opening match of the tournament (Black Caps v Sri Lanka) on the big screen at the CWC Fanzone. Shop for summertime arts and crafts at the Trafalgar Street Market Day and enjoy a wine and food festivity that celebrates the best of Nelson's boutique food, wine and beer.

If you still have energy for more cricketing

fun, you can take part in a Guinness World Record attempt to "do the Nelson", at Trafalgar Park on 15 February, 11am-2.30pm.

The "Nelson" is a cricketing superstition, referring to team or individual scores of 111, thought to refer to Lord Nelson's lost eye, arm and unknown third appendage (speculation is rife!) at the battle of Trafalgar. Tradition states that 111 is an unlucky score, so to mitigate that standing on one leg or, if you are sitting taking both feet off the ground, is supposed to prevent disaster until the score moves on.

Record attempts for the number of people standing on one leg simultaneously (currently 2276 people held by Tesco in the UK) and for one person standing on one leg for the longest time (no current record) will commence at 12.30pm, with an array of local music, food and festivities either side.

The final event of the Festival will be 'Bat for Race Unity', on 1 March, which will embrace the cultural diversity that is both represented in Nelson and by the world's cricket teams visiting New Zealand and Australia. Experience the world's cultures without leaving home by sharing their delicious food, dance, music and craft.

Mayor's message



The start of a new year is always an exciting time, filled with promise and potential. 2015 stands to deliver much in the way of sporting and cultural events that will showcase Nelson to the world.

Nelson is known as a vibrant city, full of character and energy. It's a great place to hold an international sporting tournament and I'm delighted that we are hosting three ICC Cricket World Cup 2015 matches.

Events of this magnitude bring us media attention and an influx of visitors. ICC Cricket World Cup 2015 will generate significant benefits in terms of international profile. It will also give Nelsonians a chance to experience world-class sporting action without leaving home. If you've never been to a cricket game now is the time to give it a go. Join me at our own international venue, Saxton Oval, for fast-paced, limited over cricket – it's great entertainment! And don't miss the community events to be held as part of our own Festival of Cricket (details on left).

Our city is in great shape to welcome such a prestigious event. Along with the facilities and expertise required to host a tournament at this level, we also have high quality supporting businesses – accommodation, hospitality, tourism and transport – to ensure visitors to our city have an unforgettable stay.

ICC Cricket World Cup 2015 is the perfect opportunity for Nelson to share what is extra special about our place and to demonstrate why we are the best hosts in the country. We'll make sure our visitors go home with nothing but praise for our region and its people.

Late January will see the streets of Nelson turn into an outdoor theatre space, with the Nelson Buskers Festival bringing award-winning street performers to our city for four days of eye-opening theatre. And there is so much more – the Adam Chamber Festival, the Summer Movies Al Fresco – making Nelson the best place to be in summertime.

I hope you all have a chance to enjoy some of these events, and make the year ahead a memorable one for you and your family.

What to bring to Saxton Oval

If you've got tickets for any of the ICC Cricket World Cup 2015 matches, please be aware that food or liquids brought to Saxton Oval will be subject to regulations.

Ticket holders may bring the following:

- Sealed plastic bottles (up to 1 litre in size) containing non-alcoholic beverages for personal consumption.
- Empty plastic bottles (up to 1 litre in size) to be filled using water at venue.
- Small amounts of food intended for personal consumption.
- Soft bags (including a chilly bag), within

350mm high x 300mm deep x 400mm wide. Bags must fit under a seat.

- If you have a General Admission (Grass Embankment) ticket/seat, a low profile portable seat will be permitted if the base of the seat is no higher than 300mm from the ground and no wider than 600mm.

Spectators should also be aware that:

- Saxton Oval is a non-smoking venue.
- Photographic, video or audio recording devices for any purpose other than private non-commercial purposes are not permitted.

nelson.govt.nz Search = Cricket World Cup





Vouchers on offer for neighbourhood events

Neighbourhood BBQs, picnics and other gatherings are expected to be held throughout Nelson to celebrate *Neighbours Day Aotearoa* in March. Neighbourhood Support Nelson is encouraging neighbours to get together for the weekend celebration on March 28 and 29, and is offering food vouchers as an incentive.

Neighbourhood Support Nelson Coordinator Karen Clark says 35 meat pack vouchers from Pestell's butchery and 30 bakery vouchers from Stoke Bakery and Kitchen are on offer for gatherings held during the weekend.

