

**PROGRAMME**



**TUKU|26  
WHAKATŪ**

**21 MARCH - 3 MAY 2026**

**PEOPLE, STORIES, PLACES**

Six weeks of events to tuku  
(share) Nelson's unique  
stories of people and place.

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## Tuku 26 Whakatū, our popular festival of heritage, has something for everyone with more than 80 individual event listings celebrating our diverse cultural heritage.

Nelson Whakatū has a rich heritage, from the early arrival by Māori and its later establishment as the New Zealand Company's first settlement in the South Island. This cultural diversity has been enriched by the subsequent arrival of newer migrants from all corners of the globe.

Māori have long understood the importance of their past and whakapapa. Early Nelsonians recognised their stories, too, with the opening of the Literary and Scientific Institution of Nelson in 1842, the first in New Zealand. It is by reflecting on the heritage of our Māori, European and newer migrants that we build a sense of who we are and our future.

Tuku 26, from 21 March to 3 May 2026, is a community-owned festival with more than 78% of the events run by the wider community rather than Council. Nelson City Council is an enabler and sponsor, providing grants funding to organisations and individual hosts to help run events and minimise the cost for participants.

The festival begins with an action-packed weekend of events including the Vero International Festival of Historic Motoring public show day on 21 March at the Richmond A&P Showgrounds and traditional Māori weaving inside the Magenta Creative Space in Selwyn Place, Nelson. Popular events on Sunday, 22 March, include the Multicultural Festival at Founders Heritage Park, from 11am to 4pm, and the Port Nelson Community Open Day, also from 11am to 4pm.

Port Nelson is this year marking 125 years since the establishment of its predecessor, the Nelson Harbour Board. It is one of several significant local anniversary events we are celebrating during Tuku 26. The others include:

- The Cable Bay cable installation (150th anniversary)
- Nelson Centre of Musical Arts (125th anniversary)
- Nelson Tramping Club's 92nd anniversary
- Beginning of the Founders Heritage Park 40th anniversary

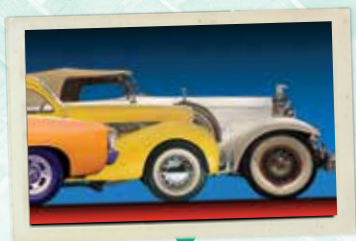
Tuku 26 delivers an economic benefit to the region as well as an opportunity to celebrate our heritage. A big thank you to all the community organisations and individuals who help make this festival successful. Enjoy.

Ngā mihi nui

*Mayor Nick Smith*



# Welcome to Tuku 26



## Vero International Festival of Historic Motoring Public Show Day

Saturday 21 March  
10am - 3pm

**RICHMOND A&P GROUNDS,  
LOWER QUEEN STREET**

\$10 per adult. Family \$20. Children under 12 free. Pay on entry. EFTPOS available. Donation to Nelson Cancer Society for vintage car rides. No bookings required.

The Vero International Festival of Historic Motoring happens every 4 years in a different region of New Zealand. This year Nelson Tasman is hosting over 550 historic vehicles. We are excited to have the public display day which closes out our festival as one of the opening events of Tuku 26. Vehicles of all eras from 1903 to 1996 will be on display. Come along to experience the rich history of the motor vehicle. Food trucks will be on site. Vintage car rides for gold coin donation. Festival runs 15 - 21 March. Another public car display in Nelson CBD is 6pm to 9pm, Wednesday 18 March.



## Traditional Māori Weaving (Flax Weaving)

Saturday 21 March  
10am - 4pm

**ĀWHIO TOI, 15 SELWYN PLACE  
(INSIDE MAGENTA ARTSPACE)**

Donation/koha.

Bookings required. Email [missyhbroughton@gmail.com](mailto:missyhbroughton@gmail.com) to book spaces.

Join Missy Broughton in Te Whare Pora (house of weaving) to learn to weave a simple kete (basket) through the art of traditional Māori weaving. Skill level: intermediate, bring your own harakeke (flax). Share, learn, laugh and enjoy!



