



**NELSON CITY COUNCIL**  
Making Nelson a better place

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**Hurry – just three weeks to go!**

The next phase out date for some older enclosed burners is now just weeks away on 1 January 2012.

If this affects you, from 1 January 2012 you will NOT be able to:

- Use your burner, or
- Replace your burner with another burner

Do you know if you are affected? Check it out now. Phone 546 0200, email enquiries@ncc.govt.nz or visit [www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz/air-quality](http://www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz/air-quality)

**Please note:** Completed building consent applications to replace affected burners **MUST** be lodged with Council before 23 December – just two weeks from now.

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# What do you want to see in Rutherford and Trafalgar Parks?



Designers Wraight and Associates have been appointed and a plan for the future development of Rutherford and Trafalgar Parks will take shape over the next few months.

## Come and share your ideas

What would you like to see in this area? Come to one of the informal community workshops on:

- Thursday 15 December, 4 - 6pm or
- Friday 16 December, 12 - 2pm

Both will be held in the Trafalgar Pavilion at Trafalgar Park (enter through the Maitai Gate off the Hathaway Terrace car park).

This is your chance to see some ideas being considered and have input into the plan. Topics we're

looking for feedback on include transport (including shared zones, cycle and walk ways), how to make the parks safer, activities and facilities within the parks, ideas for making it more sustainable and any other suggestions you may have.

If you can't make the workshop you can share your thoughts with us via the website, [www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz/parks-redevelopment](http://www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz/parks-redevelopment)

## What the plan covers

The development plan will implement the vision and objectives of the 2010 Reserve Management Plan and will guide the future development of Rutherford and Trafalgar Parks including Kinzett Terrace. Design ideas will also be informed by the work done previously in the Heart of Nelson Strategy. This identified the area as a "Parks Precinct" that will connect the city centre to the river and the sea.

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## Trafalgar Centre northern end upgrade to progress

Council is moving ahead with the plans to upgrade the Northern End of the Trafalgar Centre. It has adopted in principle the draft concept plans prepared by Arthouse Architecture for that end of the building.

Staff have been instructed to carry out a further round of consultation with the groups who currently use the Trafalgar Centre and with the Nelson Tasman Chamber of Commerce before preparing detailed plans.

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## Festive fun at Mayor's Christmas Dinner

For more than 30 years the Mayor's Christmas Dinner has been going strong, thanks to the team of dedicated volunteers and the generous support of sponsors. The aim is to make the day festive for senior citizens who don't have family to spend the day with.

It happens at the Trafalgar Centre, with the doors open from 11am on Christmas Day.

The celebrations will start with live entertainment, drinks and sing-a-long, followed by a sumptuous traditional Christmas feast with all the trimmings.

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**Live Nelson**

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## Note from the editor

I have just returned tanned and refreshed from ten days staying with family in Surfers Paradise.

It wasn't my first trip there, but my first since I joined Council, so I looked at the city with new eyes.

Surfers is not unlike Nelson in many ways. The entire Gold Coast is a resort area, with wonderful beaches, an enviable climate and trades on its sunshine (287 days per year) and family attractions.

The permanent population of Surfers is less than 20,000 but the Gold Coast City Council covers the region's 515,157 residents across 1400 square kilometres, including 57 kilometres of coastline.

Its growth is astounding. The population is increasing between 13,000 and 16,000 per year, and as the company who shifted my sister's household from Auckland was called AusMove, you can guess where much of that population is coming from.

As we in Nelson resume life after Rugby World Cup 2011, the Gold Coast is now planning for the 2018 Commonwealth Games. Granted, the area has no accommodation shortage and is already underway with a controversial light rail system, but there will still be major expenses in the lead up to the event.

Like Nelson, the area relies heavily on tourism for its economy. There were more than 4 million international and domestic overnight visitors for the year ending June 2011 – that's this country's population.

But I have to say lying on the beach there is quite surreal, as the backdrop of high rise apartments dominates the skyline. While I am sure for many that might add to the destination experience, I still prefer to drink in the stunning Western ranges than gaze upon those monoliths.

As Dorothy says, there's no place like home.

**Nan Ward**  
Editor, Live Nelson

# Take to the water this summer

With summer here and the weather warming up, most of us like to take the plunge into our favourite swimming hole at the river or beach.

We are lucky that in our region we can do this, safe in the knowledge that the overall quality of our bathing waters is very good. We know this because every year over summer Council regularly monitors the quality of the swimming water in a variety of locations.

The water quality monitoring, both in rivers and at the beach is now underway and will continue until the end of March. Results from previous years for marine bathing sites show good water quality for all sites, but there have been some issues at a few freshwater sites, particularly after rainfall. Faecal bug counts originate from ducks, dogs, feral animals and domestic stock. Please be mindful of others by collecting your dog's litter and appropriately disposing of it in a bin.

### What to look out for this summer

Rivers can be contaminated during or shortly after rainfall from storm water runoff. To minimise the risk of exposure to harmful bacteria it is best not to swim for the first 36 hours at least after rainfall that leads to any discolouration of the water.

Temporary health warnings remain in place for the lower



Maitai, below Collingwood St Bridge and the Paremata Flats Reserve at Wakapuaka River, advising people not to swim there until further notice.