"Neighbours Day Aotearoa offers an ideal opportunity to connect with neighbours and get to know them better in an informal, social setting. Every connection you make helps to turn your neighbourhood into a friendlier, nicer place to live.

"It's not about organising big events; it's about small local gatherings. In previous years neighbourhoods have celebrated with all sorts of get-togethers, such as morning teas, potluck dinners, working bees and garage sales.

"Even if you just invite some neighbours over for a cuppa, that's joining in the spirit of things. And if you can't get together with your neighbours you can still make an effort to be neighbourly with a

smile, wave or hello," says Ms Clark.

Neighbourhood Support Nelson has been involved with Neighbours Day Aotearoa for three years and last year more than 50 Nelson neighbourhoods took part.

The vouchers for this year's event are being funded through grants from the Nelson City Council's Community Assistance Fund and the Network Tasman Trust.

People can enter the voucher draws by filling out an application form, available on facebook.com/neighbourhoodsupportnelson or itson.co.nz, search phrase = Neighbours Day Aotearoa. Entries close on February 27.

Ideas, tips and resources for Neighbours Day events can be downloaded from neighboursday.org.nz. For more information, contact Karen Clark on 546 4902 or 027 313 2461 or email nsupport@xtra.co.nz.



neighboursday.org.nz

itson.co.nz

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Exciting Live Nelson changes

From this month Live Nelson, in its current eight page tabloid format, will change from a fortnightly publication to a monthly publication.

In the 'off' fortnight, you will still receive Live Nelson right to your mailbox – just in a different format. Starting from Thursday 5 February, a double page centre spread will be introduced in the Nelson Leader, featuring the latest Council news snippets, with more detail available online where applicable.

Council news by email

Live Nelson will also be available as an email newsletter from February, for those who'd like regular snippets on top of the usual updates in print.

All you need to do is give us your email address if you'd like to get an occasional update from us – promise we won't spam you!

Just go to the Nelson City Council Facebook page and complete the quick and easy sign up process.

facebook.com/nelsoncitycouncil

Free computer classes

Nelson Public Libraries, in partnership with the 2020 Communication Trust, will continue to deliver free computer courses in 2015.

The classes are designed to teach practical computer and digital technology skills. The programme includes courses on using Microsoft Word and Excel, CV writing and job seeking. Classes will begin on 11 February and spaces are limited, so ensure that you book ahead of time.

To book: Go to steppingup.org.nz. Click on 'Upcoming course' under the 'Courses' menu, then choose the Nelson Public Libraries, Stoke or Tahuna courses.

Classes marked * must be booked either by phoning the library on 546 0414, emailing us at library.ref@ncc.govt.nz or in person at any of our branches.



steppingup.org.nz

Elma Turner Library

10.00am – 12pm (unless indicated). Max 6 people

Microsoft Word 1 & 2.....	Wed 11 Feb
Basic internet skills *	Thu 12 Feb
Employment 1	Wed 18 Feb
Youtube	Thu 19 Feb
Employment 2	Wed 25 Feb
Newspapers online *	Thu 26 Feb
Real Me	Wed 4 Mar
Skype.....	Thu 5 Mar
Spreadsheets – Excel	Wed 11 Mar
Research/online resources *	Thu 12 Mar
E-books (5.30pm–6.30pm)	Tue 17 Mar
Internet security & safety.....	Wed 18 Mar
Introduction to social media *	Thu 19 Mar
Digital photos.....	Wed 25 Mar
Trade Me.....	Thu 26 Mar
Introduction to tablets.....	Wed 1 Apr
Travel planning *	Thu 2 Apr

Stoke Library

8.45am – 9.45am. Max 5 people

Introduction to tablets	Fri 13 Feb
Microsoft Word part 1	Fri 20 Feb
Microsoft Word part 2	Fri 27 Feb
Employment part 1	Fri 20 Mar
Employment part 2	Fri 27 Mar

Tahuna Library (Nightingale)

2.00 – 4.00pm. Max 4 people

Basic internet skills *	Thu 12 Mar
Internet security and safety	Thu 26 Mar

New Year, new intentions – get composting!

Composting is a great way to save money, reduce rubbish and feed your garden! It's nature's way of recycling, turning unwanted food scraps and greenwaste into compost that will improve your soil and help your plants grow healthy and strong.

