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Dec 2025 – Apr 2026



EVENTS GUIDE



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NAU MAI, HAERE MAI, WELCOME TO SUMMER!



Summer has arrived in Nelson Tasman, and if you're spending some time in our region – one of New Zealand's sunniest – you are fortunate to be in a special place at a special time. Summer is the perfect time to enjoy the region's world-renowned beaches, landscapes and trails, and soak up the unique vibe across the rohe/land.

The Summer Events Guide is your go-to companion for discovering all the entertainment and activities our region has to offer, bursting with kai, music, markets, arts, and culture – everything you need for a truly memorable summer!

There are plenty of activities and festivals for everyone to enjoy. Grab your friends and family and head to the annual **Teddy Bears' Picnic (25 January)**, watch great films at **Summer Movies al Fresco (starting 9 January)**, and don't forget the **Nelson Summer Kite Festival (17 & 18 January)**.

Celebrate Christmas with Santa at the **Quail Valley Free Range Richmond Santa Parade (7 December)**. Pick your favourite tree at the **Nelson Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival (opens 27 November)** or join the community for **Christmas Carols on the Steps (24 December)**.

For the market lovers out there, don't miss the **Umbrella Market (13 December)**, an outdoor market run entirely by kids, for kids; the famous **Love Richmond Market Day (29 December)**, and celebrate 50 years of the **Riwaka Market Day (2 January)**.

If you're hungry, the **Tasman Asian Night Food Fair (21 February)**, **Motueka Kai Fest (31 January)** and **Nelson Italian Festival (1 March)** offer a range of dishes from different cultures as well as live music and dance.

Music enthusiasts will find plenty to celebrate with the return of the **Adam International Chamber Music Festival (starting 29 January)**, enjoy live music and family-friendly fun at **Tāhuna Summer Sounds (16 January)**, and, of course, the **New Year's Eve Countdown in the City (31 December)** concert at the top of Trafalgar Street!

For those who love the outdoors, sign up for **The Spectacle (5 & 6 December)** or get excited for cricket with **Super Smash Cricket (3 January)**, **Multicultural Cricket Festival (1 February)** or **Women's Summer Smash Festival (8 February)**.

For a more rural day out head over to the **Golden Bay A&P Show (17 January)** or to the annual **Murchison A&P Show (21 February)**.

Many events are free, and others are low-cost or koha gold coin.

Thanks for helping us welcome back summer! We hope that, regardless of whether you are visiting us for a short time or call Nelson Tasman home, the months ahead are fun-filled and enjoyable.

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



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MAP

 = Locations of summer events

MOHUA GOLDEN BAY

KAHURANGI NATIONAL PARK

ABEL TASMAN NATIONAL PARK

Small Journey – Big Impact

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



Pōhara
Tākaka
Kaiteretere Beach
Riwaka
Motueka
Ruby Bay
Lower Moutere
Upper Moutere
Appleby
Māpua
Tāhunanui Beach
Glenduan
Atawhai
Omaio
Stoke
Wakefield
Wairoa
Brightwater

WHAKATŪ NELSON

WAIMEA RICHMOND

Te Hiwai Murchison

NELSON LAKES NATIONAL PARK

Rotoiti St Arnaud

Driving times

Whakatū Nelson to Tākaka
104km, 1 hour 46 minutes

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

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REGULAR EVENTS

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Nelson Public Libraries

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

Tasman District Libraries

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

Higgins Heritage Park

Steam-Up and Open Day, first Sunday of each month // Open Day and Activities, third Sunday of each month // Pigeon Valley Road, Wakefield

Tāhuna Summer Beach Bus

Sat 27 Dec – Sun 18 Jan // Runs between Tāhuna Beach Holiday Park, Nelson Classic Car Museum, Tāhunanui Beach and Nelson city // Leaves Holiday Park on the hour and Nelson city on the half hour // See page 19



LOCAL MARKETS

Nelson Market

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

Monty's Sunday Market

Sundays, 8am–1pm (when fine) // Montgomery Square, Nelson

Motueka Sunday Market

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

Richmond Park Market

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

Māpua Wharf Market

Sundays until late April, 10am–2pm // Māpua Wharf, Tasman

Nelson Farmers' Market

Wednesdays, 8am–1pm // 23 Halifax Street, next to Elma Turner Library, Nelson

Isel Twilight Market

Thursdays until 2 April, 4.30pm–sunset // Isel Park, Stoke

Public holidays may alter these markets.



FREE

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Nelson Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival

Light-up service Wed 26 Nov, 6pm–7pm // Thu 27 Nov–Sat 17 Jan, 9am–6pm (late night Fridays until 9.30pm on 5, 12 and 19 Dec) // Switch-off service Sun 18 Jan, 10am // Nelson Cathedral // **Koha welcomed**

Nelson Airport Trees of Remembrance

Fri 28 Nov–Thu 8 Jan // Nelson Airport Terminal, Annesbrook
A fundraising event for Nelson Tasman Hospice, the airport's terminal is lit up with Christmas trees representing what our region has to offer.

NBS Nelson Santa Parade

Sun 30 Nov, 1pm–3pm // Down Trafalgar Street (from Hardy Street)

Nelson Cathedral Lunchtime Concerts

Mon 1 Dec–Fri 19 Dec (weekdays only), 1pm–1.30pm // Nelson Cathedral

Country Christmas Market

Sat 6 Dec, 10.30am–3pm // Moutere Hills Community Centre, Upper Moutere

Quail Valley Free Range Richmond Santa Parade

Sun 7 Dec, 1pm–3pm // Queen Street, Richmond

Parade leaves Edward Street at 1pm, heads down Queen Street and turns right onto McIndoe Place. Entertainment on parade route from 12.30pm and afterwards at Sundial Square, plus the opportunity to meet the jolly man himself.

New World Motueka Starlight Christmas Parade

Fri 12 Dec, entertainment from 5pm, parade 7pm // High Street, Motueka
Street entertainment, Santa's grotto, ferris wheel, food carts, late night shopping. Post-parade carol sing-along outside the Town Square with the Motueka Choir.

Christmas in the Park

Sat 13 Dec // Brazilian Social Club from 6pm, carols 8pm, Afterglow DJ party 9pm // Washbourn Gardens, Richmond

Postponed to Sun 14 Dec if wet.

Golden Bay Santa Parade

Sat 13 Dec, 10am // Commercial Street, Tākaka

Carols in the Park

Sun 14 Dec, 5pm–7pm // Brightwater Recreation Reserve
Music and carols, bouncy castles, face painting, BBQ food and Santa make for a great family-friendly event. *Inside the Brightwater Public Hall if wet.*

Murchison Christmas Gala

Sat 20 Dec, 11am–1pm // Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre

Christmas Carols on the Steps

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



CHILDREN'S EVENTS



Umbrella Market

Sat 13 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 5–16 years are invited to transform an umbrella into their own mini-stall to sell goods upside down in the lead-up to Christmas. While parents are welcome to attend, the children will take charge, learning about money, negotiation, and social interaction. To register, email createeventslimited@hotmail.com.