Cyanobacteria (also known as blue-green algae) is present in all streams and rivers and it can grow to form thick dark

brown mats under natural conditions, particularly in mid to late summer if the water flow is stable and temperature is warm. It can be recognised by its 'oily' dark brown appearance as a thin film or mat covering cobbles and 'musky' smell. Cells within the thick cyanobacteria mats sometimes produce toxins that can be fatal to dogs and potentially harmful to humans, livestock and wildlife if the detached mat is swallowed.

If you swim your dog or take water for livestock from the river, avoid contact with any thick dark brown cyanobacteria mats, particularly those that are easily accessible, exposed on river edges or floating in shallow areas of riverbanks or near rocks. If cyanobacteria mats are widespread in a river you should presume that the water may be unsafe. Please note that harmless freshwater algae (green and light brown forms) are also present in our streams and rivers over summer months.

Information about recreation bathing water quality and cyanobacteria is available from the Customer Service Centre and on the website.

[www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz](http://www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz)

## ASK COUNCIL

Send your questions to [news@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:news@ncc.govt.nz) with Live Nelson 'Ask Council' in the subject line and we will do our best to publish a response. Please note, we may not be able to publish all questions.

Each edition of Live Nelson will answer questions from residents about Council services and facilities.

### Question:

How can I help keep our parks and reserves safe?

### Answer:

Every summer Nelson's huge array of parks and reserves provide the venue for lots of fun things to do. While Council does its best to ensure these green spaces are clean and safe for your enjoyment, you can help us by reporting any safety issues you may find. Some examples are dangerous litter such as broken glass, unsafe playground equipment and trees on a dangerous lean. Please call Council on 546 0200 if you have any safety concerns so we can keep our parks and reserves safe.

[www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz/parks-and-reserves](http://www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz/parks-and-reserves)

### Question:

How can I keep up with the latest updates from Council?

### Answer:

Keeping Nelson residents informed is an important part of Council's role in the community. The contact centre is available 24/7 on 546 0200. On the Council website you can find the latest news and subscribe to content through RSS (Really Simple Syndication) feeds that will notify you as soon as new content is published. Council also has a Facebook page and Twitter feed where you can connect directly to Council, keep up to date and have your say.

[www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz/news](http://www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz/news)



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## Festive fun at Mayor's Christmas Dinner

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Then Santa takes centre stage with some giveaways, entertainment, door prizes, and surprises!

Tickets are \$15 and available from now until 22 December at the Council office in Trafalgar Street, the Stoke Library and Tasman District Council in Queen Street, Richmond.

If transport is required, (within Nelson and Richmond only) people need to phone Peter Maxfield on 547 9321.

Donations of cash or in kind, may be sent to the Mayor's office, Nelson City Council, P O Box 645, Nelson 7040. Please indicate: "For Mayor's Christmas Dinner" on the envelope, and if a receipt is required.

Mayor Aldo Miccio thanks all those who have offered their time and goods to support this worthwhile event.



## Mayor's message

We've been turning our thoughts to next year's Long Term Plan that sets the direction for Nelson over the next ten years. It's a process we go through every three years and it is Council's biggest balancing act.

We're just at the start of developing a draft plan which we'll bring to everyone in the community next year to get your thoughts on the direction we should be taking.

It's too soon to say for certain what will make it into our Long Term Plan but I can guarantee you that all our discussions are focussing on how to do the best for our city within the budget constraint of keeping rates at an affordable level.

The core infrastructure needs of our growing community can't be neglected. Council also plays a significant role in helping facilitate economic development in the region. Part of how we do this is ensuring we have adequate core infrastructure to allow economic growth to happen. With that in mind we are committed to infrastructure development and maintenance.

However you can rest assured that we aren't going into discussions with a "blank cheque" mind set. We are fully aware of our obligations to work towards the best outcomes for our city and ensure we keep rates at an affordable level.

It certainly is a challenge and we'll be working with the community on getting the balance right when we release our draft Long Term Plan next year. When the time comes please make sure you have your say.

Aldo Miccio  
Mayor of Nelson

## Framing our Future - The vision is adopted

At its meeting on Thursday 24 November the Council adopted the Framing our Future vision for inclusion in the Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

Council made some minor changes to the main body of the vision and chose this as the 'headline':

### Nelson 2060 – The Vision

*Nelson 2060 is an inclusive city, with a diverse range of residents who can connect easily to each other and to the beautiful place we call home. Our inclusive leadership style supports our unique approach to living, which is boldly creative, ecologically exemplary, socially balanced and economically prosperous.*

You can read the full version of the vision on our website, [www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz/framing-our-future-the-vision](http://www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz/framing-our-future-the-vision).

Thanks to the many groups, organisations and individuals who took

the time to contribute their thoughts during 2011 which all helped to shape the vision.

Work will continue into next year to develop the Framing our Future Strategy and we'll bring you updates and ways to get involved as things progress. We want to know what actions you think Nelson should take to move us towards our vision for a sustainable Nelson in 2060.

For more information contact Karen Lee, Sustainability Adviser, phone 546 0339 or email [Karen.lee@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:Karen.lee@ncc.govt.nz) or Sarah Yarrow, Policy Adviser, phone 545 8742 or email [sarah.yarrow@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:sarah.yarrow@ncc.govt.nz)

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## What do you want to see in Rutherford and Trafalgar Parks?

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The plan will show the location of any future buildings, walk and cycle ways, green spaces and play areas. It will show how the parks will connect with each other and how they'll improve the link from the city to the sea.