To celebrate the start of 2015, Nelson City Council has increased their Create your Own Eden composting subsidy to \$20 to help you start or improve your composting at home. Use the subsidy coupon printed here when buying a compost bin, worm farm, worms or an EM bokashi unit from one of the participating retailers (listed online) to claim your \$20. To use the voucher, you must be a Nelson resident.

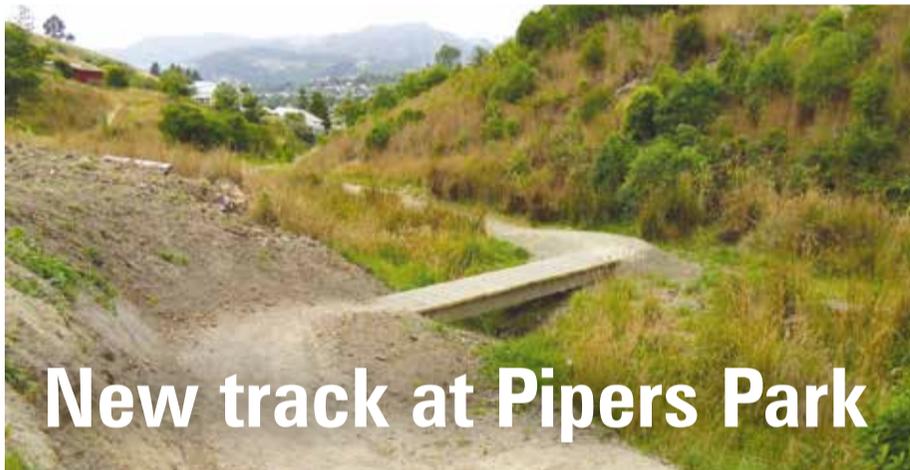
Composting can work for you, even if you are short of time or

space, or don't know much about it! Pick up a 'How to' composting guide from Council's Customer Service Centre or visit nelson.govt.nz, search phrase = Create Your Own Eden, to learn more.

In autumn, we will also be running a series of two hour Create Your Own Eden composting workshops, to get you started or help you get more from your chosen composting system. So watch this space for further information.

nelson.govt.nz

Search = Create Your Own Eden



New track at Pipers Park

Pipers Park is a reserve that may not yet be well known to many, but it soon will be. It's the section of land on the hill between the top of Emano Street and Princes Drive, which has now been opened up to everyone with the construction of a new walking and mountain biking track.

The land is very steep and was planted in pine trees until 2010. These were logged and natives have been planted in their place, with lots of voluntary help from local schools. These plants are flourishing thanks to the fertile soil in the reserve.

The idea of creating a track through this area came from the Victory Community Group and the Nelson Mountain Bike Club, who also worked with Council and Nelmac on the design. It provides a link between Princes Drive and Emano Street and opens up the reserve for all to enjoy.

The track covers 1.5km as it climbs quite gently up the hill. It was challenging to build because of the steep terrain, the need to deal with historic slips, dense vegetation in places and having to include lots of drainage to accommodate natural

springs and stormwater run-off.

There was great support for the project from the community. As well as the planting help from local schools and the involvement of the Nelson Mountain Bike Club, the Nelson College carpentry workshop built the bridge across the creek at the bottom of the reserve. It's made to existing Department of Conservation plans and the timber was kindly donated by South Pine.

The Pipers Park track has been welcomed by users, with lots of happy people giving positive reports to Council about it. Make sure you explore it soon, on foot or by bike, and be rewarded with a fun outing to a new area and some stunning city views when you reach the top.




\$20 COUPON

Compost your kitchen and garden waste, save money and feed your garden!

Use this subsidy coupon when buying a compost bin, worm farm, worms or an EM Bokashi unit from a participating retailer and make your own compost, a great source of food for your garden.

How it works:

- Nelson City Council residents are entitled to one \$20 subsidy (\$17.39 excluding GST) per household when purchasing a compost bin, worm farm, worms or an EM Bokashi unit from a participating retailer.
- Participating retailers (listed online) will provide the discount at the time of purchase. It is not available direct from Nelson City Council.
- Coupons can only be redeemed for Nelson residential addresses, not PO box numbers.