If wet, the event will be rescheduled to Sun 14 Dec.

Teddy Bears' Picnic

Sun 25 Jan, 10.30am–1pm //
Isel Park, Stoke // FREE

The big day out for the teddy bears is here, and this year's theme is *Caring for Our Bears!* Give some TLC to your soft toy or bear by taking it to the Bear Spa for a massage or to the First Aid Tent for a check-up with Dr Bear and Nurse Bear.

There is plenty to enjoy on the day with your bear. Learn your ABCs with Teddy School, face painting and balloon creations with Flossie (gold coin koha), Hunt for Bugs with Brook Waimārama Sanctuary and refresh yourself with food and beverages from Street Food on Washington.

There will be plenty of excitement on the live stage – dance along to three-time APRA Children's Song of the Year winner Levity Beet, who is headlining the event with his heartfelt and hilarious music for tamariki and their whānau, enjoy Akiko performing the all-time favourite *The Three Little Pigs*, take in the beautiful sounds of the harp with Ruby, and laugh along with the shenanigans of librarians from Nelson Public Libraries, all while enjoying your whānau picnic in the wonderful Isel Park.

Bring a picnic, a hat and sunscreen, and please take your rubbish home. This venue is wheelchair accessible. Alcohol free and smoke free event.

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



NELSON PUBLIC LIBRARIES
Ngā whare mātauranga o Whakatū



FREE

NEW YEAR'S EVE COUNTDOWN IN THE CITY

Wed 31 Dec, 6pm – 12.30am //
Top of Trafalgar Street, Nelson // FREE

Nelson's central city New Year's Eve Countdown is a great place to celebrate your way into 2026!

This family-friendly event kicks off at 6pm – enjoy dinner from a line-up of local food trucks, fun and entertainment for the kids in 1903 Square, and a kids' countdown at 9pm. Then, as the younger audience heads home, a brilliant line-up of local and national bands takes to the stage to help us party our way into 2026.



Featuring some of your favourite local bands – *Sun City Soul*, *Salisbury Road*, and *Runaway* – followed by *Imani-J*, before welcoming in the New Year with *The Relatives*.

For more details, visit the Nelson City Presents Facebook page.

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



TĀHUNA SUMMER SOUNDS

Fri 16 Jan, 4pm – 8pm //
Tāhunanui Beach Reserve // FREE

Live music returns to Tāhunanui Beach with local musicians performing across two different stages, along with 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 17 Jan.



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SUMMER MOVIES AL FRESCO

SCHEDULE

Fri 9 Jan – Fri 27 Feb // Movies start at dusk, Jan movies about 9pm, Feb movies about 8.30pm // \$2 adult, \$1 child (collected just before the movie starts)

A great collection of movies, both new and old, screened in the beautiful parks of Whakatū. Come in themed dress-ups for *The Princess Bride* or *The Sting*, and bring your favourite bear to *Paddington*. The Tāhuna Beach Holiday Park screenings are free and open to everyone. Walk through the park to their wonderful amphitheatre – come along!

Load up the couch, gather a group, pack a delicious picnic (BYO is fine), 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 www.nelsonsummer.nz or the Summer Movies Al Fresco Facebook page.

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



**ENGLISH
SUBTITLES
WILL BE ON
FOR ALL
SCREENINGS**

Fri 9 Jan // The Sting
Tāhuna Beach Holiday Park, Tāhunanui

Sat 10 Jan // Heidi
Isel Park, Stoke

Fri 16 Jan // Heidi
Tāhuna Beach Holiday Park, Tāhunanui

Sat 17 Jan // Encanto Reo Māori
Fairfield Park, Nelson

Fri 23 Jan // The Princess Bride
Isel Park, Stoke

Sat 24 Jan // The Sting
Fairfield Park, Nelson

Fri 6 Feb // What Really Happened: Waitangi
The Energy Centre,
Founders Heritage Park, Nelson

**SPECIAL
DAYTIME
SCREENING
10AM – 3PM**

Fri 13 Feb // Paddington
Clifton Terrace School, Atawhai
+ Food stall fundraising for
Home and School

Sat 14 Feb // The Princess Bride
Fairfield Park, Nelson

Fri 20 Feb // Paddington
Victory Square, Nelson

Sat 21 Feb // Some Like It Hot
Isel Park, Stoke

Fri 27 Feb // Movie TBC
Richmond Aquatic Centre
A Waimea Youth Council event

**OUTDOOR
YOUTH MOVIE
NIGHT FROM
7.30PM**

MOVIES

The Princess Bride

1987 // 98 min // PG

A timeless fairy-tale adventure of love, swordplay and wit. Follow Westley and Buttercup through daring rescues, memorable villains and razor-sharp humour. A charming mix of romance, comedy and swashbuckling thrills that delights all ages. Bring a blanket and enjoy every unforgettable line under the night sky.

The Sting

1973 // 129 min // PG

A stylish caper of con artists, double-crosses and clever schemes set in 1930s Chicago. Paul Newman and Robert Redford deliver charm and chemistry as a duo plotting the ultimate swindle. Slick period detail and a jaunty ragtime score make this a smart, slick and hugely entertaining film.

Encanto Reo Māori

2021 // 102 min // PG

Disney's vibrant musical reimagined in te reo Māori celebrates family, culture and magic. Follow the Madrigals as they navigate their gifts, expectations, hidden wounds and the power of belonging in a colourful, music-filled story. A joyous, culturally rich experience with powerful, evocative songs.

Some Like It Hot

1959 // 121 min // PG

A razor-sharp comedy of disguise, music and madcap escape. Two musicians on the run join an all-female band – in drag – triggering a cascade of romantic entanglements and comedic chaos. Led by Marilyn Monroe, Jack Lemmon, and Tony Curtis, this witty classic guarantees laughs and lively energy.



Heidi

1937 // 88 min // G

A warm, timeless story of a spirited girl who changes the lives of those around her. This gently told, beautifully acted adaptation follows the life of Heidi, an orphan sent to live with her reclusive grandfather in the Swiss Alps. Bring a blanket, some tissues and settle in to enjoy what was Shirley Temple's favourite of all her films.

Paddington

2014 // 95 mins // PG

A young Peruvian bear with a passion for all things British (and marmalade) travels to London in search of a new home. Finding himself lost and alone at Paddington Station, he meets the kindly Brown family who offer him a temporary haven. Hilarious chaos ensues!

What Really Happened: Waitangi

2011 // 68 mins // PG

Following the happenings of the days surrounding 6 February 1840 this docudrama answers some questions and poses others.