Up for discussion will be things like extending Paru Paru Road onto Haven Road to make the Park more accessible and safer. It could

also improve traffic flow when large events are on.

Detailed design of the Maitai Walkway will also be carried out with the intention to build the walkway in the next financial year.

The development plan will be guided by the newly adopted Framing our Future Vision that will underpin Nelson's Sustainability Strategy for the next 50 years.

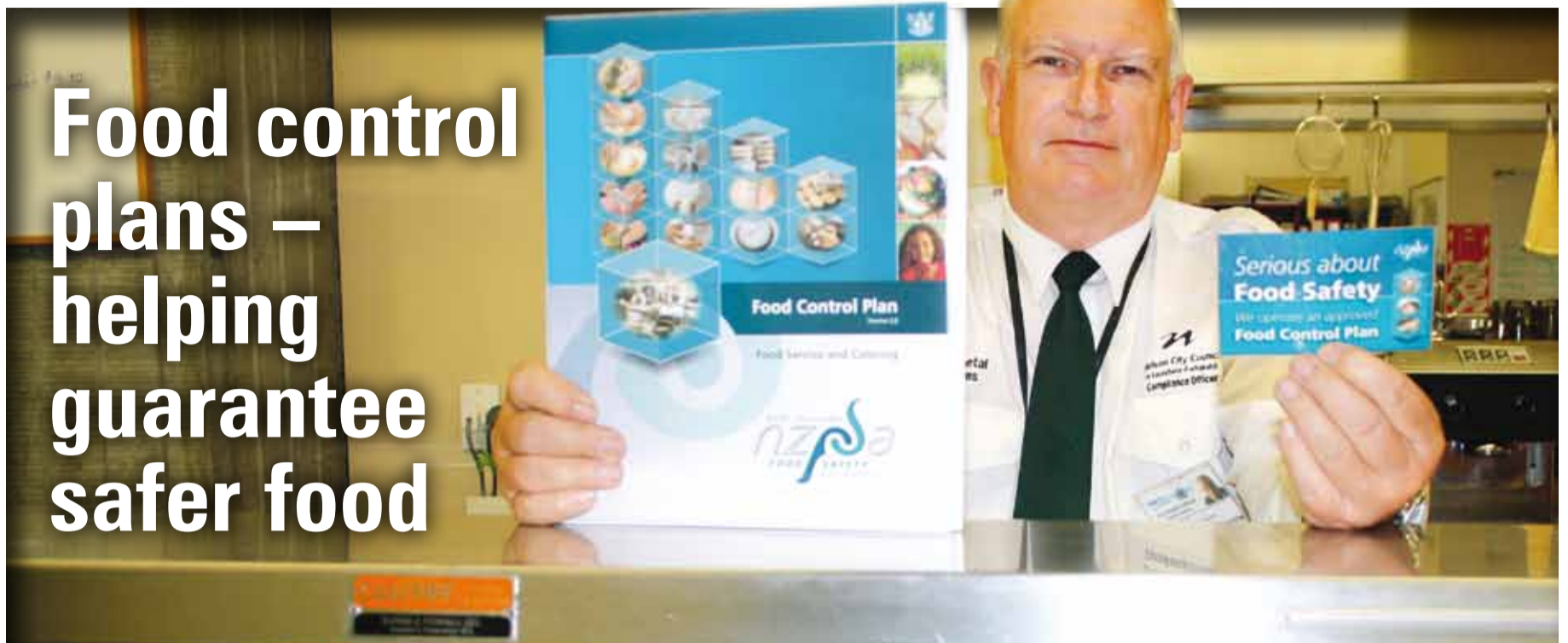
### Next steps

Once feedback from the community has been received the Draft Plan will be developed and discussed at a Council workshop on 2 February 2012.

The final plan including the timing of different stages and the costs involved will be released for formal consultation through the Long Term Plan in late March.

[www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz/parks-redevelopment](http://www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz/parks-redevelopment)





Council's Senior Environmental Health Officer, Bob Askew with the Food Control Plan workbook and the sticker to look for at participating premises.

## The Nelson City Council is supporting the implementation of a food safety system for businesses.

The Food Bill, now before parliament, is expected to come into law soon and aims to introduce a regime that will replace the current registration process under the 1974 Food Hygiene Regulations. It is a risk management system and will require some food businesses to adopt a Food Control Plan. The plan provides food safety controls to ensure businesses manage the safety of all food being served to customers.

Nelson City Council Senior Environmental Health Officer, Bob Askew says the system is not new and was originally conceived by NASA who needed a system of food safety that guaranteed astronauts would not get food poisoning whilst on long space missions.

"Systems based on the model have been used in most developed nations for a number of years and is even endorsed by the World

Health Organisation as the most effective way to manage food safety risks."

He says the new system puts the responsibility for food safety on the operator, not the inspector.

"In the past the inspection-based approach only provided at best, a snapshot of how things were operating at the time of the inspection with more focus on the structure and facilities provided at the premises. Now we discuss with the food business operators the risks involved in food processing and verifying what the operator is doing to manage food safety at their businesses."

The Food Control Plan provides a set of procedures and records to help food operators and caterers best manage food safety in their businesses. Operators are supplied with a folder that has sheets detailing food safety management practices and

procedures dealing with typical situations – each sheet has a goal, followed by explanations of why it is needed, how it could be achieved, and what to do if something goes wrong. A separate diary records daily, weekly or monthly tasks.