Name of purchaser: _____

Address of purchaser: _____

Phone number: _____

Signature: _____

Name of retailer: _____

For more information on how to compost, pick up a 'How To' guide for composting from the Customer Service Centre or go to www.nelson.govt.nz (search phrase = create your own eden).





New 'at your library'

Nelson Public Libraries' customer newsletter has had a face-lift.

It was thought that 'Shelf Life' (the former title) had reached the end of its shelf life. For the new-look newsletter, ten monthly issues are planned over a year, with the eleventh issue – 'Summer at your library' – covering both December and January.

Incorporated into the newsletter are a couple of other library handouts, including the monthly 'What's On', classes on offer, and Hot Picks for reading ideas.

Modern public libraries are about so much more than books. Throughout 2015 library staff will continue to connect with the Nelson community both inside and outside the libraries, so expect more classes, events, activities for children, young people and adults.

The library staff welcome your comments and ideas on the new-look newsletter, and on the services and events provided. Feedback can be emailed to library.info@ncc.govt.nz.

You can pick up a newsletter at any of the three Nelson Public Libraries or on the library website. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, let the library know.

nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz

Search = at your library



Exciting new happenings at Founders

Founders Heritage Park has had a record number of summer visitors this year with more than 300 people visiting every day over the last two weeks. This trend looks set to continue with lots of exciting new attractions for 2015.

With the new Hop and Beer Museum receiving national profile and Founders Cafe and Brewery offering fabulous craft beers, salads and other cafe style meals, visitors have been pouring in.

The Nelson Railway Society running trains daily during the summer has also been a real hit with kids. The gardens are looking their best with a new herbaceous border in front of Duncan House, and orchard.

Fresh displays

Learn to weave

A new weaving studio has opened in the railway cottage inside Founders Park. *Twill Design* is operated by Karuna, who has a long history in the textile industry. Two hour weaving workshops, suitable for all ages, are offered 10am – 12pm on a regular basis.

Printery

Clare Makwana, a renowned Nelson printmaker, is assisting us to clear a space in the Nelson Mail printing display, in order to set up her own print making workshop. This synergy between the contemporary print making process, alongside the 100 year old printing machines is a great fit and we are excited to have Clare working here at the Park, as a fantastic addition to our visitors' experience.



Winn's cycle and repair workshop

Nelson has a long history of cycling, with two early prominent stores in the city: *J W Mercer and Winn Bros Cycles*. Winn's cycles existed in Nelson from 1906 until the 1980s. The new display is spread between two rooms and features several rare and authentic vintage cycles donated by the local community, including the descendants of Winn's Cycles. The first room is a bike repair workshop, the second room is a temporary 'showroom', based on an image of May's bike stand at the Nelson A&P Show in [c.]1902.

The workshop is now operated by *Bicycle Nelson Bays*, offering community programmes to repair bikes and a base for volunteers to fix bikes for refugees, a local initiative.

Tenancy opportunity

Proposals are being sought for a new tenant to take on the lease at the Motor Garage from April 2015. Founders Heritage Park Facility Manager Maria Anderson says the park is looking for a tenant who can make the most of the workshop and display room that is available.

"To see this part of the park being better utilised, offering visitors the opportunity to see an old motor or machinery collection as well as the process of renovation would be the perfect fit.

"We are expecting a range of proposals; we're sure people will come up with all sorts of creative ideas to reuse this space, to fit in with the daily operations here at

the park. The ideal tenant would also offer something for visitors to enjoy."

The lease is worth \$5,000 per annum +GST. If you are interested in this lease, please send a simple one page proposal to maria.anderson@ncc.govt.nz before the end of the January.



Founders has an exciting opportunity for a new tenant in its versatile Motor Garage building.

Upcoming events

There is a packed summer events calendar at Founders, for more information and all the latest listings, please visit Nelson's event website, itson.co.nz.

Jazz on the Village Green

Nelson Jazz Club presents a summer series of local jazz, 1.30–4pm every Sunday afternoon, from January through to mid March. Relax and enjoy live music on the village green.

Evolve Festival

Friday 23–Sunday 25 January. An annual celebration of health and wellbeing, providing inspiration and

information to evolve the health and wellbeing of people and the planet. Enjoy more than 70 free workshops and seminars, plus a fun kids' zone, food stalls and live music and entertainment throughout the weekend, evolvefestival.co.nz.

