

WELCOME TO SUMMER



Nau mai, haere mai, welcome

Summer has arrived in Nelson Tasman, and the new Summer Events Guide is here to ensure you enjoy all the entertainment and activities our region has in store.

This Summer Events Guide is packed with all the kai, music, markets, arts, culture, and experiences you need to make this summer unforgettable.

There are plenty of activities and festivals for children and families to enjoy. Don't miss the **Umbrella Market (7 December)**, an outdoor market run by kids, for kids, the annual **Teddy Bears' Picnic (12 January)** and **Summer Movies al Fresco (starting 3 January)** in our beautiful parks and reserves. To catch a glimpse of Santa himself head along to the **NBS Nelson Santa Parade (1 December)** or the **PAK'nSAVE Richmond Santa Parade (8 December)**.

For the shopaholics out there, you can browse and buy a range of locally made products at the famous **Richmond Market Day (30 December)**.

Or if you're hungry, the **Tasman Asian Night Food Fair (22 February)** at Washbourn Gardens and **Nelson Italian Festival (2 March)** offers a range of dishes from different cultures as well as live music and dance.

Music enthusiasts will find plenty to enjoy with the return of **Tāhuna Summer Sounds (17 January)** and **New Zealand Sotheby's International Realty Nelson Opera in the Park (15 February)**, a great chance to enjoy live music and family friendly fun and of course the **New Year's Eve (31 December)** concert and countdown at the top of Trafalgar Street!

For those who love the outdoors sign up for **The Spectacle (13–15 December)** or watch the **Blackcaps vs Sri Lanka (2 January)** at Saxton Oval. For a more rural day out head over to the **Golden Bay A&P Show (18 January)** or to the annual **Murchison A&P Show (15 February)**.

Many events are absolutely free, and others are low-cost or koha gold coin. There's plenty of options to enjoy. Thanks for helping us welcome back summer!

**Nelson Mayor Hon Dr Nick Smith
and Tasman Mayor Tim King**

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MAP

 = Locations of summer events

Small Journey – Big Impact

Take the eBus, carpool, bike or walk to a summer event if you can.



Driving times

Whakatū Nelson to Tākaka
104km, 1 hour 46 minutes

Whakatū Nelson to Te Hiwai Murchison
124km, 1 hour 39 minutes



REGULAR EVENTS

Nelson Public Libraries

Elma Turner Library, Nightingale Library Memorial and Stoke Library offer regular family fun throughout the summer. See the website for details: nelsonpubliclibraries.co.nz/about/whats-on



Higgins Heritage Park Steam-Up and Open Day

First and third Sunday of each month // Pigeon Valley Road, Wakefield

Willow Bank Heritage Village Open Day

First Sunday of each month (except Jan) // 79 Wakefield-Kohatu Highway, Wakefield

Tasman District Libraries

Richmond, Motueka, Tākaka and Murchison libraries offer lots of fun summer activities. See the website for details: tasmanlibraries.govt.nz/events

Tāhuna Summer Beach Bus

Running between Tāhuna Beach Holiday Park and Nelson // Leaves Tāhunanui on the hour and Nelson on the half hour // See page 19



LOCAL MARKETS

Nelson Market

Saturdays, 8am–1pm // Montgomery Square, Nelson

Monty's Sunday Market

Sundays, 8am–1pm // Montgomery Square, Nelson

Motueka Sunday Market

Sundays, 8am–1pm // Decks Reserve Carpark, Motueka

Public holidays may alter these markets.

Richmond Park Market

Sundays, 10am–2pm // Lower Queen Street, Richmond

Nelson Farmers' Market

Wednesdays, 8am–1pm (not Christmas Day) // Halifax Street, next to Elma Turner Library, Nelson

Isel Twilight Market

Thursdays, 4.30pm–dark // Isel Park, Stoke



FREE

CHRISTMAS EVENTS



Nelson Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival

Wed 27 Nov–Sun 12 Jan,
9am–6pm (late night Fridays until
9.30pm on 6, 13 and 20 Dec) //
Light-up service Wed 27 Nov, 6pm–7pm
// Switch-off service Sun 12 Jan, 10am //
Nelson Cathedral // Koha welcomed

NBS Nelson Santa Parade

Sun 1 Dec, 1pm–3pm // Down
Trafalgar Street (from Hardy Street)

Nelson Cathedral Lunchtime Concerts

Mon 2–Wed 18 Dec (weekdays only),
1pm–1.30pm // Nelson Cathedral

New World Starlight Christmas Parade

Fri 6 Dec, entertainment from 5pm,
parade starts 7pm // High Street,
Motueka

Country Christmas Market

Sat 7 Dec, 10.30am–3pm // Moutere
Hills Community Centre, Upper Moutere

PAK'nSAVE Richmond Santa Parade

Sun 8 Dec, 1pm–3pm //
Queen Street, Richmond

Carols in the Park

Sun 8 Dec, 5pm–7pm //
Brightwater Domain (Centennial Park)

Golden Bay Santa Parade

Sat 14 Dec, 10am //
Commercial Street, Tākaka

Christmas by Candlelight

Sat 14 Dec, entertainment from 6pm,
carols 8pm–10pm // Washbourn
Gardens, Richmond

Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre Christmas Gala

Sat 21 Dec, 11am–1pm // Murchison
Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre

Christmas Carols on the Steps

Tue 24 Dec, 8.45pm–9.45pm // Church
steps, top of Trafalgar Street, Nelson



CHILDREN'S EVENTS



Umbrella Market

Sat 7 Dec, 1.30pm–3.30pm //
1903 Square, top of Trafalgar Street,
Nelson // FREE to have a stall

Support our young vendors as they gain confidence and discover the joy of sharing pre-loved items. Young entrepreneurs aged 5–15 are invited to transform an umbrella into their own mini-stall to sell goods in the lead-up to Christmas. While parents are welcome to attend, the children will take charge, learning about money, negotiation, and social interaction.

If wet, the event will be rescheduled to Sun 8 Dec.

Teddy Bears' Picnic

Fri 24 Jan, 12pm–3pm // Motueka
Recreation Centre // Gold coin entry

Bring your bear, a picnic lunch and enjoy a morning out with family and friends.

Teddy Bears' Picnic

Celebrating 150 years of Nelson City Council

Sun 12 Jan, 10.30am–1pm //
Isel Park, Stoke // FREE

Bring along your favourite teddy and enjoy a picnic with whānau and friends. Beloved children's performer Kath Bee will be headlining the entertainment alongside other local acts. Interactive fun for the kids will include face painting, a tea party with Faerie Lou and bug-viewing with the crew from the Brook Waimārama Sanctuary. Professional storyteller Roger Sanders will be mesmerising the crowd with his stories of old.

There will be a Teddy Bear School where your teddy can learn their ABC's, and a Teddy Bear Hospital for any bear needing care. To celebrate 150 years of Nelson City Council we will be offering cream scones to go with your picnic as well as a very special prize for the best loved or oldest bear!

Bring a picnic, hat and sunscreen. This venue is wheelchair accessible. Alcohol free and smoke free event.

*Cancelled if wet
(check the Nelson City
Presents Facebook page).*

**Please pack it in,
pack it out and keep
our parks beautiful!**



NELSON PUBLIC LIBRARIES
Ngā whare mātauranga o Whakatū

150
Celebrating 150 years of Nelson City Council

n Nelson City Council
Te Kaitiaki o Whakatū



FREE

NEW YEAR'S EVE COUNTDOWN IN THE CITY

Tue 31 Dec, 6pm–12.30am //
Upper Trafalgar Street, Nelson // FREE

Nelson's central city New Year's Eve Countdown is a great place to celebrate your way into 2025!