"There's a bit of extra paperwork to start with, but once operators have set themselves up it takes just a few minutes each day to record all tasks and ensure they are serving the safest food possible to their customers," Bob says.

A voluntary form of the new regime has been in place for about three years and there are already over 2,000 food businesses nationwide that are seeing the benefits of using the Food Control Plan.

In Nelson, several businesses have already made the move to the new system and are conforming with their Food

Control Plan, currently these are:

Nelson Pizza Hut; Thai Tahunanui; Lone Star Nelson; The Boathouse; The Orangerie Restaurant; Deville; Rutherford Hotel; Columbus Coffee Nelson; Rising Sun Tavern; The Hot Rock Gourmet Pizza; Trailways Hotel; Pottering About; Smugglers Pub & Cafe and Poppy Thai Nelson.

Bob says in addition we have dozens more eligible food premises that are working their way towards changing over to the Food Control Plan.

Customers need only look for the following sign located prominently in premises that are using the new risk based system. The Food Control Plan advocates good practice in food preparation, storage, display and cleaning and will help New Zealand food businesses meet their customers' expectations for safe food.

For more information contact Bob Askew on 539 5502.

## Stay FireSmart this summer

### What you should know about fire safety and prevention

Summer is the most dangerous time of year for fires with the dry, hot weather and people enjoying Nelson's great outdoor lifestyle. Here are a few pointers to help you do your part to prevent fires:

- Outdoor burning is banned in the Nelson City urban area.
- Outside of the Nelson City urban area, a fire permit is required before you light a fire in the open air. There is no charge for a fire permit. Get the details at [www.ruralfirenetwork.co.nz](http://www.ruralfirenetwork.co.nz) or phone 544 2441.
- Total fire bans can be introduced at any time if the weather conditions lead to extreme fire risk and this includes the cancellation of any previously issued fire

permits.

- Maintain a 'defensible space' between any flammable growth (such as dry grasses or scrub) and structures on your property:
  - Flat land 25 metres
  - Sloping land 10 metres uphill
  - 15 metres side entrance
  - 30 metres downhill
- Maintain your access ways so a fire truck can easily get to your house and turn around.

If you own a rural property, it is recommended that you have forest and rural

fire insurance otherwise you could be liable for fire fighting costs. The 2009 Dodson Valley fire fighting costs amounted to over \$450,000. This does not include any damage the fire may do to other peoples' property.

Go to the New Zealand Fire Service website, [www.fire.org.nz](http://www.fire.org.nz) for more information about fire safety in your home or business.

The Waimea Rural Fire Authority is launching an initiative called FireSmart which is aimed at helping rural communities manage the threat of fire to their properties and homes. If you would like to know more about this call Rural Fire Network on 544 2441.

[www.fire.org.nz](http://www.fire.org.nz)

# Black buoys keep swimmers safe at Tahunanui

It is timely to remind residents and visitors the four black buoys at Tahunanui Beach are there to keep swimmers safe and denote the area exclusively for them.

Nelson City Council controls harbour safety and that includes ensuring all water users can safely carry out recreation activities.

Nelson Harbourmaster Dave Duncan says it is one of the ways Council manages the demand on its coastal waters for a range of competing uses and the controls are set out in the Navigation and Safety Bylaw.

"Tahunanui Beach is the iconic summer location for Nelson and has an enviable reputation as a safe area to swim. The black buoys mark out an area where families and swimmers can freely enjoy the warm waters of Tasman Bay.

"Within the area of the black buoys no motorised craft are allowed, and there is restricted access for non-motorised water craft."

There is an access lane for any non-motorised craft such as windsurfers and kayaks, between the second black buoy closest to Rocks Road and the beach in front of the Abel Tasman statue. At the other end, after the fourth buoy is where other sports such as kite boarding can safely launch well away from swimmers.

If anyone wants to carry out activities on non-motorised craft within the designated swimming area, all they need to do is get a dispensation from the harbourmaster, says Dave.

"Such dispensations are readily given but they do enable the Harbourmaster to notify the public of these events and to ensure appropriate signs are in place when they are on."



[www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz/205-navigation-safety](http://www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz/205-navigation-safety)

## Organic Piki Mai

There's been a quiet organic revolution happening in the centre of Nelson for just over a decade.

Back in 2000 organic management of the Piki Mai (Church Hill) Reserve was introduced as a trial project and it is still going strong today.

The trial got off to a good start as the gardens were in great health at the time. A number of different strategies have been in use:

- Composting is done on site using organic waste.
- Lawns are mulch mowed and the grass is kept longer to discourage the growth of some broadleaf species.
- Some plant species have been changed to more disease resistant varieties so only some organic spraying is required.
- The NelMac gardening team hand weed throughout the reserve and use mulch as a weed suppressant.
- All garden beds are now hand dug so there is no rotary cultivation damaging the soil structure.
- Organic fertilisers such as fish meal or blood and bone are used.

Rob Fryer from NelMac says "We've certainly learned a lot about the transition from traditional to an organic regime from this project."

Several of the techniques used at Piki Mai, such as using high health plants, deep mulching and minimal use of chemical sprays, are now being used on other Council reserves.