# TUKU|26 WHAKATŪ





## A Bridge Too Far: The Maungatapu Murders PickPath Experience

Saturday 21 and  
Sunday 29 March  
4pm - 5.30

RED GALLERY, 1 BRIDGE STREET

Free. Bookings required. Book spaces at [makeshiftspaces.nz/installations/a-bridge-too-far-the-maungatapu-murders](https://makeshiftspaces.nz/installations/a-bridge-too-far-the-maungatapu-murders)

A Bridge Too Far: The Maungatapu Murders PickPath Experience is a self-guided audio walking trail in central Nelson that uses an app and QR code technology to tell the story of four outlaws who walked down Bridge Street in 1866. Starting at 1 Bridge Street and ending at Albion Square, the 45–60-minute trail leads listeners through one of Nelson’s darkest crime stories while revealing how the community brought the offenders to justice.

## Maungatapu Murders; PickPath to 4WD Shuttle

Sunday 22 March  
and Sunday 19 April  
10.30am - 6.35pm

PICK UP AT THE END LOCATION FOR THE PICKPATH GUIDE. LOOK FOR THE BIG BLUE 4WD NEAR THE NELSON POLICE STATION, ALBION SQUARE, NELSON

\$50 per person. Bookings required. Book spaces at [scottish-express.nz/product/maungatapu-murders-track-shuttle](https://scottish-express.nz/product/maungatapu-murders-track-shuttle)

Extend MakeShift Spaces “A Bridge Too Far” PickPath guide into a self-guided walking adventure. After listening to the audio guide on Bridge St, Scottish Express will shuttle you to the Maungatapu Saddle (takes approx. 1 hr). You then walk the historic track past Murderers Rock to the Pelorus Valley where Scottish Express will pick you up and return you to Nelson. All net profits support MakeShift Spaces. Moderate fitness required.



## Multicultural Festival 2026

Sunday 22 March  
11am - 4pm

FOUNDERS HERITAGE PARK

Gold coin donation/koha.  
No bookings required.

Celebrate unity in diversity with young and old, new and established Nelsonians. Enjoy a feast for the senses with delicious food stalls, unique arts and crafts, community and educational displays.





## Port Nelson Community Open Day

Sunday 22 March

11am - 4pm

39 VICKERMAN STREET, PORT NELSON

Gold coin donation/koha.

No bookings required.

Port Nelson is celebrating a significant milestone, 125 years since the formation of the Nelson Harbour Board. To celebrate this moment in our region's history, we're inviting the community behind the gates. Explore interactive displays, see port operations in action, join guided bus tours and discover the Port's role in connecting Nelson to the world. Fun for all ages. Come and celebrate 125 years of history and see how Port Nelson continues to contribute to our region today and into the future.

## Learn Jazz Standards in Te Reo

Sunday 22 March

7pm - 9pm

THE BARN AT THE HONEST  
LAWYER, 1 POINT ROAD

\$10 per person \$5 per person NJC  
Members and under 18s. Pay at door.  
No bookings required.

Join us for a unique musical experience where we learn classic jazz standards sung in te reo Māori, arranged in a three part harmony. This welcoming, community focused workshop is designed for everyone—no singing experience required. All you need is a love of music, curiosity, and the joy of creating harmony with others. Together we'll explore beautiful reo Māori lyrics, develop confidence in group singing, and bring jazz to life in a fresh and exciting way. Come for the music, stay for the connection, leave with the uplifting energy that only collective harmony can create.

## The Art of Restoration and the Future of Broadgreen Glasshouse

Monday 23 March

1pm - 2pm

BROADGREEN HISTORIC HOUSE

Free. Bookings required. Email  
broadgreen@ncc.govt.nz or phone:  
03 547 0403 to book spaces.

Discover how heritage comes alive through design, innovation, and community vision. Join the architect and NCC curator behind the Broadgreen Glasshouse restoration for an inspiring conversation about transforming a historic structure into a vibrant space for ideas, connection, and future creativity. This session explores how traditional craftsmanship can inform modern design, how technical solutions protect and preserve heritage, and how restored spaces can spark new ways of thinking about gardening, community use, and shared public environments.