This family-friendly event kicks off at 6pm with fun and entertainment for the kids in 1903 Square at the top of Trafalgar Street, culminating in a kids' countdown at 9pm. Then, as the younger audience heads for home, a brilliant line-up of local and national bands takes to the stage to help us party our way into 2025.

Featuring some of your favourite local bands – *Solace*, *Finesse* and *DJ Jack* followed by *Parallel Park* – then welcome in the New Year with *DJ/MC trio*, *DJ Xandra*, *Jinja Cat* and *Soulti*. Midnight pyrotechnics kindly sponsored by *Combat Pyrotechnics Nelson*.

**Go to the Nelson City Presents
Facebook page for more details.**

*Please note: Public streets are alcohol free.
There will be zero tolerance for alcohol
and underage drinking.*



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TĀHUNA SUMMER SOUNDS

Fri 17 Jan, 4pm–8pm //
Tāhunanui Beach Reserve // FREE

Live music returns to Tāhunanui Beach with local musicians performing across two different stages, plus food trucks.

Kick back, relax and enjoy the sounds of summer by the beach at this family-friendly festival.

If wet, the event will be rescheduled to Sat 18 Jan.



bring your
water bottle

SUMMER MOVIES AL

Fri 3 Jan–Sat 1 Mar, 9pm–11pm // Feb and Mar movies will start approx 8.30pm // \$2 adult, \$1 child (donation collected just before the movie starts)

A great collection of movies new and old. Screened in the beautiful parks of Te Tau Ihu o Te Waka-a-Māui Top of the South. Come in theme dress ups for *The Three Musketeers*, in your monster onesie for *Monsters, Inc.* and dance your socks off to *Stop Making Sense*. In Tākaka there will be a Community Twilight Market from 5.30pm on the Junction Green before the screening of *Stop Making Sense*. Come early to support the fundraising aims of local not-for-profit groups. The Tāhuna Beach Holiday Park screenings are open to everyone; walk through the park to their wonderful amphitheatre. Come along!

A number of screenings will be shown with English subtitles turned on for the deaf or English as a second language viewers (S on schedule).

Load up the couch, gather a group, a delicious picnic and join us from 7.30pm to play giant board games or discuss the meaning of life under the regions' glorious summer sunsets. Wrap up warm and bring a torch to light your way home.

If it looks like rain, please text 'Is it on?' to 022 406 1665 **after** 7.30pm on the night.

For up to date details see nelsonsummer.nz or the Summer Movies Al Fresco Facebook page.

Please pack it in, pack it out and keep our parks beautiful!

MOVIES

The Castle

1997 // 85 min // M (language) //

Set in suburban Melbourne, this beloved Australian comedy follows the Kerrigan family as they fight to save their home from being seized by developers. With its heartwarming portrayal of family unity and quirky humour, *The Castle* is a celebration of the simple joys of life and the power of standing up for what you believe in.

Back to the Future

1985 // 116 mins // PG // Join Marty McFly on a thrilling time-travel adventure as he accidentally gets sent back to 1955 in a DeLorean invented by his eccentric friend, Doc Brown. Marty must navigate the past to ensure his parents fall in love, securing his own existence, and then find a way back to the future.

Stop Making Sense

1984 // 88 mins // PG // Experience the electrifying energy of the Talking Heads in this iconic concert film directed by Jonathan Demme. Filmed over three nights at Hollywood's Pantages Theater, the movie captures the band's dynamic performances and innovative stage presence, making it a must-see for music lovers. This could turn into a dance-in movie screening so come prepared to rock.

FRESCO

Love Me Tender

1956 // 89 mins // PG // Elvis Presley makes his film debut in this musical Western set just after the Civil War. The story follows the Reno brothers, who find themselves in conflict over stolen Union money and romantic entanglements. With its blend of drama, romance, and classic Elvis tunes, *Love Me Tender* is a nostalgic trip to the past and a fascinating dive into human nature.

The Three Musketeers

1973 // 106 mins // PG // This swashbuckling adventure brings Alexandre Dumas' classic tale to life with a star-studded cast. Follow young d'Artagnan as he joins forces with the legendary Musketeers – Athos, Porthos, and Aramis – to thwart the schemes of Cardinal Richelieu and protect the honour of the Queen.

The Secret Garden

1949 // 92 mins // G // Based on the beloved novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett, this enchanting film tells the story of Mary Lennox, a young orphan who discovers a hidden, magical garden on her uncle's estate. As she brings the garden back to life, Mary finds healing and friendship, making this a timeless tale of hope and renewal.

Monsters, Inc.

2001 // 92 mins // G // Follow Sulley and Mike as they navigate Monstropolis and return a little girl named Boo to her home. A heartwarming Pixar adventure!

SCHEDULE

Fri 3 Jan // The Castle //
Tāhuna Beach Holiday Park, Tāhunanui

Sat 4 Jan // The Secret Garden //
Fairfield Park, Nelson **S**

Sun 5 Jan // Stop Making Sense //
Junction Green, Tākaka //
**+ Community Twilight Market
from 5.30pm**

Thu 9 Jan // The Three Musketeers //
Tāhuna Beach Holiday Park, Tāhunanui

Fri 10 Jan // The Three Musketeers //
Washbourn Gardens, Richmond

Sat 11 Jan // Back to the Future //
Fairfield Park, Nelson

Fri 17 Jan // The Secret Garden //
Isel Park, Stoke **S**

Sat 18 Jan // Stop Making Sense //
Fairfield Park, Nelson

Thu 23 Jan // The Three Musketeers //
Isel Park, Stoke **S**

Fri 24 Jan // Back to the Future //
Washbourn Gardens, Richmond **S**

Sat 25 Jan // Love Me Tender //
Fairfield Park, Nelson **S**

Fri 21 Feb // The Castle //
Washbourn Gardens, Richmond **S**

Sat 22 Feb // Monsters, Inc. //
Decks Reserve, Motueka **S**

Fri 28 Feb // Monsters, Inc. //
Victory Square, Nelson **S** //
+ Lark in the Park (games) from 5pm

Sat 1 Mar // Monsters, Inc. //
Village Green, Ellis Street,
Brightwater **S** //
**Fundraiser
for the Community Association**

S = Movie has English subtitles



COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

Outdoor Movie Night

Sat 7 Dec, food from 7.30pm, live music and games from 8pm, movie starts 9pm // Washbourn Gardens, Richmond // **FREE**

Waimea Youth Council presents an outdoor movie night featuring the film *Barbie*.

Migration Stories

Sun 8 Dec, 1pm–2.30pm // Te Noninga Kumu Motueka Public Library // **FREE**

Come along to share and hear interesting stories about people's arrival in our region.

Multicultural Potluck Dinner

Fri 13 Dec, 6pm // Motueka Memorial Hall // **FREE**

Come along, share kai and meet new people – all welcome.

Richmond Market Day

Mon 30 Dec, 9am–3pm // Queen Street, Richmond

Enjoy a variety of stalls from around New Zealand as well as specials from Richmond businesses as they line Queen Street, presenting an array of food, clothing, plants, fresh summer produce, local artisan products plus free activities for the kids.

Richmond Lions Summer Fair

Wed 1 Jan // 10am–4pm // Tāhunanui Sportsfield

A community day of fun! With 70 stalls of food and local crafts, there is something for everyone. Don't miss the chocolate wheel raising additional funds for our beneficiaries.