Nelson City Council's Horticultural Supervisor Peter Grundy says "Many of the techniques used are the same as you would use for organic gardening at home – just on a larger scale. Cutting out chemical sprays, composting, mulching and hand weeding can take a bit longer until you get into the habit of it, but we feel the health of the gardens on Piki Mai shows this approach is well worth the effort."

For more information on getting started at home see the website.

[www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz/sustainability-at-home](http://www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz/sustainability-at-home)



Designed by Arthouse Architecture.

## Trafalgar Centre northern end upgrade to progress

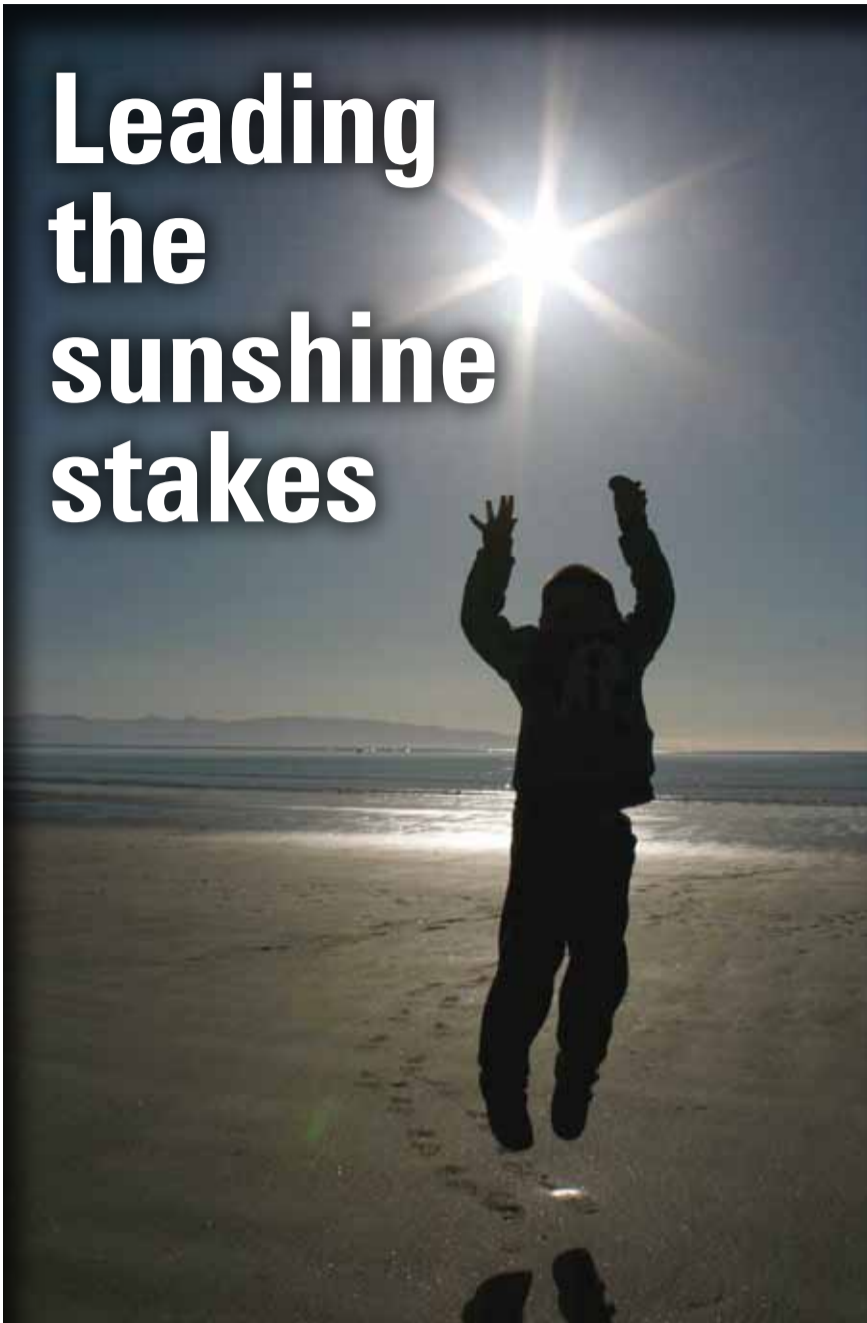
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The revised plans for the multi use events centre will then be reported back to the Council, along with cost estimates.

The proposed upgrade includes the replacement of the kitchen and toilets, a more accessible entrance, an upgrade of the foyer and office, tiered seating to the north end of the stadium and exhibition/convention space.



# Leading the sunshine stakes



*Here comes the sun, make the most of it!*

The sun is shining and Nelson continues to lead the sun shine stakes, so it is the time to be making the most of this and installing a solar saver hot water system.

Sunshine figures, year to date as at the 2 December were; Nelson 2310.3 hours, Whakatane 2229.2 hours and Blenheim at 2216.7 hours.

Council's Solar Saver Scheme allows residents to choose the solar hot water system they like from one of four suppliers and have it installed. The cost of the entire system is met by Council and residents pay it back to Council, including interest, as a targeted rate on their property over ten years.

You can read more about the expenditures involved with solar water heating and the cost savings at [www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz/financial-factors-of-solar-water-heating/](http://www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz/financial-factors-of-solar-water-heating/).

If owners sell their house during the ten-year payback period, the rate remains with the property, not the homeowner. Owners can pay

off the loan at any time, including as part of the house sale process.