## Tui Raumata Māori

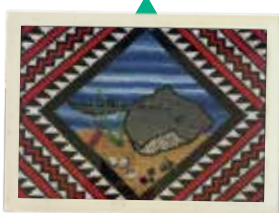
Monday 23 March

6pm - 8pm

ĀWHIO TOI, 15 SELWYN PLACE  
(INSIDE MAGENTA ARTSPACE)

Donation/koha. Bookings required.  
Email loveyelkington@gmail.com to  
book spaces.

Come and learn about the art of Tui Raumata - Māori tapestry with local artist, Lovey Elkington. You will be given a history of how and why Tui Raumata came to be an important part of te ao Māori, particularly in the realm of kapa haka. We will look at patterns, colours and their meanings and you will design and create your own small piece over the course of the evening. This is perfect for beginners and anyone interested in this artform.



## Growing Our History

Wednesday 25 March,  
also 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 April  
10am - 11am

**BROADGREEN HISTORIC HOUSE**

Free. No bookings required.

Join members of Heritage Roses Nelson in the gardens they steward at Broadgreen House. Immerse yourself in the scents and colours of the gardens. Admire one of the first roses brought to Aotearoa/New Zealand. Learn about common plants surrounding homesteads and their many uses. Use your hands, ask questions, and join in the shared local knowledge of growing these living heirlooms.



## Mana Toi, Mana Tangata

Wednesday 25 March  
5.30 - 7pm

**THE REFINERY ARTSPACE,  
114 HARDY STREET**

Free. Bookings required. Email [awhiotoihub@gmail.com](mailto:awhiotoihub@gmail.com) to book spaces.

Mana toi, mana tāngata, nau mai, haere mai, whakatau mai. We warmly welcome you to an evening with local mana whenua artists, who will share the stories, inspirations, and cultural knowledge woven into their creative works. This special gathering offers an opportunity to gain insight into the meaning behind their art and its deep connection to culture, heritage, and identity. Through their voices and creations, we are invited to engage with traditions passed down through generations, celebrate contemporary expression, and strengthen our appreciation of the enduring significance of Māori artistry.

## Ram Navami Shobha Yatra

Thursday 26 March  
11am - 5pm

**MULTICULTURAL HALL,  
544 WAIMEA ROAD**

Free. No bookings required.

Join in this colourful costumed "Shobha yatra" (traditional Indian procession) to celebrate the Indian festival of Ram Navami. The yatra will involve walking and driving between 10 different devotee's houses with a decorated Lord Ram statue. There will be welcoming and worship at the homes with singing and dancing for 20 minutes at each location. During the yatra there will be some food refreshment, fruits and sweets provided on the way. The yatra will end at the starting point and those without access to a vehicle can get a lift by contacting Rozelyn Singh on [rozelynkristhna@gmail.com](mailto:rozelynkristhna@gmail.com).

## Aroha Through Flora

Thursday 26 March  
5.30pm - 8.30pm

**ĀWHIO TOI, 15 SELWYN PLACE  
(INSIDE MAGENTA ARTSPACE)**

Donation/koha Bookings required.  
Call 021 167 9446 to book spaces.

With over 28 years of experience in creation, I'm excited to share my skills in working with natural resources. I specialise in turning resources that I forage from the moana and whenua into lovely and unique creations.

Together we'll create a stunning floral centre piece combining artistic flair with a driftwood base to craft a unique and beautiful table piece.



## Family History Friday

Friday 27 March  
and Friday 1 May  
10.30am - 12pm

**RICHMOND LIBRARY,  
280 QUEEN STREET**

Free. No bookings required.

Are you having trouble finding your ancestors? Would you like to know more about using Ancestry.com, or what other family or local history resources are available. This drop-in session is aimed at those who have started on their family history journey and are wanting help with their research. Drop into the Research Room at Richmond Library and specialist library staff will be available to assist you.



## A Night with Kia Ngāwari

Friday 27 March  
5.30pm - 8pm

**THE REFINERY ARTSPACE,  
114 HARDY STREET**

Donation/koha. Bookings required.  
Email [kapahakakiangawari@gmail.com](mailto:kapahakakiangawari@gmail.com) to book spaces.