Riwaka Market Day

Thu 2 Jan, 9am–3pm // Riwaka Domain, Corner of School Road and State Highway 60 // **FREE**

This is the 49th annual Riwaka Market Day – a popular festival with visitors and locals. Lots of artisans and craft stalls, tasty food and pottery – grab awesome gifts and items to beautify your home and garden.

Nelson Jazz Summer Festival

Fri 3 Jan, Festive Friday at Founders Heritage Park, Nelson // Sat 4 Jan, various cafés // Sun 5 Jan, Family Picnic at Washbourn Gardens, Richmond // 3pm–8pm // **Ticketed**

It's the 30th Festival! Enjoy a variety of jazz genres from Nelson Jazz Club Big Band, Club Camion, Sun City Soul, West Coast Blues, Tessa Q and others. Bring a picnic (no BYO). For updates, www.nelsonjazzclub.com.

Golden Bay A&P Show

Sat 18 Jan, 8am–5pm // Golden Bay Recreation Park, Tākaka // **Pre-show ticket \$15, gate sales \$20, under 15 FREE**

A true country, family-friendly show! Get up close with the animals and cheer on horse riders, wood choppers and shearers. Stunning displays of baking, flowers, handcrafts and photography, plus trade stands, amusement rides, an entertainment hub and children's play area. And don't forget to watch the grand parade early afternoon.

Nelson Summer Kite Festival

Sat 18 & Sun 19 Jan // 12pm–5pm // Neale Park, Nelson // FREE

Come see the amazing kites flown by local and New Zealand kite fliers. Join in with your own kite. Keep looking up!

Maitai Bio Blitz

Fri 24 & Sat 25 Jan, begins 12pm Fri, ends 12pm Sat // Branford Park, Nelson // FREE

Investigate the biodiversity of the Maitai Valley's forest and waterway to discover the natural taonga (treasures) and threats in our environment. For further details see the Nelson City Presents Facebook page.

Golden Bay Summer Arts Festival

Fri 14–Sun 23 Feb // Tākaka, Golden Bay

A summer festival which captures the essence of the Mohua Golden Bay Creative Community, combining several individual events by local creatives, located at various venues around the region, including workshops, performances, live music, art installations, studio visits and exhibitions.
www.gbarts.org.nz/summer-arts-festival

Murchison A&P Show

Sat 15 Feb, 9am–4.30pm // Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre and Domain // Adult \$12, child \$6, under 5 FREE, family \$25

Come along and enjoy all the fun of a country show – trade, horses, flowers, baking, shearing, wood chopping, plus lots more.



Top of the South Motor Show

Sat 22 Feb, 10am–3pm // Richmond Park Showgrounds // Adult \$5, under 15 FREE

An event all about wheels! An opportunity for all past and present motoring clubs to get together for a fun family day. All proceeds go back to our community.

Tasman Asian Night Food Fair

Sat 22 Feb, 4pm–9pm // Washbourn Gardens, Richmond // Gold coin koha appreciated

Celebrating cultural diversity with Asian food and entertainment – a wonderful opportunity to learn about other cultures.

Nelson Italian Festival

Sun 2 Mar, 10am–4pm // Club Italia, lower Trafalgar Street // FREE but koha welcome

Savour delicious Italian street food, watch gourmet dishes come to life in cooking demos, and groove to traditional folk music and dances. Discover unique Italian crafts, perfect for gifts or a treat for yourself. Plus, our biggest ever classic car and motorbike display. Pet-friendly event.

Nelson Fringe Festival

Thu 6–Sat 15 Mar // Various venues // Ticketed

The annual Nelson Fringe boasts a magnificent line-up of live shows including alternative theatre, comedy, dance, music, improv and cabaret. The astronomically talented performers come from Whakatū, across New Zealand and from around the world! www.nelsonfringe.co.nz



Multicultural Festival – Unity in Diversity

Sun 23 Mar, 11am–4pm // Founders Heritage Park // Gold coin entry

Join us to celebrate together with young and old, new and established Nelsonians and every interested member of our community. Tantalising food stalls, arts and crafts and community/educational stalls, plus interactive activities, along with music, songs, and dance from around the world. To minimise waste, BYO plates, cups and utensils or hire on the day.

Tuku 25 Whakatū Festival

Sun 23 Mar–Sun 4 May // Various venues // Some ticketed

A fascinating six weeks of events to tuku (share) Whakatū Nelson's culture and heritage through our unique stories of people and place, via a variety of mediums and locations. Propose your own event by 8 January 2025 with the full programme announced March 2025. Visit www.tukuwhakatu.nz

Tree Crops Association Conference

Fri 28–Sun 30 Mar // Māpua Community Hall

The first NZ Tree Crops conference was held in Nelson in 1975, so we're celebrating 50 years! Our society grew out of a philosophy of seeking and sharing information about the many and varied types of trees we might grow in New Zealand. To register visit www.treecrops.org.nz



Marchfest Craft Beer and Music Festival

Sat 29 Mar, 1pm–9pm // Founders Heritage Park, Nelson // Ticketed

Unlike ordinary beer festivals, all the beers available at Marchfest have been specially commissioned for the event and have never previously been tasted by the public. Great live music is always a big feature of Marchfest and 2025 will be no exception. Tickets: www.marchfest.com

Positive Ageing Expo

Sat 5 Apr, 10am–2pm // Headingly Centre, Richmond // FREE

An expo to provide information and advice for those who are heading towards retirement. 80+ stallholders along with seminars, demonstrations and a chance to have a go at a range of activities. Come and check out what activities and groups are available in your region!

Nelson Jewellery Week

Thu 10–Wed 16 Apr // Various venues across Nelson

Aiming to bring contemporary jewellery projects and makers together. The week includes exhibitions, floor talks, panel discussion, pin swap, social events, workshops, and masterclasses. www.nelsonjewelleryweek.nz



FREE

WHĀNAU ORA

Kī o Rahi at Victory

Wed 4 & Wed 11 Dec, then every
Wed from 12 Feb, 3.30pm–5pm //
Victory Park, Nelson // **FREE**

Come and check out the fast-moving
team game of Kī o Rahi – no experience
required!

Kawhē me te Kōrero

Thu 12 Dec, then every second and
fourth Thu of month from Thu 13 Feb,
11am–1pm // Whakatū Marae, Nelson
(entrance opposite Walters Bluff) //
FREE

Play some kēmu (games), learn waiata
(songs), kōrero (speak) te reo Māori and
build connections. No previous reo
knowledge is required.

Whakatū Marae Waka Ama

Fri 13 Dec, then weekly from
10 Feb // Nelson Marina,
car parking on Cross Quay // **FREE**

Get out on the water this summer with
our trained skippers – no experience
required! For weekly days and times
check [www.whakatumarae.co.nz/reo/
panui/](http://www.whakatumarae.co.nz/reo/panui/)



LARK IN THE PARK



Fridays between 15 Nov–13 Dec
and 14 Feb–14 Mar, 5pm–7pm //
Victory Square, Nelson // **FREE**

Join the team from the Victory
Community Centre for free, fun whānau
activities. We'll have loads of sports
and play equipment, juggling, skipping
and more. Free kai for participants.