The Solar Saver Scheme is available to Nelson home owners, however, Council, with its partners, will also provide the advantages of the scheme (e.g. reduced prices) to people that don't want to use Council's finance, because, they choose to pay cash outright, have other finance available or they reside in the Tasman District Council area.

## Sign up for the scheme

Contact the Council's project manager Pete Wilkie on 545 7037 or 021 029 30551 or email your name, address and phone number to Council.

You can register your interest now, and change your mind later. You are not committed to participating until you sign a purchase agreement.



*A portable pressure valve which now means large numbers of properties could be kept supplied with water during planned maintenance.*

## The water stays on

When the water is cut off to your home due to planned maintenance it can be really inconvenient, even if you have been warned.

But a solution to this problem in most situations has been found by Nelson City Council's Utilities Maintenance team and its contractor, Nelmac.

Council's Manager Utilities Howard Schuppan says recent successful trials of a portable pressure reducing valve (PRV) now means large numbers of properties can be kept supplied who would have otherwise been without water.

He says the valve allows water supply to be maintained to parts of the water reticulation system during some planned

maintenance work.

"While it may not be applicable in all cases, it has proved useful in three recent situations where it has been temporarily connected between fire hydrants in two different pressure zones to allow supply to continue. Usually the area with the lower water pressure would have lost its supply."

Due to the success of the trials, Nelmac is currently fabricating a portable frame with a permanently mounted PRV that can be used in similar circumstances.

## Councillor's comment



### Fit for the Future

I've been lucky enough to attend two professional development seminars recently. Both themes are close to my heart and subjects that Council is currently coming to terms with; namely Sustainability and Economic Leadership.

The 'Fit for the Future' seminar had an incredible line up of experts, who wowed us with their presentations on current developments in innovation, technology and sustainable financial, social and infrastructure systems. One point has really stuck with me. An old Chinese proverb that says "It is better to start digging the well before you get thirsty!" I'm heartened that we now have our own Nelson Sustainability Strategy in 'Framing our Future'.

At the Economic Leadership training we had an opportunity to examine three successful regional economic strategies. In each case we saw how a collaborative public sector private enterprise approach had achieved outstanding results. We heard how the focus in these challenging economic times needs to be on partnering and connections, building genuine relationships with the private sector and iwi. We need fresh collaborative thinking about our local economy. We need to embrace the change we face. And the phrase that resonates for me this time is "let's not waste this crisis!"



**Ruth Copeland**  
Nelson City Council Councillor



# Summer in Nelson Lantern Celebration

Summer in Nelson action begins on 17 December, with the Lantern Celebration at the Centre of New Zealand, starting from the Botanical Reserve at the earlier time of 7pm.

This year the theme for the Lantern Celebration is 'Creatures of the Night', with all kinds of critters, installations and music that will surprise, enchant and possibly scare just a little, as walkers wend their way up the hill.

Nelson City Brass will be playing at the Botanical Reserve, where activities will start from 6pm, with four workshops aiming to engage

people creatively and spread out the start time for the walk so it is less crowded and more relaxed. There are four creative workshops, taught by local tutors:

**Lantern Making:** make sure you bring a small torch, all the materials will be laid on to help you create something wondrous!

**Juggling:** gain new skills, improve your eye-hand coordination. Bring your own

juggling balls or make them at the workshop, materials supplied. **Hula-hooping:** learn new tricks or just the basics. Hula-hoops will be supplied.

**Taniwha making:** materials supplied but please bring glow-sticks if you have any. When it's finished the taniwha will join the walk up the hill.

Because of the fire risk use a battery powered light and please

don't smoke on the hill. Bring warm clothing. Children under 13 must be supervised by an adult.

Pick up a Summer in Nelson programme from libraries or council offices or go online to [www.nelsonfestivals.co.nz](http://www.nelsonfestivals.co.nz). The event is presented by the Nelson City Council as a celebration for locals and an added attraction for visitors.

[www.nelsonfestivals.co.nz](http://www.nelsonfestivals.co.nz)

## You wanted it – you've got it – NBus is coming!

Better public transport has topped Nelsonians' wish list in recent years and it is soon to be a reality.

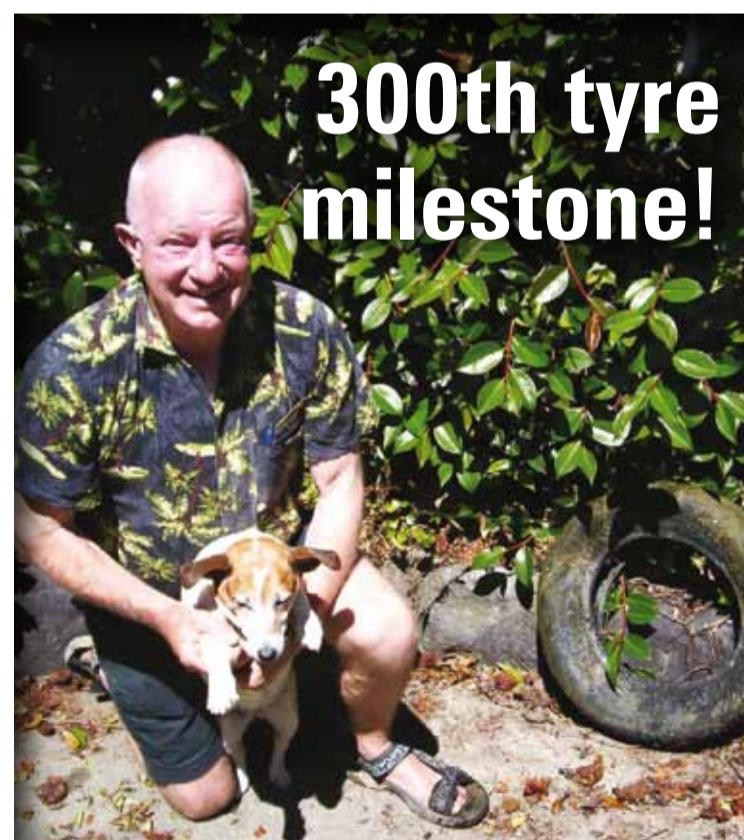
NBus (short for Nelson Bus) will be running from the end of January next year. Commuters can look forward to a far more frequent bus service between Nelson, Stoke and Richmond with buses leaving from either end every 15 minutes in peak times and every half hour off peak (services will alternate between Tahunanui and Bishopdale routes). The connections are also set to improve with the local services around Nelson city. Nelson City Council has been consulting on how these routes could be changed in order to tie them in better with the Nelson/Richmond service. Any changes should be sorted by February next year so we'll update you on that.