Kai Fest

The seventh annual International Kai Festival is on again this Waitangi Day, 6 February. Founders Heritage Park and Whakatū Marae present a traditional welcome for visitors, with a huge variety of international foods on offer, made by families living in the Nelson community, plus live entertainment and kids' activities throughout the day.

founderspark.co.nz

[facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)

Search = Founders Heritage Park



OPEN DAILY

Founders Heritage Park is open daily 10am – 4.30pm (except Good Friday and Christmas Day). Entry is free for locals, with ID.

To find out more, visit the Founders Heritage Park Facebook page, check out the website founderspark.co.nz or call 03 548 2649.

Councillor's Comment – Tim Skinner



2015 is off to a roaring start. Beautiful weather, tourist numbers and spending at a new high. Petrol prices continuing to drop, timely for holiday travel.

The second day of this year I combined two of my passions, motorcycles and photography as official photographer for Port Nelson Street Races. The Port

Races now in its 25th year, is a very popular family event that greatly adds to the summer vibrancy and economy to Nelson.

Port Nelson, a NCC and TDC owned entity very accommodatingly make available and close off the industrial streets of the Port for the 4000 spectators to enjoy, and 95 riders plus crew to skilfully and bravely race their engineered marvels of all eras to the deafening thrill of the crowd. A non-profit event that brings competitors and crews from all round NZ and Australia and approx \$3 million into the local economy for the weekend.

Another highlight has been meeting Joseph Parker, NZ heavy weight boxing champion at only 22 years of age (watch out for him, he has the potential and time on his side to become world champion). A very humble and accommodating kiwi bloke who dropped into Victory Boxing Gym to meet the kids and to show his support for the community based Victory boxing. An organisation I am greatly impressed with and support. An organisation run by recently awarded 'Nelsonian of the Year' Paul Hampton and a group of passionate local individuals and businesses who very generously give of their time.

Victory Boxing helps young lads with more than a physical outlet, but more importantly life skills, self-esteem, boundaries and focus. Elements which all young boys crave, and need.

I look forward to the new challenges 2015 will bring. Though where are all these "hoverboards", "robotic assistants" and "self-lacing shoes" as was meant to be common place this year as portrayed in the 1989 movie "Back to the Future".

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Meetings

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

Regional Transport Committee – to hear submissions to the Regional Land Transport Plan
9am 10 Feb

Hearing for exemptions to fencing of swimming pools
9am 11 Feb

Council meeting
9am 12 Feb

Works and Infrastructure Committee to follow
Council meeting 12 Feb

Planning and Regulatory Committee – to deliberate on submissions to Local Approved Products Policy
1pm 17 Feb

Planning and Regulatory Committee
9am 19 Feb

Chief Executive Employment Committee – Ruma Ana
12noon 23 Feb

Council meeting
9am 24 Feb

Regional Transport Committee – to deliberate on Regional Land Transport Plan
9am 25 Feb

Community Services Committee
9am 26 Feb

Other meetings

Nelson Youth Council
1pm 9 Feb

Notes:

- 1: Unless otherwise shown, the meetings will be held in the Council Chamber, Civic House, Trafalgar Street, Nelson.
- 2: A public forum is held during the initial period of the Committee/ Council meeting. Anyone wishing to speak at this public forum is asked to give prior advice to an Administration Adviser on 546 0200.
- 3: Agendas will be available for perusal at the Customer Service Centre in Civic House, or at Nelson Public Libraries, two days prior to the meeting.
- 4: Agendas and minutes for Council meetings can be viewed on Council's website nelson.govt.nz.

Keep dogs under control near sheep

There are several Council reserves where sheep, and sometimes cattle, are used for grass and weed control. They do an important job and it is vital that owners keep their dogs under control around livestock.

This was highlighted by a recent incident where two dogs attacked and killed a sheep on the Grampians Reserve. Dogs that attack livestock can be destroyed so if you are a dog owner, please be aware of your responsibilities and the possible consequences.

Livestock currently graze reserves including the Grampians, the upper end of the Maitai Walkway, Tantragee Saddle and Sir Stanley Whitehead Park.

Sheep in particular love to eat Old Mans Beard, a weed that has the potential to smother regenerating native plants. Livestock numbers are carefully managed so only light grazing

happens. If sheep get too hungry they could start eating the plants they are there to protect rather than the noxious weeds.