*Events will be postponed
if conditions are wet.*

**WATCH
MONSTERS,
INC. ON THE
BIG SCREEN
FROM 8.30PM
ON FRI 28 FEB**

SPORT AND RECREATION



The Spectacle

New Zealand's newest running event

**Fri 13–Sun 15 Dec // Various locations
// Registration required**

Whether it's an electrifying road race through the centre of Whakatū Nelson, or taking to the trails to test your endurance, The Spectacle has an option for everyone! Plus, some of the best milers in the world (the 1609m kind) join us to go head-to-head on the roads. For times, costs and locations go to www.thespectacle.co.nz

Summer of Cricket

**Blackcaps vs Sri Lanka T20 // Thu 2
Jan, 1.15pm // Saxton Oval, Stoke**

**Super Smash Central Districts vs
Wellington Double Header (Stags
& Hinds) // Sat 4 Jan, 12.40pm //
Saxton Oval, Stoke**

**Super Smash Central Districts vs
Northern Brave Double Header (Stags
& Hinds) // Mon 6 Jan, 12.40pm //
Saxton Oval, Stoke**

**White Ferns vs Sri Lanka ODI //
Fri 7 & Sun 9 Mar, 11am // Saxton
Oval, Stoke**

ILCA National Championships

**Wed 15–Sun 19 Jan // Nelson Yacht
Club, Wakefield Quay and Tasman Bay**

Overlapping with the Tasman Bay Cruising Club's annual Nelson Regatta, it will be a spectacular showcase of sailing on Te Tai-o-Aorere Tasman Bay.

Multicultural Cricket Festival

**Wed 1 Jan, 12 – 5pm // Greenmeadows,
Stoke // \$50 entry per team**

For ages 16 and up, it's all about getting on the pitch and having some fun. There will be food carts on the day and prizes for best dressed. Don't miss this amazing celebration of cricket – get a team together and get hyped! Register as a team or individual, contact dustin@nelsoncricket.org.nz

Tasman Skatepark Series

Feb & Mar // Various locations // FREE

Showcasing the best talent on skateboards, BMX and scooters, come and compete against other riders (helmets compulsory for all competitors). The series will be at Motueka, Richmond and Nelson Skateparks plus McGazzaland in Wakefield. Keep an eye on the Tasman Skatepark Series Facebook page for dates early 2025.

R6 Pacific Cup (Raft Races)

**Tue 25–Thu 27 Feb, 9am–3pm //
Buller River, Murchison // Free for
spectators, \$225 per team member**

Six-person white water raft races following the international raft racing format. Four races each. Sprint, Head-to-Head, Slalom and Down River races. Open event to New Zealand and International teams.





Buller Festival

Fri 28 Feb – Sun 2 Mar // Murchison // FREE to watch, cost to participate

New Zealand's premier whitewater sports event, held on the beautiful Murchison rivers. A weekend of fun and action, based on participation for all ability levels.

Cable Bay Enduro and the Enduro MTB National Championships

Fri 28 Feb – Sun 2 Mar // Cable Bay Adventure Park, Nelson

Come watch New Zealand's best enduro MTB riders battle it out for the National Championship title!

Yoga Festival

Sat 8 & Sun 9 Mar // Founders Heritage Park, Nelson // Ticketed

Immerse yourself with unlimited yoga, sound and mindfulness each day.

Sanitarium Weet-Bix™ Kids TRYathlon

Sun 9 Mar, 7am – 1pm // Tāhunanui Beach Reserve

Open to Kiwi kids aged 6 to 15 years, the TRYathlon is a fun and rewarding day out for all. Kids of all sporting abilities swim, cycle, and run their way around age-appropriate courses, either individually or in teams of two.

Multicultural Football Tournament

Sat 22 Mar, 9am – 5pm // Neale Park, Nelson // FREE

This fun football tournament is open to any teams who wish to join in across Te Taihu (Top of the South). Bring a picnic, grab a spot and enjoy watching the games from Nelson's diverse talent pool.

NBS Boulder Bank Walk

Sun 16 Mar, first bus at 8.15am // Start from Wakefield Quay // Ticketed

Bus from Wakefield Quay, walk the extraordinary natural phenomenon that is the Boulder Bank, visit the baches and lighthouse, then take the ferry back to the start. Tickets available from 10 February at trybooking.co.nz or Stoke Garden & Landscapes. This Rotary project is a fundraiser for Coastguard and the Rotary Foundation – www.nelsonwestrotary.org.nz

If wet, the event will be postponed to Sun 23 March.

NZ MTB Rally

Sat 22 – Sat 29 Mar // Various locations

A week-long all-inclusive enduro-format race, traversing New Zealand's undiscovered Te Tau Ihu Top of the South. From three basecamp locations, 120 competitors will complete a circular itinerary out of Nelson, taking in both historic tracks and IMBA gold-level mountain bike trails in a pristine backcountry environment. Register at www.nzmtbrally.com

Te Ipukarea

Fri 4 & Sat 5 Apr // Saxton Field, Stoke // FREE

A multi-discipline event for people who whakapapa to Te Taihu, attracting competitors from around Aotearoa and local iwi. Register through your iwi.

Nelson Festival of Golf

Sun 27 Apr – Fri 2 May // Various locations // Registration required

Played at clubs around the region, see www.nelsongolf.co.nz.



New Zealand

Sotheby's

INTERNATIONAL REALTY

NELSON Opera IN THE PARK

Sat 15 Feb // Gates open at 5pm // Pre-show community entertainment from 5.30pm // Karakia/welcome at 7.15pm // Show finishes at 10pm // Trafalgar Park, Nelson // Early bird adult \$25 (until Fri 3 Jan), full price adult \$35, child aged 5–15 years \$9, child under 5 FREE

Whakatū Nelson's iconic New Zealand Sotheby's International Realty Nelson Opera in the Park returns in February 2025, marking its 20th anniversary.

A stellar evening featuring top New Zealand opera and contemporary talent performing alongside the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra, the event promises an unforgettable night of music under the stars at Trafalgar Park.

Bring a picnic and enjoy a wonderful night of timeless classics and current hits that will get the whole family up and dancing under the stars.

Alcohol will not be sold at the event. For safety reasons and to protect the pitch, please do not bring glassware or seating with sharp legs.

This is the second time that this will be a carbon neutral event, with operational emissions estimated, reduced and offset. Organisers are also working towards zero waste and encourage attendees to leave nothing but footprints.

For performance updates go to the Nelson City Presents Facebook page.

Tickets

www.eventfinda.co.nz

Phone 0800 BUY TIX (289 849)
Mon–Fri, 9am–5.30pm

Visit the Nelson City Council
Customer Service Centre,
open Mon–Fri, 9am–5pm
(closed 24 Dec–2 Jan).



Pay it forward

When purchasing your tickets, you have an opportunity to support someone in the community. All money raised will go toward buying tickets for people who otherwise would not be able to attend.

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Performers

Headlining the opera acts are internationally acclaimed **Emma Pearson** (soprano) – former principal artist at Germany’s Hessisches Staatstheater, who has starred in 30+ roles across Europe and Australasia, including Violetta in *La Traviata* and the title role in *Lucia di Lammermoor* – and tenor **Emmanuel Fonoti-Fuimaono**, finalist in the 2022 Lexus Song Competition and recipient of the Kiri Te Kanawa Prize for Potential, and winner of the 2023 Handa Australian Singing Competition.

Joining them is local favourite **Tessa Quayle**, all accompanied by the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra (CSO) under the baton of David Kay.

On the contemporary front, fresh from their R.E.S.P.E.C.T. tour, are Hall of Famer **Annie Crummer** (Netherworld Dancing Toys, *When the Cats Away*), soul and R&B star **Deva Mahal** (daughter of American blues musician Taj Mahal), **Betty-Anne** (lead singer of band Ardijah), and jazz queen **Naomi Ferguson** (*The Music is Bond*) who will deliver timeless anthems of legendary divas, led by conductor Tom Rainey.