Summer Movies
at Fresco van
courtesy of



**Bowater
Toyota**



COMMUNITY AND CULTURE



Edge – Centre for Fine Woodworking Annual Exhibition

Fri 12 Dec–Sat 17 Jan, 9am–5pm* // Quiet Dog Gallery, 33 Wakatū Lane, Nelson // FREE

Edge represents the combined works of seven students from the Centre for Fine Woodworking, all of whom spent eight months full-time in the Furniture Maker's Programme. There is a joyous vitality in much of the work, and the exhibition is an opportunity to acquire furniture of great beauty and refinement at prices that often barely reflect the time, materials, and skills involved.

**Not every day, and some days have different opening and closing times, please check www.quietdoggallery.co.nz*

Afterglow – Youth Dance Party

Sat 13 Dec, 9pm–10pm // Washbourn Gardens, Richmond // FREE

Enjoy big beats from a DJ, glow lights and good vibes. Come dressed to glow. No booze, just bangers.

Love Richmond Market Day

Mon 29 Dec, 9am–3pm // Queen Street, Richmond // FREE entry

Join Richmond businesses as they bring their specials out onto the street, along with many market stallholders from across New Zealand. With an outstanding array of food, clothing, plants, fresh summer produce, local artisan products, and free activities for the kids, it's all here!

Summer Fair – Lions Club of Richmond

Thu 1 Jan, 10am–4pm // Tāhunanui Recreation Reserve // FREE entry

This event has been a much-loved New Year's Day tradition for more than 30 years, attracting 2,000–3,000 holidaymakers, campers, and locals each year. With over 70 food and market stalls, the fair offers something for everyone, from delicious eats to unique crafts, while raising funds for worthy community causes. Every dollar raised will support the Hato Hone St John new-build project. Entry is free, with funds generated solely through stallholder fees and the ever-popular chocolate wheel.

Riwaka Market Day

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

Celebrating the 50th annual Riwaka Market Day, this popular family festival is enjoyed by visitors and locals alike. With artisan and craft stalls, tasty food, and pottery, it is an excellent opportunity to find some awesome gifts and unique items for your home and garden.



Golden Bay A&P Show

Sat 17 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. See stunning displays of baking, flowers, handcrafts, and photography. Visit the many trade stands, enjoy amusement rides, an entertainment hub, and a children's play area. And don't forget to watch the grand parade in the early afternoon.

Nelson Summer Kite Festival

Sat 17 & Sun 18 Jan, 12pm–5pm // Neale Park, Nelson // Koha/donation

See the amazing kites flown by local and New Zealand kite fliers. Join in with your own kite, and keep looking up! www.nzka.org.nz/events/nelson-kite-festival

Pipes in the Park

Sun 25 Jan, 5.30–7.30pm // Fairfield House Meadow, Nelson // \$20 at the gate, under 17 FREE

Featuring the full pipe band, soloists, harpist Annemieke Harmonie, the Kahurangi Irish Dancers and more! Scottish nibbles, raffles, local drinks and ice cream will be available.



Adam International Chamber Music Festival

Thu 29 Jan–Sat 7 Feb // Nelson Centre of Musical Arts, Nelson // Ticketed

Experience premier international and New Zealand musicians who share performance excellence with an equally passionate audience. Most of our artists stay for the full 10 days of more than 25 concerts, artist talks, masterclasses, and events, thriving on collaboration across the chamber music oeuvre. www.music.org.nz

Motueka Kai Fest

Sat 31 Jan, 10am–4pm // Decks Reserve, Motueka // \$2 entry, under 5 FREE

Celebrating our region's kai with more than 40 food stalls, a large live stage, workshops, and lots of activities for children of all ages. This year, a new wellness zone will focus on creating better health, more joy, and the opportunity to experience advanced healings, either one-on-one or as a group. Plus, a basketball competition and lots of music and dancing.

Te Rā o Waitangi ki Whakatū

Fri 6 Feb // Founders Heritage Park and Whakatū Marae, Nelson





Golden Bay Summer Arts Festival

Wed 18–Sun 22 Feb // Tākaka, Golden Bay // Ticketed

A summer festival that captures the essence of the Golden Bay/Mohua creative community, with a diverse number of individual events – from workshops during the day to live entertainment in the evening for you and your crew to enjoy – offered by local creatives and held at various venues around the region. www.gbarts.org.nz/summer-arts-festival

Murchison A&P Show

Sat 21 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, and lots more.

Top of the South Motor Show

Sat 21 Feb, 10am–3pm // Richmond Park Showgrounds, Lower Queen Street, Richmond // Adults \$10, under 12 \$5 (gate sales only)

An event all about wheels! An opportunity for all past and present motoring clubs to get together for a fun family day. Enjoy displays, refreshments, and competitions for all. All proceeds go back to our community. Organised by Richmond & Nelson West Rotary Clubs.



Tasman Asian Night Food Fair

Sat 21 Feb, 4pm–9pm // Washbourn Gardens, Richmond // Gold coin koha appreciated

Savour the best of Asia – enjoy a variety of food stalls serving authentic dishes from across the continent. Cultural performances – delight in traditional music, dance, and vibrant costumes that celebrate our region's rich diversity. Fun for all ages – a perfect evening for families, friends, and food lovers to connect and celebrate together.

Please bring your own cup, plate, and cutlery to enjoy the delicious food while caring for our environment.

Nelson Italian Festival

Sun 1 Mar, 10am–4pm // Club Italia, Lower Trafalgar Street, and Trafalgar Park, Nelson // FREE but koha welcome

Follow the aroma of wood-fired pizza and handmade gnocchi, sip an espresso, or cool off with silky gelato while watching chefs work their magic in live cooking demos. Music fills the streets, while the Tarantella dance brings everyone to their feet.

At Trafalgar Park, gleaming Fiats, Ferraris, Alfa Romeos, Vespas and Ducatis dot the fields in our biggest vehicle showcase yet. Stalls brim with Italian products and artisan goods – olive oils, truffle condiments, cheese, crafts, and plenty more to discover. This is a family and pet-friendly event.





Nelson Fringe Festival

Thu 5–Sat 14 Mar // Various venues // Ticketed

The annual Nelson Fringe boasts a magnificent line-up of live shows across a range of styles, including theatre, comedy, dance, improvisation, music, burlesque, circus and whatever else artists offer! We embrace a full range of performers, from first-timers to seasoned touring gigsters, presenting around 50 shows across three venues over 10 days. www.nelsonfringe.co.nz

Vero International Festival of Historic Motoring

Mon 16–Fri 20 Mar // Rally Lunch Stops // Various locations // FREE

Wed 18 Mar, 6pm–10pm // Night on the Town Displays // Montgomery and Wakatu Carparks, Nelson // FREE

Sat 21 Mar, 10am–3pm // Combined Local Vehicle Show and Vero IFHM Display // Richmond Park Showgrounds // FREE

Every four years the Vintage Car Club of New Zealand celebrate veteran, vintage, and classic vehicles, and the people who love them. This international rally attracts participants from all over New Zealand and the world. This year, Nelson Tasman will be hosting this exciting event. Check the website for Rally Lunch Stop locations and details on event times: www.historicmotoring.org.nz/public-events



TUKU 26 Whakatū Heritage Festival

Sat 21 Mar–Sun 3 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, presented via a variety of mediums and locations. Submissions for events are open until 12 January. The full programme will be announced in March 2026. Visit www.tukuwhakatu.nz

Multicultural Festival

Sun 22 Mar, 11am–4pm // Founders Heritage Park, Nelson // Gold coin entry

Join us to celebrate unity in diversity together with young and old, new and established Nelsonians, and every interested member of our community. Enjoy a feast for the senses with delicious food stalls, unique arts and crafts, and community and educational stalls.