The NBus service will be provided by local company SBL Group Ltd under contract to Nelson City Council. SBL is providing a number of new buses on the Nelson- Stoke - Richmond route that will be



easy to get on and off (including wheelchair access) and have a bike rack on the front.

There's a lot to look forward to with the new NBus service so watch out for more updates in Live Nelson next year. We'll also be launching a website that will link to all the bus info you need to know when the service begins at the end of January 2012. Keep in touch and get ready to ride the NBus.



Ian and his assistant, Tui.

Stoke resident Ian Jonson is continuing his voluntary campaign to keep our tidal flats free from old tyres. He started doing this in 2008 and recently celebrated the milestone of removing his 300th tyre from Nelson waters (he's up to 426 for all of Tasman Bay!).

Nelson City Council appreciates all the work that Ian puts into this clean up and has an arrangement with NelMac to dispose of tyres he collects.

# community notices



## Meetings for December 2011

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

Economic Development Committee	Tuesday 13 December	9.00am
Hearings Panel	Wednesday 14 December	9.00am
Council – Governance and Policy and Planning	Thursday 15 December	9.00am
Audit, Risk and Finance Committee	Tuesday 20 December	9.00am
<b>OTHER MEETINGS</b>		
City of Nelson Civic Trust	Friday 16 December	2.00pm

**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 Council meeting. Anyone wishing to speak at this public forum is requested 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.

**Don't forget about the re-scheduled Santa Parade this Sunday 11 December at 1pm.**

## Holiday opening hours

### TRANSFER STATION OPENING HOURS

**CHRISTMAS**

Sat 24 December	8am - 4.30pm
Sun 25 December	CLOSED
Mon 26 December	10am - 4.30pm
Tues 27 December	10am - 4.30 pm
Wed 28 December	8am - 4.30pm
Thur 29 December	8am - 4.30pm
Fri 30 December	8am - 4.30pm
Sat 31 December	8am - 4.30pm

**NEW YEAR**

Sun 1 January	CLOSED
Mon 2 January	10am - 4.30pm
Tues 3 January	10am - 4.30pm
Wed 4 January	8am - 4.30pm

### KERBSIDE RECYCLING AND NELMAC REFUSE PICKUP

**CHRISTMAS**  
Monday 26 December and Tuesday 27 December – Recyclables and Nelmec refuse pick up as per normal collection day. Please put your recyclables and refuse out at the kerbside by 8am.

**NEW YEAR**  
Monday 2 January and Tuesday 3 January 2012 – Recyclables and Nelmec refuse pick up as per normal collection day. Please put your recyclables and refuse out at the kerbside by 8am.

## Marsden Lawn Cemetery

Flowers will be cleared from all lawn areas on Wednesday 21 December to allow for Christmas mowing from Thursday 22 December to Friday 23 December. Flowers may be placed again on graves from Saturday 24 December.

## Get to grips with the new Library catalogue

Elma Turner Library is offering free drop-in sessions for library members who access the library website and materials from home or like to search for items when in the Library using our in house online catalogue.

From 10am on Tuesdays and Thursdays in December come to our Learning Centre at Nelson Public Library in Halifax Street where a librarian will guide you through the new features our new system provides.

Please bring your library card to the sessions to enable you to practise logging in to your own account and placing reserves (holds) and in order to practise.

**Session Times - 10am on:**

- Tuesdays: 13, 20 December
- Thursdays: 15, 22 December

Please phone or email to book in to the sessions. If you cannot make these times, please contact us and we will organise alternative session times. Phone 546 0414 or email library.ref@ncc.govt.nz.

## SPORT

Sun, 11 Dec, 9.30am - Classic Hits Jingle Bells Jog. Trafalgar Centre, Paru Paru Road. \$5 Individual, \$10 Family. Tickets from www.nelsonevents.co.nz. Ph. 548 3655 or admin@nelsonevents.co.nz

## MUSIC

Sat, 10 Dec, 8pm - Andrew White. The Free House, 95 Collingwood Street. Entry \$20. info@thefreehouse.co.nz

Sun, 11 Dec, 5.30 - 7pm - Carols on the Green. Broadgreen Historic House, 276 Nayland Road, Stoke. Ph. 546 0427.