CSO, based in Ōtaūtahi Christchurch, is the resident orchestra at the renowned Christchurch Town Hall, and a leading performing arts organisation to Te Wai Pounamu South Island, Aotearoa New Zealand.

Established in 1958, CSO typically presents over 40 performances a year with more than 30% of its output being New Zealand-created.

CSO is known both nationally and internationally for its community engagement activity, with its employee musicians providing participatory music experiences across 30+ *Ki te Hapori In the Community* programmes annually: in prisons, schools, health facilities, seniors’ centres, libraries, resettled migrant communities and beyond.

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Mystery Quest

Sat 14 Dec, 6pm–8pm // Washbourn Gardens, Richmond

Safari Hunt

Fri 20 Dec, 10am–12pm // Bill Wilkes Reserve, Richmond

Riddle Rush

Sun 5 Jan, 10am–12pm // Easby Park, Richmond

Adventure Hunt

Tue 7 Jan, 10am–12pm // Te Pā Harakeke, Tāhunanui // Meet under the shade sails

Postponed to Wed 8 Jan if wet.

Treasure Quest

Mon 13 Jan, 10am–12pm // Miyazu Japanese Garden, Nelson // Meet at the pond side pavilion

Postponed to Tue 14 Jan if wet.

Park Detectives

Wed 15 Jan, 10am–12pm // Queens Gardens, Nelson // Meet at the fountain

Postponed to Thu 16 Jan if wet.

Decoding Adventure

Fri 17 Jan, 10am–12pm // Māpua Playground

Hero Hunt

Sat 18 Jan, 10am–12pm // Corder Reserve, Atawhai // Meet by the swing

Postponed to Sun 19 Jan if wet.

Clue Chasers

Tue 21 Jan, 10am–12pm // Isel Park, Stoke // Meet outside Isel House

Postponed to Wed 22 Jan if wet.

Trivia Trail

Fri 24 Jan, 10am–12pm // Centennial Park, Nelson

Postponed to Sat 25 Jan if wet.

Mystery Quest

Sun 26 Jan, 10am–12pm // Victory Square, Nelson // Meet in the middle of the park

Postponed to Wed 29 Jan if wet.

Garden Games

Mon 27 Jan, 10am–12pm // Ranui Reserve, Nelson // Meet at the entrance to the park off Ranui Road

Postponed to Tue 28 Jan if wet.

Clue Quest

Sat 1 Feb, 10am–12pm // Centre of New Zealand, Nelson // Meet at the entrance to the Botanical Gardens walkway

Postponed to Sun 2 Feb if wet.

For more information see the Nelson & Tasman Parks Programme Facebook page.

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16TH
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6.00PM



23RD
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& SUPER SALOON FEATURE
6.00PM



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28TH
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NEW ZEALAND
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6.00PM



15TH
WAR OF
THE WINGS
6.00PM



MARCH

15TH - 16TH
PTS STAMPEDE
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SUMMER SLAM
MINISTOCK MANIA
15TH - 5.00PM / 16TH - 2.00PM



APRIL

12TH
QUEEN OF THE CLAY
5.00PM



20TH
EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA
5.00PM



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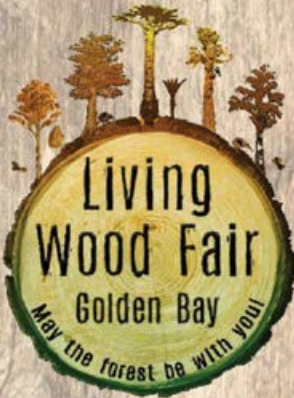


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March 29th



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This comprehensive listing includes both council and community-led events for you to plan your summer in the region, from December 2024 to April 2025. Some events are weather dependent and may have rain dates. Please check the individual websites or Facebook pages before attending to ensure an event is going ahead.

● Music ● Art/Theatre/Dance ● Sport ● Movie ● Family ● Food/Drink ● Workshop ● Movie has English subtitles

Date	Event	Location
Wed 27 Nov	● La Mer	Mussel Inn, Onekākā
Wed 27 & Thu 28 Nov	● Dancing Queen: A Tribute to ABBA	Theatre Royal, Nelson
95 Wed 27 Nov–Sun 12 Jan	● Nelson Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival	Nelson Cathedral
Thu 28 Nov	● Lunchtime Concert: Mike Ford	Nelson Centre of Musical Arts
Fri 29 Nov	● La Mer	The Boathouse, Nelson
Fri 29 Nov	● NBS Summer Lounge: Tea Tree	Nelson Centre of Musical Arts
Fri 29 Nov	● Itchy and Scratchy	Golden Bear Brewing Company, Māpua
Fri 29 & Sat 30 Nov	● Nelson Civic Choir presents Joy to the World, A Kiwi Christmas	Nelson Cathedral
Fri 29 Nov–Fri 10 Jan	● Nelson Airport Trees of Remembrance	Nelson Airport
Fri 29 Nov–Sat 14 Dec	● The Professional Theatre Company presents GOMIL	Founders Heritage Park, Energy Centre
Sat 30 Nov	● The Underground Presents: The Cure	Nelson Centre of Musical Arts, Nelson
Sat 30 Nov	● VIP Burlesque Lounge #6	Red16, Nelson
Sat 30 Nov	● Miami Mice	Mussel Inn, Onekākā
Sat 30 Nov	● Trewavas Street Art Walk	Trewavas St, Motueka
Sat 30 Nov	● Recycle and Create: Next Level Coffee Sacks Workshop	Maggy's Textile Studio, Richmond
Sat 30 Nov	● Milian Borich and Ben King	Room Twenty5, Richmond
Sat 30 Nov	● The Edge Springboard: Seconds to Midnight Tour	Trafalgar Centre, Nelson
Sun 1 Dec	● Jon Sanders	Mussel Inn, Onekākā
Sun 1 Dec	● Gypsy Pickers	Molly B's Café, Pōhara
Sun 1 Dec	● Race 1: Rylock Windows & Doors Endurance Swim, Opening Splash	Tāhunanui Beach
95 Sun 1 Dec	● NBS Nelson Santa Parade	Trafalgar Street, Nelson
Sun 1 Dec	● Nelson Pre-Loved Market	Richmond School Hall