Marchfest Craft Beer and Music Festival

Sat 28 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 2026 will be no exception. Tickets are on sale now at www.marchfest.com



MOVE AND ENGAGE

The Spectacle

Fri 5 & Sat 6 Dec // Top of Trafalgar Street and trails throughout Nelson Tasman // See website for costs

Aotearoa's first road and trail running festival! From the mile to the 100 mile, the trails to the road, beginners to Olympians. Take on the challenge, then take in the spectacle. Whether you're after an electrifying road race right through the centre of the city, or you want to take to the trails and test your endurance amongst the tranquil native forest, The Spectacle has an option for everyone (including walkers).

Trail: 10km, 22km, 50km, 100km, 100 mile, 4 x 2.5km relay.

Road mile: Open, junior, high school mile, AWD (athletes with a disability).

Road 5km: Runners, walkers.

Road relay: Corporate challenge, open, school.

Elite mile: Watch some of the best milers in the world go head-to-head.

Then celebrate with all the athletes and The Black Seeds at a free concert at the bottom of Pikimai. For times, costs, routes or to volunteer, go to www.thespectacle.co.nz



Summer of Cricket

Women's North v South T20 Series (including White Ferns)

Thu 18, Fri 19 & Sat 20 Dec, 11am // Saxton Oval, Stoke // FREE

Super Smash Cricket – Central Stags and Hinds vs Canterbury
Sat 3 Jan // Saxton Oval, Stoke // Tickets at www.supersmash.co.nz

Multicultural Cricket Festival*
Sun 1 Feb, 12.40pm–6pm // Greenmeadows, Stoke

Women's Summer Smash Festival*
Sun 8 Feb, 12pm–6pm // Victory Square, Nelson

Beach Bash Festival*
Sun 15 Feb, 11am–6pm // Tāhunanui Beach

Ford Trophy One Day Cricket – Central Stags v Canterbury
Tue 17 Feb, 10.30am // Saxton Oval, Stoke // FREE

*Scan the QR code to register for these Nelson Cricket tournaments



South Island Colgate Games

Fri 16–Sun 18 Jan // Saxton Athletics Track, Stoke // Spectators: One day pass \$8.50, weekend pass \$16, three day pass \$21, under 14 FREE.

The pinnacle event for junior athletics in New Zealand. More than 1,100 seven to 14-year-olds are expected to compete in track and field events over three days of competition. This will be the event's 48th year.

Buller Festival

Fri 27 Feb–Sun 1 Mar // Murchison and Buller River // 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 with multiple individual events, open to participation of all ability levels.

Cable Bay Enduro

Fri 6–Sun 8 Mar (Sat 7 Mar for spectators), 8am–late // Cable Bay Adventure Park, Nelson

Come and witness some of the world's best mountain bikers take on the epic trails of Cable Bay Adventure Park. Saturday spectators are invited to stay for a massive Saturday evening celebration with live music, good vibes, and great company. Heaps of awesome activities available at the park – from the Skywire to e-biking and more! Family-friendly fun for all ages, the perfect excuse to get outside and soak up the great atmosphere.



Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon

Sun 8 Mar, 7am–1pm // Tāhunanui Beach Reserve

Open to Kiwi kids aged six to 15 years, the TRYathlon is a fun and rewarding day out for everyone. Kids of all sporting abilities swim, cycle, and run their way around age-appropriate courses, either as an individual or as a team of two.

NBS Boulder Bank Walk

Sun 8 Mar, first bus at 8.15am // Departs from Wakefield Quay, Nelson // Ticketed

Bus from Wakefield Quay, walk the extraordinary natural phenomenon that is the Boulder Bank, visiting the baches and lighthouse, then take the ferry provided back to the start. Tickets available from 10 February at www.trybooking.co.nz or at Stoke Garden & Landscapes, Saxton Road, Stoke. www.nelsonwestrotary.org.nz

Nelson Yoga Festival

Sat 25 & Sun 26 Apr // Founders Heritage Park, Nelson // Ticketed

Immerse yourself with unlimited yoga, sound and mindfulness each day. Tickets from www.yogafestival.co.nz



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FREE

PARKS PROGRAMME

**IF WET, THESE EVENTS WILL BE
RESCHEDULED TO THE FOLLOWING DAY**

Park Quest

Thu 8 Jan, 10am–12pm // Corder Reserve, Atawhai // Meet on the grass area by the pump track

Set off on your own mini-adventure! Follow the clues, find the hidden signs, and see if you can finish the quest. Go at your own pace – no rush, just fun!

Secret Path Challenge

Fri 9 Jan, 10am–12pm // Broadgreen House, Stoke // Meet in front of the house

Look high, look low and keep your eyes peeled! Each clue brings you closer to discovering the secret of the park. Great for curious minds.

Wild Adventure Hunt

Mon 12 Jan, 10am–12pm // Burrell Park, Tāhunanui // Meet on the grass

Collect clues about animals hiding around the park. Match footprints, sounds or facts to uncover the final surprise!

Puzzle Park Trail

Wed 14 Jan, 10am–12pm // Ranui Reserve, Stoke // Meet on the grass

Solve easy puzzles and riddles as you stroll through the park. Each stop has something new to think about, find or spot.

Eco Quest

Fri 16 Jan, 10am–12pm // Wolfe Reserve, Nelson // Meet at the playground

Become an eco-hero! Complete nature-themed challenges and learn cool new ways to look after the planet while exploring the park.

Riddle Trail

Tue 20 Jan, 10am–12pm // Greenmeadows, Stoke // Meet on the grass in front of rugby clubrooms

Follow the riddle cards through the park and see if you can work out all the answers. Some are silly, some are tricky – can you solve them all?

Treasure Tracks

Wed 21 Jan, 10am–12pm // Centre of New Zealand, Nelson // Meet at the entrance to the walkway

Find hidden tokens or pictures along the trail. Mark them off your sheet as you go – can you collect them all?