Grazing reserves is not only an environmentally friendly way of maintaining them, it also hugely reduces the maintenance cost to ratepayers, and supports the valuable work of the many voluntary weed control and pest trapping groups in our region.

Managed grazing also reduces the fire risk allowing Council to keep reserves open throughout dryer Nelson summers.

Remember that grazing stock have a job to do so please leave them in peace to do just that.



Volunteer to help others and reap the rewards

Citizens Advice Bureau
NOT SURE? ASK US.



Council supports many community organisations to provide life skills, information, support and encouragement for those in need, recognising that volunteers are often the people who make a real difference in our community.

Volunteers like Nicky*, who chose to volunteer with the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) a year ago. Nicky wanted to begin the transition back into the paid workforce after a decade as a stay-at-home mum. CAB appealed because of its strong "problem-solving" aspect, and because she wanted to up-skill with computers. "I'm surprised by the variety of backgrounds and life skills of the volunteer team, and really appreciates the way they work together when

answering tricky questions," she said.

The initial training is very comprehensive. Each new recruit has a mentor, and Nicky says this helped enormously.

"Every shift, I talk to someone different, research different things, and work with some amazing people. It's a great feeling when you help people solve an issue. I'm never bored at CAB."

If you'd like to find out what's involved and expand your knowledge while helping others, contact CAB now for an information pack: 548 2117 or cab.nelson@xtra.co.nz.

Applications close 13 February. Initial training starts Friday 27 February.

*Name changed for confidentiality.



CAB volunteers publicise the service at the Elma Turner Library Community Corner.



Waitangi Day celebrations

Nelson City Council's celebration of Waitangi Day, which is on Friday 6 February this year, will begin this week with static displays in the library of taonga from the Iwi of Te Taihū.

These taonga tuku iho (ancient treasures) represent a way of life prior to European settlement and the artistry and technology of those ancient times. They are also a visible connection to Te taiao (the natural environment) and usage of the taonga that Papatuanuku (Earth Mother) and Ranginui (Sky Father) and their whanau provide.

Some of the displays and information available will also provide updated information on the Te Taihū (Top of the South) Treaty of Waitangi Settlements which came into effect on 1 August 2014.

There will also be a series of public presentations on the Treaty Settlements, from a local and central government perspective, explaining the history and tools available to help the wider community understand the implications of Treaty Settlement for them.

These presentations will take place on Tuesday 17 February from 9.30–11.30am and Wednesday 18 February, from 12.30–2.30pm and then 3–5pm on the same day. The venue will be the Elma Turner Library activity room.

For further information and to book a place at the seminars, please contact library.info@ncc.govt.nz or phone 546 0414. Koha would be appreciated.

Photo on left: The display includes a tokotoko purakau (talking stick), carved by internationally acclaimed artist Brian Flintoff, into a slice of sperm whale jawbone. The 400mm long talking stick is beautifully carved to depict the story of the ancient waka 'Huruhuru manu'. The top figure represents the captain of the waka who is shown playing a nguru (flute).

Photo on right: Library Assistant Cindy Batt with taonga tuku iho from the Elma Turner Waitangi Day display.

Beachfest 2.0



A bigger, brighter, and bolder Beachfest returns to the Tahunanui Sports Fields on Saturday 31 January from 4–10pm, giving young revellers the chance to enjoy one last party before the upcoming school year.

Thanks to funding from Nelson City Council, the event is free for those aged 15–18 years and is strictly alcohol and drug free. Security and HYPE Street Ambassadors will be there to help young people to enjoy the Tahunanui Beach area safely.

Beachfest 2.0 builds upon the inaugural Beachfest

Public holiday facilities and services

Nelson Anniversary Day – Monday 2 February
Waitangi Day – Friday 6 February

Kerbside Recycling and NELMAC refuse pick up

As per normal collection days. Please put your recyclables and refuse out at the kerbside by 8.00am.

Pascoe Street Transfer Station opening hours

Saturday 2 February	8.00am–4.30pm
Sunday 3 February	10.00am–4.30pm
Monday 4 February	10.00am–4.30pm
Tuesday 5 February	8.00am–7.00pm
Wednesday 6 February	10.00am–4.30pm

Nelson Public Libraries

All three libraries will be closed both days.

Other Council facilities

Civic House

Closed both days.