Mon 2 Dec	● Operativity presents Christmas Royal Variety Show	Hope Community Church
P5 Mon 2–Wed 18 Dec	● Nelson Cathedral Lunchtime Concerts	Nelson Cathedral
Thu 5 Dec	● Quiz Night	Mussel Inn, Onekaka
Thu 5 Dec	● Nelson College and Nelson College for Girls Jazz Band: NJC Club Night	The Honest Lawyer, Stoke
Thu 5 Dec	● Lunchtime Concert: I celli	Nelson Centre of Musical Arts
P5 Fri 6 Dec	● New World Starlight Christmas Parade	High Street, Motueka
Fri 6 Dec	● Douce Ambiance	The Boathouse, Nelson
Fri 6 Dec	● Flo Pauls	Golden Bear Brewing Company, Māpua
Fri 6 & Sat 7 Dec	● Express	Theatre Royal, Nelson
P5 Sat 7 Dec	● Country Christmas Market	Moutere Hills Community Centre, Upper Moutere
P10 Sat 7 Dec	● Outdoor Movie Night	Washbourn Gardens, Richmond
Sat 7 Dec	● Christmas at the Cathedral	Nelson Cathedral
Sat 7 Dec	● Douce Ambiance	Mussel Inn, Onekaka
P6 Sat 7 Dec	● Umbrella Market	1903 Square, top of Trafalgar Street, Nelson
P5 Sun 8 Dec	● PAK'nSAVE Richmond Santa Parade	Queen Street, Richmond
P5 Sun 8 Dec	● Carols in the Park	Brightwater Domain (Centennial Park)
Sun 8 Dec	● LifeCycle	Broadgreen Intermediate, Stoke
Sun 8 Dec	● Brazilian Social Club	Golden Bear Brewing Company, Māpua
P10 Sun 8 Dec	● Migration Stories	Te Noninga Kumu Motueka Public Library
Sun 8 Dec	● Tinei-Cross Triathlon and Duathlon	Conifer Park, Moturoa Rabbit Island, Tasman
Thu 12 Dec	● Lunchtime Concert: Angel Wen Tao and Monica Chang	Nelson Centre of Musical Arts
Fri 13 Dec	● Craig Denham	Golden Bear Brewing Company, Māpua
P10 Fri 13 Dec	● Multicultural Potluck Dinner	Motueka Memorial Hall
Fri 13 & Sat 14 Dec	● The Nutcracker	Theatre Royal, Nelson
Fri 13–Sun 15 Dec	● The Spectacle	Various locations
Fri 13–Mon 23 Dec	● The Centre for Fine Woodworking's Birthday Show	Parker Gallery, Wakatu Carpark, Nelson
Sat 14 Dec	● The Spectacle presents The Black Seeds	Upper Trafalgar Street, Nelson
P5 Sat 14 Dec	● Golden Bay Santa Parade	Commercial Street, Takaka
P5 Sat 14 Dec	● Christmas by Candlelight	Washbourn Gardens, Richmond
Sat 14 Dec	● Distillery Garden Party	Kiwi Spirit Distillery, Golden Bay
Sat 14 Dec	● Louis Lucas-Perry in Concert	Nelson Centre of Musical Arts
P10 Sat 14 Dec	● Parks Programme: Mystery Quest	Washbourn Gardens, Richmond

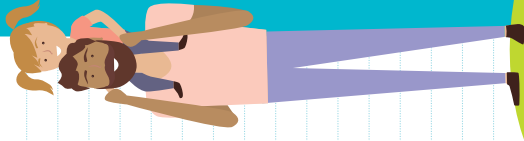
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Sat 14 Dec–Sun 2 Mar	● Threads of Thought	The Suter Art Gallery and Theatre, Nelson
Sun 15 Dec	● Polly and the Minstrel	Golden Bear Brewing Company, Māpua
Wed 18 Dec	● The Barden Party: In Concert!	The Free House, Nelson
Wed 18 Dec	● Rennie and Colim	Mussel Inn, Onekākā
Thu 19 Dec	● Cirque Africa	Theatre Royal, Nelson
Thu 19 Dec	● Quiz Night	Mussel Inn, Onekākā
Thu 19–Sun 22 Dec	● The Barden Party: Macbeth	Fairfield House, Nelson
Fri 20 Dec	● The Best 80s Christmas Party Ever!	The Playhouse Café and Theatre, Tasman
Fri 20 Dec	● Jason McIver	Golden Bear Brewing Company, Māpua
Fri 20 Dec	● Parks Programme: Safari Hunt	Bill Wilkes Reserve, Richmond
P18 Sat 21 Dec	● Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre Christmas Gala	Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre
Sat 21 Dec	● Kiwi Spirit's Christmas Party	Kiwi Spirit Distillery, Golden Bay
Sat 21 Dec	● The Cowpokers with The Fairy Dogs	Mussel Inn, Onekākā
Sun 22 Dec	● Santa at The Boathouse	The Boathouse, Nelson
Tue 24 Dec	● Christmas Carols on the Steps	Church Steps, top of Trafalgar Street, Nelson
Wed 25 Dec	● Christmas Day Luncheon Buffet	The Playhouse Café and Theatre, Tasman
Fri 27 Dec	● Salmonella Dub Soundsystem	The Playhouse Café and Theatre, Tasman
Fri 27 Dec	● Oakley Grenell	Golden Bear Brewing Company, Māpua
Fri 27 Dec	● Gypsy Pickers	The Boathouse, Nelson
Sat 28 Dec	● Newtown Rocksteady	Mussel Inn, Onekākā
Sat 28 Dec	● Salmonella Dub Soundsystem	The Playhouse Café and Theatre, Tasman
Sat 28 Dec	● Steve Mitchell and the Scintillators	Golden Bear Brewing Company, Māpua
Sun 29 Dec	● Newtown Folksteady Acoustic Session	Mussel Inn, Onekākā
Sun 29 Dec	● Imani-J, Florence McNabb and Malaika Hollis	Golden Bear Brewing Company, Māpua
Sun 29 Dec	● The Jacq n' Dean Duo at The Wakefield Hotel, Take 1!	Wakefield Hotel
Sun 29 Dec	● Race 2: Rylock, 2km Eyebright Mile – 40th Swim Anniversary	Nelson Yacht Club, Wakefield Quay
P10 Mon 30 Dec	● Richmond Market Day	Queen Street, Richmond
Mon 30 Dec	● The Great 2024 Quiz Night	The Playhouse Café and Theatre, Tasman
Mon 30 Dec	● The Rubber Biscuit Band	Golden Bear Brewing Company, Māpua
Tue 31 Dec	● New Year's Eve Countdown in the City	Upper Trafalgar Street, Nelson
Tue 31 Dec	● New Year's Eve with Raw Collective, Funkfriends & Delusional Disco Drongos	Mussel Inn, Onekākā
Tue 31 Dec	● New Year's Eve at The Boathouse	The Boathouse, Nelson



Tue 31 Dec	● New Years Eve Beach Party	The Playhouse Café and Theatre, Tasman
P10 Wed 1 Jan	● Richmond Lions Summer Fair	Tāhunanui Sportsfield
P14 Wed 1 Jan	● Multicultural Cricket Festival	Greenmeadows, Stoke
P14 Thu 2 Jan	● Blackcaps vs Sri Lanka (third T20)	Saxton Oval, Stoke
Thu 2 Jan	● Dominic Hoey	Mussel Inn, Onekākā
P10 Thu 2 Jan	● Riwaka Market Day	Riwaka Domain
Fri 3 Jan	● Newtown Rocksteady	The Boathouse, Nelson
Fri 3 Jan	● The Best 80s Night Ever	The Playhouse Café and Theatre, Tasman
P10 Fri 3 Jan	● Nelson Jazz Summer Festival: Founders Festive Friday	Founders Heritage Park, Nelson
P8 Fri 3 Jan	● Summer Movies al Fresco: The Castle	Tāhuna Beach Holiday Park, Tāhunanui
Sat 4 Jan	● Niko Ne Zna	Mussel Inn, Onekākā
Sat 4 Jan	● Paul Madsen's Superstar Show Beegees, Queen	The Playhouse Café and Theatre, Tasman
P10 Sat 4 Jan	● Nelson Jazz Summer Festival	Various cafés
P14 Sat 4 Jan	● Dream11 Super Smash Central Districts vs Wellington	Saxton Oval, Stoke
P8 Sat 4 Jan	● Summer Movies al Fresco: The Secret Garden S	Fairfield Park, Nelson
Sun 5 Jan	● Billy Ebeling	Mussel Inn, Onekākā
Sun 5 Jan	● Gypsy Pickers	Molly B's Café and Bar, Pōhara
P10 Sun 5 Jan	● Nelson Jazz Summer Festival: Family Picnic	Washbourn Gardens, Richmond
Sun 5 Jan	● Imperfect Circles	Golden Bear Brewing Company, Māpua
Sun 5 Jan	● Tata Beach Swim	Tata Beach, Golden Bay
Sun 5 Jan	● Community Twilight Market	Junction Green, Tākaka
P8 Sun 5 Jan	● Summer Movies al Fresco: Stop Making Sense	Junction Green, Tākaka
P18 Sun 5 Jan	● Parks Programme: Riddle Rush	Easby Park, Richmond
Mon 6 Jan	● Boaz Anema	Golden Bear Brewing Company, Māpua
P14 Mon 6 Jan	● Dream11 Super Smash Central Districts vs Northern Brave	Saxton Oval, Stoke
P18 Tue 7 Jan	● Parks Programme: Adventure Hunt	Te Pā Harakeke, Tāhunanui
Wed 8 Jan	● Revulva	Mussel Inn, Onekākā
Wed 8 Jan	● Sukalati Beats	Golden Bear Brewing Company, Māpua
P8 Thu 9 Jan	● Summer Movies al Fresco: The Three Musketeers	Tāhuna Beach Holiday Park, Tāhunanui
P8 Fri 10 Jan	● Summer Movies al Fresco: The Three Musketeers	Washbourn Gardens, Richmond
Sat 11 Jan	● Nelson Antique and Collectables Show	Club Waimea, Richmond