Adventure Clue Trail

Thu 22 Jan, 10am–12pm // Murphy South Reserve, Nelson // Meet on the grass

Pick up your clue sheet and see where it takes you! Follow the trail, tick off what you find and collect a prize at the end.

Mystery Quest

Mon 26 Jan, 10am–12pm // Neale Park Reserve, Stoke // Meet by the swings

Follow clues as you dive into this thrilling quest! Spend the morning exploring the park and hunting for hints to unravel the exciting mystery that awaits you.

Clue Chasers

Tue 27 Jan, 10am–12pm // Glenduan Reserve // Meet by the flying fox

Dash through the reserve, solving clues and tackling fun challenges along the way. Rally your friends and family for a morning filled with excitement.

FREE

WHĀNAU ORA

Kī-o-Rahi at Victory

Wed 3 & Wed 10 Dec, then every Wed
from 11 Feb–1 Apr, 3.30pm–5pm //
Victory Square, Nelson // **FREE**

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

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Wed 4 Feb, 10am // Age Concern Office, 18 Bridge Street, Nelson

Tue 17 Feb, 10.30am // Victory Community Centre, 2 Totara Street, Nelson



To register or find out more, contact Jackie on 03 544 7624 (ext 4) or text 021 195 8108.



GUIDED JOURNEYS

Join a guided eBus journey with Age Concern staff and volunteers. Bring your Bee Card, SuperGold Card, and money for a cuppa. Please be at the meeting point at least 10 minutes before departure time.

Founders Heritage Park

Thu 29 Jan, 10.30am // Meet at the new Nelson Bus Hub, Millers Acre

Explore Founders Heritage Park and enjoy learning about its history. Wander through the many historic buildings then relax with a cuppa at Founders Café. Bus departs back to Nelson at 12.30pm.

Brook Waimārama Sanctuary

Fri 27 Feb, 11.15am // Meet at the new Nelson Bus Hub, Millers Acre // Sanctuary entry \$12 with a SuperGold Card or Community Services Card

Take the eBus to Brook Valley Holiday Reserve, transfer to a YMCA van and be transported to The Brook Waimārama Sanctuary. Bring some kai (food). Tea and coffee will be provided by Age Concern. Bus departs back to Nelson at 2.10pm.

Nelson Farmers Market

Wed 11 Mar, 9.30am // Meet at Stoke Bus Interchange, 548 Main Road Stoke

Enjoy a morning in Nelson city. Visit the Nelson Farmers Market, library, op shops, and the Age Concern office for a cuppa. Bus departs back to Stoke at 12.40pm.



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- Tāhuna Beach Holiday Park
- Nelson Classic Car Museum
 - Nelson City
 - Tāhunanui Beach

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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 2025 to April 2026. 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/Quiz ● Seniors

Regular events

Date	Event	Location
All summer	● Regular family fun – check the library websites	Nelson Public Libraries and Tasman District Libraries
P17 All summer	● Whakatū Marae Waka Ama	Nelson Marina
Every Sunday	● Dixie Swing	The Honest Lawyer, Stoke
Every Sunday	● Meech & Co	Eight Plates, Nelson
First Thursday every month	● Nelson Jazz Club – Club and Jam Night	The Barn at the Honest Lawyer, Stoke
First Sunday every month	● Higgins Heritage Park Steam-Up	Higgins Heritage Park, Wakefield
Third Thursday every month	● Tasman Bay Blues Club – Jam Night	The Barn at The Honest Lawyer, Stoke
Third Sunday every month	● Higgins Heritage Park Open Day and Activities	Higgins Heritage Park, Wakefield
PS Thu 27 Nov–Sun 18 Jan	● Nelson Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival	Nelson Cathedral
PS Fri 28 Nov–Thu 8 Jan	● Nelson Airport Trees of Remembrance	Nelson Airport Terminal, Annesbrook
P17 Fri 28 Nov	● Lark in the Park	Victory Square, Nelson
Sat 29 Nov	● Gintastic	Founders Heritage Park, Nelson
Sun 30 Nov	● Willow Bank Heritage Village Open Day	Willow Bank Heritage Village, Wakefield
PS Sun 30 Nov	● NBS Nelson Santa Parade	Hardy and Trafalgar Streets, Nelson
PS Mon 1–Fri 19 Dec	● Nelson Cathedral Lunchtime Concerts	Nelson Cathedral
Wed 3 Dec	● Douce Ambiance	Riverside Community Cultural Centre, Lower Moutere
P17 Wed 3 Dec	● Ki-o-Rahi	Victory Square, Nelson
Thu 4 Dec	● Douce Ambiance	Fairfield House, Nelson
P17 Thu 4 Dec	● Tuku Iho	Whakatū Marae, Nelson
Fri 5 Dec	● HERstory Transformational Talks and Fundraiser	The Suter Art Gallery Theatre, Nelson

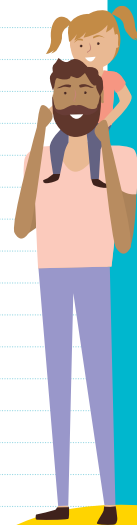
	Fri 5 Dec	● The Jacq n' Dean at Golden Bear Brewing, take 1!	Golden Bear Brewing Company, Māpua
P17	Fri 5 Dec	● Lark in the Park	Victory Square, Nelson
P14	Fri 5 & Sat 6 Dec	● The Spectacle	Nelson trails and CBD
PS	Sat 6 Dec	● Country Christmas Market	Moutere Hills Community Centre, Upper Moutere
PS	Sun 7 Dec	● Quail Valley Free Range Richmond Santa Parade	Queen Street, Richmond
	Sun 7 Dec	● The Bubble Show	The Suter Art Gallery Theatre, Nelson
	Sun 7 Dec	● Gypsy Pickers	Molly B's, Pōhara
	Tue 9 & Wed 10 Dec	● A Celtic Christmas by A Taste of Ireland	Theatre Royal, Nelson
	Wed 10 Dec	● Christmas Party Paint and Sip	The Boathouse, Nelson
P17	Wed 10 Dec	● Kī-o-Rahi	Victory Square, Nelson
PS	Fri 12 Dec	● New World Motueka Starlight Christmas Parade	High Street, Motueka
P17	Fri 12 Dec	● Lark in the Park	Victory Square, Nelson
	Fri 12 Dec	● Craig Allot, Billy Joel and Fleetwood Mac Tribute	The Playhouse Café and Theatre, Tasman
	Fri 12 Dec	● A Gentle Evening with Downriver	Fairfield House, Nelson
P10	Fri 12 Dec–Sat 17 Jan	● <i>EDGE</i> – Centre for Fine Woodworking Annual Exhibition	Quiet Dog Gallery, Nelson
PS	Sat 13 Dec	● Christmas in the Park	Washbourn Gardens, Richmond
P10	Sat 13 Dec	● Afterglow – Youth Dance Party	Washbourn Gardens, Richmond
PS	Sat 13 Dec	● Golden Bay Santa Parade	Commercial Street, Tākaka
	Sat 13 Dec	● The Best 80s Christmas Party Ever	The Playhouse Café and Theatre, Tasman
P6	Sat 13 Dec	● Umbrella Market	1903 Square, top of Trafalgar Street, Nelson
	Sat 13 Dec	● Darren Watson Sings John Hiatt	The Barn at The Honest Lawyer, Stoke
	Sat 13 Dec	● Sun City Soul	Fairfield House, Nelson
	Sun 14 Dec	● The Jacq n' Dean at Harvest Kitchen, take 2!	Harvest Kitchen, Appleby
	Sun 14 Dec	● Chris Priestley – Kiwi Songcatcher with special guests	Fairfield House, Nelson
PS	Sun 14 Dec	● Carols in the Park	Brightwater Recreation Reserve
	Mon 15 Dec	● Operatunity – It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas	Hope Community Church
	Wed 17–Sat 20 Dec	● Heracles: Of Men and Beasts <i>*World Premiere*</i>	Fairfield House, Nelson
P14	Thu 18–Sat 20 Dec	● Women's North v South T20 Series (including White Ferns)	Saxton Oval, Stoke
	Fri 19 & Sat 20 Dec	● The Best 80s Night Ever	The Playhouse Café and Theatre, Tasman
PS	Sat 20 Dec	● Murchison Christmas Gala	Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre
	Sun 21 Dec	● Fairfield Summer Solstice Dance	Fairfield House, Nelson