Sun, 11 Dec, 7pm - Howard Morrison Trio - How Great Thou Art Tribute Concert. Theatre Royal, 78 Rutherford Street. Tickets from Everyman Records, ph. 548 3083. Ph. 548 3840 or manager@theatreroyalnelson.co.nz

Sun, 11 Dec, 2pm - Nelson Male Voice Choir Christmas Concert "Memorable Musical Moments. A Family Affair. Nelson School of Music, 48 Nile Street. Tickets from Nelson School of Music; Richmond Mall; Summit Real Estate Stoke. Ph. 548 9477 or at the door from 1pm. john-ayleen@clear.net.nz

Fri, 16 Dec, 8pm - Southern Songwriters. The Boat House, 326 Wakefield Quay. Door sales. Ph. 548 7646 or info@theboathousenelson.co.nz

Sat, 17 Dec, 8pm - Gypsy Pickers - Aka the Valentines. The Free House, 95 Collingwood Street. Entry \$15 on the door. info@thefreehouse.co.nz

Sat, 17 Dec, 7pm - Legacy of Disorder. Free all ages show and live video shoot at The New Hub, 23 New Street. Support acts Nizarm and Musgrave. Free bus available. www.legacyofdisorder.com or www.facebook.com/legacyofdisorder

## ART

Workshops with international visiting artist Pauline Hann. Pottering About, 38 Buxton Square. Includes materials, coffee and snack. Ph 545 8041 or info@potteringabout.co.nz

Sun, 11 Dec, 4 - 9pm - Felt Handbag Workshop. \$155.

Fri, 16 Dec, 5 - 8pm - Felt Hat Workshop. \$95.

Sun, 18 Dec, 5 - 9pm - Mosaic Garden Sculpture workshop. \$155.

Until Sat, 17 Dec - "For the love of horses" art exhibition. Morrison Street Cafe, 244 Hardy Street. Ph. 539 4138 or shaunelisa@gmail.com

The Suter Art Gallery Te Aratoi o Whakatū Exhibitions: 7 days 10.30am - 4.30pm, 208 Bridge Street. Entry free on

Saturdays. Ph. 548 4699, info@thesuter.org.nz or visit www.thesuter.org.nz

World of WearableArt™ and Classic Cars Museum, 10am - 5pm. Cadillac Way off Quarantine Road.

Until Mon, 12 Dec - Sun and the Stone. Until Tues, 1 May 2012 - Symbols Of Culture.

## HERE & THERE

Sun, 11 Dec, 12 - 4pm - The Big Tahuna - Tahunanui Festival. Tahunanui Sportsfield, Beach Road. Ph. 546 8269 or enquiries@cbmarketing.co.nz

Wed, 14 Dec, 7.30pm - Forest & Bird talk "Butterflies in the Nelson/Tasman Region and how we can help them". Tahunanui School Hall, Muritai Street. paulinebc@gmail.com

Sat, 17 Dec, 7.30pm - The Deep End Christmas Special (Improvised Comedy Show). Theatre Royal, 78 Rutherford Street. Bar open from 6pm. Tickets on sale now from Everyman Records or door sales from 6pm, ph. 548 3083, 021 026 54000 or bodyinspace@gmail.com

Sat, 17 Dec, 7 - 10pm - The Lantern Celebration. Centre of New Zealand, Botanical Reserve, Milton Street. Ph. 545 8734 or festivalenquiries@ncc.govt.nz

Until Wed, 21 Dec, 9am - 5pm - Nelson Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival. Christ Church Cathedral. Ph. 548 1008 or jrwiseman@xtra.co.nz

The Nelson Provincial Museum, Pupuri Taonga o Te Tai Ao Exhibitions: 10am - 5pm (4.30pm weekends). Ph 548 9588 or peter.millward@museumnp.org.nz  
Until Sun, 22 Apr 2012 - Extraordinary Frontiers - Cawthron Science, Innovation and Mysteries from our Environment.

Every Wed, 11am - 4pm - Nelson Farmer's Market. Fashion Island, corner Hardy/Morrison Streets. Ph. 022 010 2776 or nelsonfarmersmkt@gmail.com

Every Sat, 8am - 1pm - Nelson Market. Montgomery Square Carpark. Ph 546 6454 or nita@nelsonmarket.co.nz

Every Sat, 3 - 7pm - McCashins Market. McCashins Brewery, 660 Main Road Stoke. Ph 547 5357 or emma@mccashins.co.nz

Broadgreen Historic House, 276 Nayland Road, Stoke. 10.30am - 4.30pm except Good Friday and Christmas Day. Adult \$4, senior citizen \$3, school students \$1, under 5 years free. Ph 547 0403.

Isel House. Open Tuesday to Sunday 11am - 4pm. Ph 547 1347 or 547 5222, www.iselhouse.co.nz

To find out more about upcoming events, go to www.itson.co.nz.

Sign up to receive weekly updates or register your event at [www.itson.co.nz](http://www.itson.co.nz)



In the last edition of Live Nelson the sunshine hour totals were transposed. Our apologies for the error.

Total year to date as at 2 December 2011

# Sunshine Hours

Nelson	2310.3 hours
Whakatane	2229.2 hours
Blenheim	2216.7 hours

Source: <http://cliflo.niwa.co.nz/>