Sat 11 Jan	● Distillery Garden Party	Kiwi Spirit Distillery, Golden Bay
Sat 11 Jan	● Oscar Laddell	Mussel Inn, Onekaka
Sat 11 Jan	● Summer Celebration Retro and Vintage Market	Hope Recreational Hall
Sat 11 Jan	● Sun City Soul	The Playhouse Café and Theatre, Tasman
P8 Sat 11 Jan	● Summer Movies al Fresco: Back to the Future	Fairfield Park, Nelson
Sat 11 & Sun 12 Jan	● Book-a-Rama Motueka	Motueka Recreation Centre
P6 Sun 12 Jan	● Teddy Bears' Picnic – Celebrating 150 years of Nelson City Council	Isel Park, Stoke
Sun 12 Jan	● Oscar LaDel	Golden Bear Brewing Company, Māpua
P18 Mon 13 Jan	● Parks Programme: Treasure Quest	Miyazu Japanese Garden, Nelson
Wed 15 Jan	● Sarah Millican: Late Bloomer	Trafalgar Centre, Nelson
Wed 15 Jan	● Nina Lane and Bryan Owens	Mussel Inn, Onekaka
Wed 15 Jan	● Parks Programme: Park Detectives	Queens Gardens, Nelson
P14 Wed 15 – Sun 19 Jan	● ILCA National Championships	Nelson Yacht Club, Wakefield Quay and Tasman Bay
P7 Fri 17 Jan	● Tahuna Summer Sounds	Tāhunanui Beach Reserve
Fri 17 Jan	● Labretta Suede	Mussel Inn, Onekaka
Fri 17 Jan	● Ampersand Jazz Trio	The Playhouse Café and Theatre, Tasman
P8 Fri 17 Jan	● Summer Movies al Fresco: The Secret Garden S	Isel Park, Stoke
P18 Fri 17 Jan	● Parks Programme: Decoding Adventure	Māpua Playground
Sat 18 Jan	● The Dorado Experiment	Mussel Inn, Onekaka
P10 Sat 18 Jan	● Golden Bay A&P Show	Golden Bay Recreation Park, Takaka
Sat 18 Jan	● Girls Rock!	The Playhouse Café and Theatre, Tasman
P9 Sat 18 Jan	● Summer Movies al Fresco: Stop Making Sense	Fairfield Park, Nelson
P18 Sat 18 Jan	● Parks Programme: Hero Hunt	Corder Reserve, Atawhai
P11 Sat 18 & Sun 19 Jan	● Nelson Summer Kite Festival	Neale Park, Nelson
Sun 19 Jan	● Le Gumbo Combo	Golden Bear Brewing Company, Māpua
Sun 19 Jan	● Chia Sisters Olympic Triathlon, Duathlon and Multisport	Moturoa Rabbit Island, Tasman
Sun 19 Jan	● Paradise Lost ft Haydn's Creation: Teapot Valley Choral Camp Choir	Nelson Centre of Musical Arts
P18 Tue 21 Jan	● Parks Programme: Clue Chasers	Isel Park, Stoke
P8 Thu 23 Jan	● Summer Movies al Fresco: The Three Musketeers S	Isel Park, Stoke
P6 Fri 24 Jan	● Teddy Bears' Picnic	Motueka Recreation Centre
Fri 24 Jan	● NBS Summer Lounge: The Leftovers	Nelson Centre of Musical Arts
P11 Fri 24 & Sat 25 Jan	● Maitai Bio Blitz	Branford Park, Nelson



P8	Fri 24 Jan	Summer Movies al Fresco: Back to the Future 5	Washbourn Gardens, Richmond
P18	Fri 24 Jan	Parks Programme: Trivia Trail	Centennial Park, Nelson
	Sat 25 Jan	Milnes Beatson Wakefield Roaster 10k & 5k	Wakefield
	Sat 25 Jan	Paul Madsen's Superstar Show Beegees, Queen	The Playhouse Café and Theatre, Tasman
	Sat 25 Jan	Women's and Kids' Market	Founders Heritage Park, Nelson
P8	Sat 25 Jan	Summer Movies al Fresco: Love Me Tender 5	Fairfield Park, Nelson
	Sat 25 & Sun 26 Jan	Queen and King of the Bay	Kaiterere Beach and Māpua Wharf
	Sun 26 Jan	Gypsy Pickers	Molly B's Café and Bar, Pohara
P18	Sun 26 Jan	Parks Programme: Mystery Quest	Victory Square, Nelson
	Sun 26 Jan	Race 3: Rylock Windows & Doors Ironman Challenge	Tāhuanui Beach
P18	Mon 27 Jan	Parks Programme: Garden Games	Ranui Reserve, Nelson
	Wed 29 Jan	Gusto Gusto	Mussel Inn, Onekākā
	Thu 30 Jan – Mon 3 Feb	Lunasa Luminare Festival	Canaan Downs, Takaka Hill
P18	Sat 1 Feb	Parks Programme: Clue Quest	Centre of New Zealand, Nelson
	Sat 1 Feb	Blues on the Point Festival	The Honest Lawyer, Stoke
	Sat 1 & Sun 2 Feb	Fat Freddy's Drop	Neudorf Vineyards, Upper Moutere
	Sun 2 Feb	Freestyle Kings	Trafalgar Park, Nelson
	Sun 2 Feb	Distillery Garden Party	Kiwi Spirit Distillery, Golden Bay
	Sun 2 Feb	Pipes in the Park	Fairfield House, Nelson
	Sun 2 Feb	Gypsy Pickers	Molly B's Café and Bar, Pohara
	Thu 6 Feb	Waitangi Day at Whakatū	Whakatū Nelson
	Thu 6 Feb – Thu 4 Dec	Jazz Jam Nights (every Thursday)	The Honest Lawyer, Stoke
	Sat 8 Feb	Distillery Garden Party	Kiwi Spirit Distillery, Golden Bay
	Thu 13 Feb	Mundi Trio	The Boathouse, Nelson
	Fri 14 Feb	Operatunity presents Thistle & The Shamrock	Hope Community Church
	Fri 14 Feb	The Mundi Trio	The Playhouse Café and Theatre, Tasman
P11	Fri 14 – Sun 23 Feb	Golden Bay Summer Arts Festival	Takaka, Golden Bay
P11	Sat 15 Feb	Murchison A&P Show	Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre
P16	Sat 15 Feb	New Zealand Sotheby's International Realty Nelson Opera in the Park	Trafalgar Park, Nelson
	Sat 15 & Sun 16 Feb	Multi Media Workshop – Create a Unique Collaged Floral Fantasy	Pūtāngitangi Greenmeadows Centre, Stoke
	Sun 16 Feb	Proper Crisps Team Triathlon	Moturoa Rabbit Island, Tasman