	Mon 22 Dec	● Celebrate Summer Reading!	Elma Turner Library, Nelson
P5	Wed 24 Dec	● Christmas Carols on the Steps	Church Steps, top of Trafalgar Street, Nelson
	Thu 25 Dec	● Mayor's Christmas Lunch	Beachside Conference Centre, Tāhunanui
	Thu 25 Dec	● Christmas Day Luncheon	The Playhouse Café and Theatre, Tasman
	Sat 27 Dec	● The Playhouse Turns 15! With Suncity Soul	The Playhouse Café and Theatre, Tasman
	Sat 27 Dec–Sun 18 Jan	● Tāhuna Summer Beach Bus	Between Tāhuna Beach Holiday Park and Nelson city
	Sun 28 Dec	● Craig Allot, Billy Joel and Fleetwood Mac Tribute	The Playhouse Café and Theatre, Tasman
	Sun 28 Dec	● Ras Judah and Culture Embassy	Fairfield House, Nelson
P10	Mon 29 Dec	● Love Richmond Market Day	Queen Street, Richmond
	Tue 30 Dec	● The Great 2025 Quiz Night	The Playhouse Café and Theatre, Tasman
	Wed 31 Dec	● The Best 1980s New Years Eve Ever!!!	The Playhouse Café and Theatre, Tasman
	Wed 31 Dec	● NYE Gypsy Pickers	Golden Bear Brewing Company, Māpua
P7	Wed 31 Dec	● New Year's Eve Countdown in the City	Top of Trafalgar Street, Nelson
P10	Thu 1 Jan	● Summer Fair – Lions Club of Richmond	Tāhunanui Recreation Reserve, Nelson
	Fri 2 Jan	● Wakefield Country Fête	Wakefield Village Hall
P10	Fri 2 Jan	● Riwaka Market Day	Riwaka Domain
P14	Sat 3 Jan	● Super Smash Cricket – Central Stags and Hinds vs Canterbury	Saxton Oval, Stoke
	Sat 3 Jan	● Paul Ubana Jones	The Playhouse Café and Theatre, Tasman
	Sun 4 Jan	● Golden Bay Rodders Car Show	Marchwood Park, Motueka
	Sun 4 Jan	● Gypsy Pickers	Molly B's, Pōhara
	Mon 5 Jan	● Techy Time at Elma Turner Library	Elma Turner Library, Nelson
	Tue 6–Tue 27 Jan	● Summer Book Club at Elma Turner Library	Elma Turner Library, Nelson
P16	Thu 8 Jan	● Parks Programme: Park Quest	Corder Reserve, Atawhai
	Thu 8 Jan	● Come As You Aren't – Nirvana Tribute	The Boathouse, Nelson
P16	Fri 9 Jan	● Parks Programme: Secret Path Challenge	Broadgreen House, Stoke
	Fri 9 Jan	● Gypsy Pickers	The Boathouse, Nelson
P8	Fri 9 Jan	● Summer Movies al Fresco: The Sting	Tāhuna Beach Holiday Park, Tāhunanui
	Fri 9–Fri 23 Jan	● Summer Book Club at Stoke Library	Stoke Library
	Sat 10 Jan	● Art in the Park Exhibition	Queens Gardens, Nelson
P8	Sat 10 Jan	● Summer Movies al Fresco: Heidi	Isel Park, Stoke
	Sat 10 Jan	● Beat Mountain – Lee Mtthews, Pirapus, Optimus Gryme and more	Silvan Steps Amphitheatre, Richmond



	Sat 10 Jan	● The Jacq n' Dean at Harvest Kitchen, take 3!	Harvest Kitchen, Appleby
P16	Mon 12 Jan	● Parks Programme: Wild Adventure Hunt	Burrell Park, Tāhunanui
	Tue 13 Jan	● Jimmy Carr – Laughs Funny	Trafalgar Centre, Nelson
P16	Wed 14 Jan	● Parks Programme: Puzzle Park Trail	Ranui Reserve, Stoke
	Thu 15 Jan	● DIY Board Games	Elma Turner Library, Nelson
P16	Fri 16 Jan	● Parks Programme: Eco Quest	Wolfe Reserve, Nelson
P7	Fri 16 Jan	● Tāhuna Summer Sounds	Tāhunanui Beach Reserve
P8	Fri 16 Jan	● Summer Movies al Fresco: Heidi	Tāhuna Beach Holiday Park, Tāhunanui
P15	Fri 16–Sun 18 Jan	● South Island Colgate Games	Saxton Athletics Track, Stoke
P11	Sat 17 Jan	● Golden Bay A&P Show	Golden Bay Recreation Park, Tākaka
P8	Sat 17 Jan	● Summer Movies al Fresco: Encanto Reo Māori	Fairfield Park, Nelson
P11	Sat 17 & Sun 18 Jan	● Nelson Summer Kite Festival	Neale Park, Nelson
	Sun 18 Jan	● Jazz on the Village Green	Founders Heritage Park, Nelson
	Sun 18 Jan	● Decks on the Deck	Founders Heritage Park, Nelson
P16	Tue 20 Jan	● Parks Programme: Riddle Trail	Greenmeadows, Stoke
P16	Wed 21 Jan	● Parks Programme: Treasure Tracks	Centre of New Zealand, Nelson
	Wed 21 Jan	● Zine Workshop	Elma Turner Library, Nelson
P18	Thu 22 Jan	● eBus Information Session with Age Concern	Cancer Society, Hardy Street, Nelson
P16	Thu 22 Jan	● Parks Programme: Adventure Clue Trail	Murphy South Reserve, Nelson
P8	Fri 23 Jan	● Summer Movies al Fresco: The Princess Bride	Isel Park, Stoke
P8	Sat 24 Jan	● Summer Movies al Fresco: The Sting	Fairfield Park, Nelson
	Sat 24 Jan	● Hira Hop	Nelson North Country Club, Wakapuaka
	Sat 24 Jan	● Walk the Runway	Nelson Airport, Annesbrook
P6	Sun 25 Jan	● Teddy Bears' Picnic	Isel Park, Stoke
	Sun 25 Jan	● The Jacq n' Dean at Armadillos, take 2!	Armadillos, Richmond
	Sun 25 Jan	● Willow Bank Heritage Village Open Day	Willow Bank Heritage Village, Wakefield
P11	Sun 25 Jan	● Pipes in the Park	Fairfield House, Nelson
	Sun 25 Jan	● Jazz on the Village Green	Founders Heritage Park, Nelson
	Sun 25 Jan	● Decks on the Deck	Founders Heritage Park, Nelson
P16	Mon 26 Jan	● Parks Programme: Mystery Quest	Neale Park Reserve, Stoke
P16	Tue 27 Jan	● Parks Programme: Clue Chasers	Glenduan Reserve