This evening offers a rich celebration of kapa haka, beginning with the viewing and revisiting of archived performances, Kia Ngāwari that captures the depth, history, and the evolution of the Club. These recordings provide an opportunity to acknowledge those who have come before. This experience will then bring us into the present with a live performance by Kia Ngāwari where the Club transforms reflection into living expression.



## Discover the Art of Kumiko

Saturday 28 March  
10am - 12pm

**RICHMOND LIBRARY,  
280 QUEEN STREET**

\$5.00 per person to MENZSHED Waimea on the day. Bookings required. Email [eventslib@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:eventslib@tasman.govt.nz) or phone 03 543 8500 to book spaces.

Join members of MENZSHED Waimea for a hands-on introduction to Kumiko—a traditional Japanese woodworking technique that creates intricate geometric patterns without nails or glue. In this small, friendly workshop you'll learn the basics, try your hand at assembling a simple pattern, and gain insight into the craftsmanship behind this centuries-old art form. Perfect for beginners and Heritage Festival enthusiasts alike.

## Te Ata Pō – Legends of Te Tau Ihu

Saturday 28 March  
and Saturday 18 April  
10am - 12pm

**TĀTOU STUDIOS, 97 PASCOE STREET,  
TAHUNANUI**

Free (Koha welcome). Bookings required.  
Email [bookings@tatouprojects.co.nz](mailto:bookings@tatouprojects.co.nz) to book a space.

The sessions start with a relaxed mihi whakatau and are followed by kaiwhakanoa (cuppa and kai) while learning about the Tātou Studios kaupapa and the activities within the Māori arts. A unique opportunity to ask questions and find guidance on beginning your journey and where opportunities await. We will then travel through a narrative session on a number of the origin stories of the Te Taihū region provided by respected local kaiako and practitioners with powerful images and interaction with traditional artwork under a tikanga Māori framework.



## Waiata Workshop with Te Mana Hā

Saturday 28 March

1pm - 3pm

TRAFALGAR PARK PAVILLION

Free. Bookings required. Book spaces at [eventfinda.co.nz/whatson/events/nelson](http://eventfinda.co.nz/whatson/events/nelson)

This workshop led by Te Mana Hā waiata kaiako Maria Oxnam, this workshop is for anyone wanting to learn, practise and enjoy their te reo Māori journey through waiata. Open to both wāhine and tāne. Te Mana Hā is a multiethnic kapa waiata group based in Whakatū. Together, we share the joy of singing waiata Māori in our community and learning te reo Māori.

## The Art of Chinese Tea Ceremonies

Saturday 28 March

2.30pm - 4.30pm

Thursday 16 April

11.30am - 3.30pm

MELROSE HOUSE

\$16 per person. Under 16 free. Booking required. Book spaces at [Eventfinda.co.nz](http://Eventfinda.co.nz)

The origin of Chinese tea culture dates back to the Shennong era in ancient times. According to legend, Shennong, the ancestor of agriculture and medicine, discovered tea when leaves accidentally fell into his boiling water. Over centuries, tea culture has blended with philosophy, literature, and etiquette, forming a unique cultural tradition that has influenced generations of Chinese people. At this event, we will offer a tasting experience featuring famous Chinese tea varieties and demonstrate how each tea is made and prepared for the best flavour, including the ideal water temperatures for different types of tea. We will offer snacks with tea.

## Introduction to Kōwhaiwhai Painting and Design Workshop

Saturday 28 March

5.30pm - 8.30pm

ĀWHIO TOI, 15 SELWYN PLACE  
(INSIDE MAGENTA ARTSPACE)

Koha. Bookings required. Email [samartdavis@gmail.com](mailto:samartdavis@gmail.com) to book spaces.

“Kōwhaiwhai are a way of design, that tell stories of nature, environments, migrational stories and so on. This workshop will introduce kōwhaiwhai and participants will learn about the koru, and the mangōpare. Participants will be supported to design a kōwhaiwhai pattern that represents their own kōrero. The participants will paint their design to take home with them. For this workshop the ideas and themes for kōwhaiwhai are kōtahitanga, (unity, community, collectivity, oneness), kaitiakitanga, (nature, environment, protection and preservation, guardian and stewardship).