Broadgreen Historic House

Open as usual.

Founders Heritage Park

Open as usual.

Riverside Pool

Both days open for:

- Lane swimming 9.00am–12pm
- Public swimming 12pm–5pm

NBus

No service – both days.

The late late bus will not operate on Friday night (6 February) until early on the morning of Saturday 7 February, with the first run to Richmond departing 12.55am at McDonalds in Selwyn Place, then 1am from Westpac in Trafalgar Street.

held late last year with exclusive live performances from local artists. Plus prizes and fun interactive activities including The Truck mobile skate zone, hoola hoop station, foam zone and inflatable sumo wrestling.

If the weather is wet on Saturday 31, Beachfest 2.0 will move to the following day, Sunday 1 February. Visit Facebook for more information.

facebook.com/raiseuprepresentnelson

What's on – at a Council venue near you



Tahunanui Sports Field

Beachfest 2.0: Summertime live youth music gigs, activities and more, 31 January, 4–10pm

CWC 2015 Kids Cricket Tournament: Lots of fun for kids and adults alike, 14 February, 10am–6pm

Tahunanui Beach Reserve Tennis Courts

Burger King 3X3 National Basketball Tour: Register online now at basketball.org.nz/3x3, Limited On-day registrations from 7.30–8.30am, 6 February

Tahunanui BMX Track

Crankin' with Kelly: Part of Konica Minolta Bikefest Nelson; watch the pros and get some coaching with Kelly McGarry, 10 February

Trafalgar Street

Street Beat: Hear the music of local performers at 1903 Square, 22–24 January: 12.30–1.30pm on Saturdays; 10.30–11.30am on Sundays

Nelson Buskers Festival: Join us at the top of Trafalgar Street to witness award-winning street performers from

around the world, 29–31 January: Thursday–Friday 11.30am–3pm; Saturday 10.30am–2pm

Go by Bike Day – Nelson City Breakfast: Part of the Konica Minolta Bikefest Nelson. Free coffee and toast to the first 100 riders at 1903 Square, 11 February, 7.30–9am

Nelson 111 Cricket Street Party: Lots of activities happening up and down Trafalgar Street, 14 February, 10am–4pm

Trafalgar Street Market Day: In conjunction with the 111 Cricket Street Party, lots of stalls with everything from clothes and food to arts. 14 February, 9am–3pm

Cricket World Cup 2015 Fanzone: Bring a cushion and enjoy the atmosphere as you watch the Black Caps take on Sri Lanka in Christchurch, on the big screen at the top of Trafalgar Street, 14 February, 10.30am–6pm

Trafalgar Park

Get Moving Carnivelo: The heart of Konica Minolta Bikefest Nelson with bike expo, novelty events, food, bar, music and more, 13 February, 4–9pm

Isel House and Park

Summer Movies Al Fresco: Captain Blood, 23 January, 9pm

Saxton Field

ICC Cricket world Cup 2015: West Indies v Ireland, 16 February

Founders Heritage Park

Evolve Festival: Annual celebration of health and wellbeing, 23–25 January, 10am until late

Jazz on the Village Green: Sundays, 1.30–4pm

- Nelson Jazz Club Big Band, 1 February
- JD2+, 8 February
- Free Wheelin', 15 February

International Kai Festival: Presenting a range of traditional and international foods to sample, 6 February, 10.30am–3.30pm (Powhiri at 11am)

Digital Photography for Beginners Workshop: 15 February, 9am–1pm

Nelson Public Libraries

Elma Turner Library

BookChat: Second Tuesday of each month, from 13 January, 10.30am

Nelson Institute of Coffee and Books: Talk from Nigel Costley based on his book 'Teak and Tide', 1 February, 2pm

For Parents 'Learning at Your Library': New Books to get your child reading, 17 February, 9.15–10am (no charge but please book)

Troubadour Quartet: Thirty minute library concerts during the Adam Chamber Festival. 28 January, 2pm; 31 January, 10.30am; 3 February, 11am

Stoke Library

BookChat: Third Wednesday of each month, from 21 January, 5pm

Museums and Galleries

Nelson Provincial Museum

Weekdays 10am–5pm, weekends and public holidays 10am–4.30pm

WW1-Their Stories, Our History – centennial commemoration: Until April 2015

A Pandemonium of Parrots: Until April 2015