	Thu 29 Jan	● Rufous Whistler	Fairfield House, Nelson
	Thu 29 Jan	● End of Summer Reading Celebration!	Elma Turner Library, Nelson
P18	Thu 29 Jan	● eBus Journey with Age Concern – Founders Heritage Park	Meet at Nelson Bus Hub, Millers Acre, Nelson
P11	Thu 29 Jan–Sat 7 Feb	● Adam International Chamber Music Festival	Nelson Centre of Musical Arts and various venues
	Fri 30 Jan	● Spinning for Beginners Workshop with Anne Grassham	Fleecewood Farm, Nelson Lakes
	Fri 30 Jan	● Gypsy Pickers	The Telegraph Hotel, Tākaka
P11	Sat 31 Jan	● Motueka Kai Fest	Decks Reserve, Motueka
P14	Sun 1 Feb	● Multicultural Cricket Festival	Greenmeadows, Stoke
	Sun 1 Feb	● Ready to Roll Tour with Th' Dudes, Mockers and Stellar*	Neudorf Vineyards, Upper Moutere
	Sun 1 Feb	● Gypsy Pickers	Molly B's, Pōhara
	Sun 1 Feb	● Jazz on the Village Green	Founders Heritage Park, Nelson
	Sun 1 Feb	● Decks on the Deck	Founders Heritage Park, Nelson
	Sun 1 & Mon 2 Feb	● Richter City Rebels	Fairfield House, Nelson
P18	Wed 4 Feb	● eBus Information Session with Age Concern	Age Concern Office, Bridge Street, Nelson
	Thu 5 Feb	● Jazz Jam Night	The Barn at The Honest Lawyer, Stoke
P11	Fri 6 Feb	● Te Rā o Waitangi ki Whakatū	Founders Heritage Park and Whakatū Marae, Nelson
P8	Fri 6 Feb	● Summer Movies al Fresco: What Really Happened: Waitangi	The Energy Centre, Founders Heritage Park, Nelson
	Fri 6 Feb	● Seel and Saunders	Ruby Bay Store
	Sat 7 Feb	● Whipped Cream presents The Garden Party	Fairfield House, Nelson
P14	Sun 8 Feb	● Women's Summer Smash Festival	Victory Square, Nelson
	Sun 8 Feb	● Jazz on the Village Green	Founders Heritage Park, Nelson
	Sun 8 Feb	● Decks on the Deck	Founders Heritage Park, Nelson
	Tue 10 Feb	● Australia's Thunder from Down Under	Theatre Royal, Nelson
P17	Wed 11 Feb	● Ki-o-Rahi	Victory Square, Nelson
	Fri 13 Feb	● Meet Nelson Quiz Night (21–39 year olds)	The Granary at Founders Heritage Park, Nelson
P8	Fri 13 Feb	● Summer Movies al Fresco: Paddington	Clifton Terrace School, Atawhai
P17	Fri 13 Feb	● Lark in the Park	Victory Square, Nelson
	Sat 14 Feb	● Latin Fiesta	Founders Heritage Park, Nelson
P8	Sat 14 Feb	● Summer Movies al Fresco: The Princess Bride	Fairfield Park, Nelson
	Sat 14 Feb	● Comedy Hypnotist – Frankie Mac	Theatre Royal, Nelson
P14	Sun 15 Feb	● Beach Bash Festival	Tāhunanui Beach



	Sun 15 Feb	● The Jacq n' Dean at Armadillos, take 3!	Armadillos, Richmond
	Sun 15 Feb	● Kids' Market	The Granary at Founders Heritage Park, Nelson
	Sun 15 Feb	● Community Guided Snorkel Day	Waitapu River, Tākaka
	Sun 15 Feb	● Jazz on the Village Green	Founders Heritage Park, Nelson
	Sun 15 Feb	● Decks on the Deck	Founders Heritage Park, Nelson
P18	Tue 17 Feb	● eBus Information Session with Age Concern	Victory Community Centre, Nelson
P14	Tue 17 Feb	● Ford Trophy One Day Cricket – Central Stags v Canterbury	Saxton Oval, Stoke
P17	Wed 18 Feb	● Kī-o-Rahi	Victory Square, Nelson
P12	Wed 18–Sun 22 Feb	● Golden Bay Summer Arts Festival	Tākaka, Golden Bay
P17	Thu 19 Feb	● Tuku Iho	Whakatū Marae, Nelson
	Fri 20 Feb	● Elias Bartholomeo	Ruby Bay Store
P8	Fri 20 Feb	● Summer Movies al Fresco: Paddington	Victory Square, Nelson
P17	Fri 20 Feb	● Lark in the Park	Victory Square, Nelson
P12	Sat 21 Feb	● Murchison A&P Show	Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre
	Sat 21 Feb	● Summer Sing Festival	1903 Square, top of Trafalgar Street, Nelson
P12	Sat 21 Feb	● Top of the South Motor Show	Richmond Park Showgrounds, Richmond
P12	Sat 21 Feb	● Tasman Asian Night Food Fair	Washbourn Gardens, Richmond
P8	Sat 21 Feb	● Summer Movies al Fresco: Some Like It Hot	Isel Park, Stoke
	Sat 21 Feb	● The Z Manu World Champs Nelson	Nayland Pool, Stoke
	Sun 22 Feb	● Willow Bank Heritage Village Open Day	Willow Bank Heritage Village, Wakefield
	Sun 22 Feb	● Community Guided Snorkel Day	Motueka River
	Sun 22 Feb	● Purple Poppy Day Sunset Service	RSA Cemetery, Marsden Valley, Stoke
	Sun 22 Feb	● Jazz on the Village Green	Founders Heritage Park, Nelson
	Sun 22 Feb	● Decks on the Deck	Founders Heritage Park, Nelson
	Mon 23 Feb	● The Rock Orchestra by Candlelight	Trafalgar Centre, Nelson
P17	Wed 25 Feb	● Kī-o-Rahi	Victory Square, Nelson
	Thu 26 Feb	● Seel and Sanders	Fairfield House, Nelson
P18	Fri 27 Feb	● eBus Journey with Age Concern – Brook Waimārama Sanctuary	Meet at Nelson Bus Hub, Millers Acre, Nelson
P8	Fri 27 Feb	● Summer Movies al Fresco: Outdoor Youth Movie Night (Movie TBC)	Richmond Aquatic Centre
P17	Fri 27 Feb	● Lark in the Park	Victory Square, Nelson
P15	Fri 27 Feb–Sun 1 Mar	● Buller Festival	Murchison and Buller Rivers