Charles Heaphy (1820-1881) (attrib). Nelson Regatta 1843. Watercolour. Nelson Provincial Museum, Marsden Collection: NPM2009.144.14

## In Grateful Recognition of Their Public Generosity; the Marsden Art Collection

Sunday 29 March

1pm - 2.30pm

ISEL HOUSE

Free. No bookings required.

Art historian Jane Vial elaborates on the stories behind Isel House's art collection. Marsden family members collected local paintings including work by Charles Heaphy and the house was enlarged in 1913 to display their English uncle's generous bequest of northern English and European paintings. Jane's illustrated talk examines the significance of this philanthropic family to Nelson's visual heritage.



## Jennifer Reid Live at Fairfield House

Sunday 29 March

5pm (doors open at 4.30pm) - 7pm

### FAIRFIELD HOUSE

\$15 per person. Tickets required. Book tickets at [events.humanitix.com/jennifer-reid-live-at-fairfield-house](https://events.humanitix.com/jennifer-reid-live-at-fairfield-house) Jennifer Reid is a community artist who has a rebellious dedication to folklore culture. Jennifer will be in residence at Fairfield House during the Tuku 26 festival, engaging with the stories of this place, and showcasing some newly researched songs with relevance to Fairfield House and Aotearoa. Jennifer brings her irreverent energy and passion for archives to every performance, sharing her repertoire of Industrial Revolution work songs from Lancashire and a selection of ballads designed to give voice to underrepresented groups in the folk scene today.

## Rewa Rise (Motueka)

Tuesday 31 March

6pm - 7.30pm

### MOTUEKA LIBRARY TE NONINGA KUMU

Donation/koha. Bookings required. Email [donna\\_mcleod64@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:donna_mcleod64@yahoo.co.nz) to book spaces

Rewa Rise is a new anthology pukapuka publication celebrating Māori writers in Te Waipounamu. From renowned writers Stef Harris and Mat Calman to exciting new writers Miriana Stephens and Marli Andersen. From film maker Douglas Brooks to rangatahi voice Ihipera Hippolyte Broughton. This book celebration is a wonderful opportunity to hear Māori voices in our literature landscape. Facilitated by editors Renee Kahukura Losefa and Donna McLeod.

## Print with LEGO

Tuesday 7 April

9.30am - 11am

Wednesday 8 April

1pm - 2.30pm

### THE ARMARIE ROOM, FOUNDERS HERITAGE PARK

\$30 per person. Bookings required. Book spaces at [thearmarieroom.com/printmaking-courses-nz/p/youth-lego-printing](https://thearmarieroom.com/printmaking-courses-nz/p/youth-lego-printing).

Build it, ink it, print it! Create stunning prints using LEGO tiles in this playful workshop for young artists. Participants will build their own designs, roll them with ink, and print them on our rare 1860 Albion Press—an incredible cast-iron machine that brings ideas to life with the crank of a handle. It's hands-on, creative, and a little bit inky! Working in a small, friendly group, everyone will explore the printmaking process and take home beautifully printed, original artwork on paper. Who's it for? Ages 6+ who love creativity, hands-on making, and LEGO!



## Tuatara Night Walk

Wednesday 8 April

also 10, 15, 17, 22, 24 April

7.30pm - 9pm

### THE BROOK WAIMĀRAMA SANCTUARY

\$10 per person. Tickets required. Book tickets at [fareharbor.com/embeds/book/brooksanctuary/items/650214/?full-items=yes&flow=no](https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/brooksanctuary/items/650214/?full-items=yes&flow=no)

Discover after dark on a Tuatara night walk. Enjoy a guided evening walk beneath the stars along the Brook Stream as the forest comes alive after sunset. Spot tuatara roaming freely, along with glowworms and wētā. Experience the unique wildlife thriving in our pest-free sanctuary. An unforgettable night-time adventure for the whole family. Ages 5+.



## Heritage Craft Workshop

Thursday 9 April

10.15am - 11.15am

NELSON PROVINCIAL MUSEUM

Free. Bookings required. Book spaces at [nelsonmuseum.co.nz](http://nelsonmuseum.co.nz)

Join us for a hands-on heritage craft workshop at Nelson Provincial Museum. All materials are provided, and you'll be able to take your finished creation home. Suitable for ages 6+. Limited spaces are available, so be sure to pre-book to secure your spot. A fun and creative way to connect with history and leave with a unique handmade keepsake.