Wed 19 Feb	● Down Under Bunker Live	Theatre Royal, Nelson
Fri 21 Feb	● Catch 22 Café & Bar Aquathon	Tāhunanui Beach
P8 Fri 21 Feb	● Summer Movies al Fresco: The Castle S	Washbourn Gardens, Richmond
Sat 22 Feb	● Nelson Community Choir's Summer Sing Fest	Upper Trafalgar Street and Kirby Lane, Nelson
P11 Sat 22 Feb	● Top of the South Motor Show	Richmond Park Showgrounds
Sat 22 Feb	● Charcuterie Fest	Kiwi Spirit Distillery, Golden Bay
Sat 22 Feb	● Gypsy Pickers	The Boathouse, Nelson
Sat 22 Feb	● Hazy Day Beer Fest	The Boathouse, Nelson
Sat 22 Feb	● Starlet of Aotearoa/NZ	Red Door Theatre, Nelson
P11 Sat 22 Feb	● Tasman Asian Night Food Fair	Washbourn Gardens, Richmond
P8 Sat 22 Feb	● Summer Movies al Fresco: Monsters, Inc. S	Decks Reserve, Motueka
P14 Tue 25–Thu 27 Feb	● R6 Pacific Cup (Raft Races)	Buller River, Murchison
Fri 28 Feb	● Fleetwood Mac and Billy Joel Tribute	The Playhouse Café and Theatre, Tasman
Fri 28 Feb	● Lark in the Park (games)	Victory Square, Nelson
P8 Fri 28 Feb	● Summer Movies al Fresco: Monsters, Inc. S	Victory Square, Nelson
P15 Fri 28 Feb–Sun 2 Mar	● Buller Festival	Murchison
P15 Fri 28 Feb–Sun 2 Mar	● Cable Bay Enduro	Cable Bay Adventure Park
Fri 28 Feb–Sun 2 Mar	● Summer Tango in Nelson	Nelson College
P8 Sat 1 Mar	● Summer Movies al Fresco: Monsters, Inc. S	Village Green, Ellis Street, Brightwater
Sat 1 & Sun 2 Mar	● Antique and Classic Boat Show	Lake Rotoiti
Sun 2 Mar	● Nelson Italian Festival	Club Italia, Lower Trafalgar Street, Nelson
P12 Thu 6–Sat 15 Mar	● Nelson Fringe Festival	Various venues
Fri 7 Mar	● Paul Ubana Jones	The Playhouse Café and Theatre, Tasman
P14 Fri 7 Mar	● White Ferns vs Sri Lanka	Saxton Oval, Stoke
Sat 8 Mar	● Kiwi Spirit's Championz Cup	Kiwi Spirit Distillery, Golden Bay
Sat 8 Mar	● Quilts in the Gardens	Gardens of the World, Hope
P15 Sat 8 & Sun 9 Mar	● Yoga Festival	Founders Heritage Park, Nelson
P15 Sun 9 Mar	● Nelson Sanitarium Weet-Bix™ Kids TRyathlon	Tāhunanui Beach Reserve
P14 Sun 9 Mar	● White Ferns vs Sri Lanka	Saxton Oval, Stoke
Sat 15 Mar	● Distillery Garden Party	Kiwi Spirit Distillery, Golden Bay
Sat 15 & Sun 16 Mar	● Ruby Coast Arts Trail Open Studios	Ruby Bay area, Tasman
Sun 16 Mar	● Gypsy Pickers	Molly B's Café and Bar, Pōhara

P15	Sun 16 Mar	● NBS Boulder Bank Walk	Start from Wakefield Quay, Nelson
	Mon 17 Mar	● Operativity presents From Phantom to Les Mis	Hope Community Church
	Mon 17 Mar	● Gypsy Pickers (St Patrick's Day!)	Prince Albert Backpackers and Bar, Nelson
P15	Sat 22 – Sat 29 Mar	● NZ MTB Rally	Various locations around Top of the South
	Sat 22 Mar	● Back in the Black Ball	The Boathouse, Nelson
P15	Sat 22 Mar	● Multicultural Football Tournament	Neale Park, Nelson
	Sat 22 & Sun 23 Mar	● Vintage Machinery Show	Higgins Heritage Park, Wakefield
P12	Sun 23 Mar	● Multicultural Festival	Founders Heritage Park, Nelson
	Sun 23 Mar	● The Jacq n' Dean Duo at The Wakefield Hotel, Take 2!	Wakefield Hotel
P12	Sun 23 Mar – Sun 4 May	● Tuku25 Whakatū Festival	Various venues across Nelson Tasman
	Tue 25 Mar	● Creedence Clearwater Collective	Theatre Royal, Nelson
P12	Fri 28 – Sun 30 Mar	● NZ Treecrops Annual Conference	Māpua Community Hall
P12	Sat 29 Mar	● Marchfest Craft Beer and Music Festival	Founders Heritage Park, Nelson
	Sun 30 Mar	● Race 4: Rylock Windows & Doors 5km Challenge	Tāhunanui Beach
P15	Fri 4 & Sat 5 Apr	● Te Ipukarea	Saxton Field, Stoke
P12	Sat 5 Apr	● Positive Ageing Expo	Headingley Centre, Richmond
	Sun 6 Apr	● Historical Homes Tour	Nelson, Richmond and surrounds
	Sun 6 Apr	● Shoe Clinic MTB Duathlon Series, Race 1	Conifer Park, Moturoa Rabbit Island, Tasman
P12	Thu 10 – Wed 16 Apr	● Nelson Jewellery Week	Various venues across Nelson
	Fri 11 Apr	● Operativity presents Around the World in 90 Minutes	Hope Community Church
	Sat 12 Apr	● Distillery Garden Party	Kiwi Spirit Distillery, Golden Bay
	Sat 12 Apr	● Living Wood Fair	Totara Whenua, East Takaka
	Thu 17 Apr	● The Original '05 Lineup – Supergroove plus guests	Trafalgar Centre, Nelson
	Sun 20 Apr	● Distillery Garden Party	Kiwi Spirit Distillery, Golden Bay
	Sun 27 Apr	● Shoe Clinic MTB Duathlon Series, Race 2	Conifer Park, Moturoa Rabbit Island, Tasman
P15	Sun 27 Apr – Fri 2 May	● Nelson Festival of Golf	Various golf clubs around Nelson Tasman

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IMPORTANT NOTICE: In order to manage risks and ensure compliance with health and safety requirements for upcoming summer events, the councils require all people attending to follow all instructions and rules (including signage) given to them for the particular event. In addition, you must at all times take all reasonably practicable steps to ensure both your own and your family's health and safety and that you do not do anything to adversely affect the health and safety of others. People under the age of 13 must have parental supervision. At the time of printing, every effort has been made to ensure that the details in this Summer Events Guide are correct.



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