Key

● Music

● Art/Theatre/Dance

● Sport

● Movie

● Family

● Food/Drink

● Workshop/Quiz

● Seniors

P12	Sun 1 Mar	● Nelson Italian Festival	Club Italia and Trafalgar Park, Nelson
	Sun 1 Mar	● Community Guided Snorkel Day	Tonga Island Marine Reserve, Abel Tasman National Park
	Sun 1 Mar	● Midnight Swim	Fairfield House, Nelson
	Sun 1 Mar	● Gypsy Pickers	Molly B's, Pōhara
	Sun 1 Mar	● Jazz on the Village Green	Founders Heritage Park, Nelson
	Sun 1 Mar	● Decks on the Deck	Founders Heritage Park, Nelson
P17	Wed 4 Mar	● Kī-o-Rahi	Victory Square, Nelson
	Thu 5 Mar	● Barleyshakes Live	Fairfield House, Nelson
	Thu 5 Mar	● Jazz Jam Night	The Barn at The Honest Lawyer, Stoke
P17	Thu 5 Mar	● Tuku Iho	Whakatū Marae, Nelson
P13	Thu 5 Mar–Sat 14 Mar	● Nelson Fringe Festival	Various venues
P17	Fri 6 Mar	● Lark in the Park	Victory Square, Nelson
	Fri 6–Sun 8 Mar	● Foil Drive Wingfoil Regatta	Nelson Yacht Club
P15	Fri 6–Sun 8 Mar	● Cable Bay Enduro	Cable Bay Adventure Park
	Sat 7 & Sun 8 Mar	● NZ Antique and Classic Boat Show	Lake Rotoiti
P15	Sun 8 Mar	● Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon	Tāhunanui Beach Reserve
P15	Sun 8 Mar	● NBS Boulder Bank Walk	Bus departs from Wakefield Quay, Nelson
	Sun 8 Mar	● Jazz on the Village Green	Founders Heritage Park, Nelson
	Sun 8 Mar	● Decks on the Deck	Founders Heritage Park, Nelson
P17	Wed 11 Mar	● Kī-o-Rahi	Victory Square, Nelson
P18	Wed 11 Mar	● eBus Journey with Age Concern – Nelson Farmer's Market	Meet at Stoke Bus Interchange, Main Road Stoke
P17	Fri 13 Mar	● Lark in the Park	Victory Square, Nelson
	Sat 14 Mar	● Blues on the Point Festival	The Honest Lawyer, Stoke
	Sat 14 Mar	● Fairies Wear Bleach – A Night of Black Sabbath and Nirvana	The Playhouse Café and Theatre, Tasman
	Sat 14 & Sun 15 Mar	● Queen and King of the Bay	Abel Tasman National Park
	Sat 14 & Sun 15 Mar	● Relay For Life	Richmond Park Showgrounds
	Sun 15 Mar	● Gypsy Pickers	Molly B's, Pōhara
	Sun 15 Mar	● Community Guided Snorkel Day	Rotokura/Cable Bay
	Sun 15 Mar	● Jazz on the Village Green	Founders Heritage Park, Nelson
	Sun 15 Mar	● Decks on the Deck	Founders Heritage Park, Nelson
P13	Sun 15–Sat 21 Mar	● Vero International Festival of Historic Motoring	Various locations



	Tue 17 Mar	● St Patrick's Day! Gypsy Pickers	Prince Albert Hotel, Nelson
P17	Wed 18 Mar	● Kī-o-Rahi	Victory Square, Nelson
P17	Thu 19 Mar	● Tuku Iho	Whakatū Marae, Nelson
	Fri 20 Mar	● Meet Nelson Quiz Night (21–39 year olds)	The Granary at Founders Heritage Park, Nelson
	Fri 20 Mar	● Big Brothers Big Sisters Charity Golf Day	Nelson Golf Club, Tāhunanui
P17	Wed 25 Mar	● Kī-o-Rahi	Victory Square, Nelson
	Sat 28 & Sun 29 Mar	● Vintage Machinery Show	Higgins Heritage Park, Wakefield
P13	Sat 21 Mar–Sun 3 May	● TUKU26 Whakatū Heritage Festival	Various venues
P13	Sun 22 Mar	● Multicultural Festival	Founders Heritage Park, Nelson
	Sun 22 Mar	● Willow Bank Heritage Village Open Day	Willow Bank Heritage Village, Wakefield
	Thu 26 Mar	● The Big Bike Film Night	State Cinema, Motueka
	Fri 27 Mar	● The Big Bike Film Night	The Suter Art Gallery Theatre, Nelson
	Sat 28 Mar	● Seals to Eels on Scooter Wheels	Tāhunanui Beach, Nelson
	Sat 28 Mar	● The Big Bike Film Night	Village Theatre, Tākaka
P13	Sat 28 Mar	● Marchfest Craft Beer and Music Festival	Founders Heritage Park, Nelson
	Sun 29 Mar	● The Big Bike Film Night	State Cinema, Motueka
	Tue 31 Mar	● The Big Bike Film Night	The Suter Art Gallery Theatre, Nelson
P17	Wed 1 Apr	● Kī-o-Rahi	Victory Square, Nelson
P17	Thu 2 Apr	● Tuku Iho	Whakatū Marae, Nelson
	Thu 9 Apr	● The Big Bike Film Night	Village Theatre, Tākaka
P17	Thu 16 Apr	● Tuku Iho	Whakatū Marae, Nelson
	Sat 18 Apr	● Wairua Warrior	Nelson Obstacle Park, Upper Moutere
	Sat 25 & Sun 26 Apr	● Nelson Yoga Festival	Founders Heritage Park, Nelson

Please check individual event websites and Facebook pages for confirmation of events on the day.

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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