## Stack Story Time

Thursday 9 April

2pm - 2.30pm

ELMA TURNER LIBRARY

Free. No bookings required.

Did you know that there are precious books hidden at the library in a place only the staff get to browse? This is our "Stack Collection". Our Children's Librarians have been exploring the Stack to find their favourite stories and would love to share them! Join them for a special story time featuring some of these books, from family favourites to old classics. Stories suitable for tamariki of all ages.

## Together as One. Fatima's Story

Thursday 9 April

and Monday 20 April

6pm - 8pm

CULTURAL CONVERSATIONS,  
123 BRIDGE STREET

Suggested donation at door \$5-20 per person. Bookings required. Book spaces at [culturalconversations.co.nz](http://culturalconversations.co.nz)

Fatima Khan Mohammed was born in Ghazni, Afghanistan. Moving to Nelson was one of the most challenging steps of her life. Feeling a lack of safety in other ways, her hijab became her refuge. Wearing it she felt at home. Come and hear more of Fatima's story and be part of this cultural exchange, how to wear a hijab and what it represents. We will also go on a walk so you can experience how people react to this 3000 BC hair veil.

## Tasman Heritage Slide Show

Friday 10 April

10.30am - 12pm

MOTUEKA LIBRARY  
TE NONINGA KUMU

Free. No bookings required.

Introducing "Tasman Heritage", Tasman District Libraries archival website. View photographs of Motueka District that reflect not only our town's past, but also our recent history. Learn about the local heritage plaques project. An opportunity to share stories and local knowledge.

## Italian Pizza Evening

Friday 10 April

6pm - 9pm

CLUB ITALIA, 9 TRAFALGAR STREET

\$30 per person. No bookings required.

A Pizza evening at Club Italia, home of Nelson's Italian community. A taste of Italy opportunity including a chance to read and enjoy the recently created Italian historical display panels, that will be on show.



## Echoes of Settlement: Nelson Past in Collectables

Saturday 11 April

10am - 2pm

PŪTANGITANGI GREENMEADOWS

Donation/koha. No bookings required.

Learn about a history of settlement in Aotearoa from the 1840's, as people migrated from across the globe, setting up home and industry in Whakatū. All showcased, through the sharing of private collections of bottles and collectables.



## Rongoā with Ngahere Magic

Saturday 11 April

10.30am - 2.30pm

ĀWHIO TOI, 15 SELWYN PLACE  
(INSIDE MAGENTA ARTSPACE)

\$60 per person. Bookings required. Email [ngahere.magic@outlook.co.nz](mailto:ngahere.magic@outlook.co.nz) to book spaces.

Rongoā with Michaela at Ngahere Magic provides you with the opportunity to wānanga with a passionate rongoā Māori practitioner. You will learn the importance of tikanga practices and the healing powers within our taiao/environment. We will explore hands on the simplicity of 'how to' create your own rongoā for your whānau.

## Murder, Mayhem, and Megalomania: The Rise of Authoritarianism in Ancient Rome

Saturday 11 April

2pm - 3.30pm

THE SUTER ART GALLERY  
TE ARATOI O WHAKATŪ

\$10 per person. Tickets required. Book spaces at [humanitix.com/nz](http://humanitix.com/nz)

The first century was a time of immense upheaval in Rome. The Roman political systems were strained under the pressure from both internal and external threats. This talk by Assoc. Prof. Gwynaeht McIntyre (Classics Programme, University of Otago) examines some of the strategies leaders such as Sulla, Julius Caesar, and Augustus used to consolidate power.

## Motanka Doll Making

Saturday 11 April

1.30pm - 3.30pm

ELMA TURNER LIBRARY

Free. No bookings required.

Discover the beauty and meaning behind motanka, traditional Ukrainian dolls crafted with care and symbolism. In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn simple techniques to create your own motanka while exploring the stories and customs that make them such treasured cultural icons.

## Play with Clay

Sunday 12 April

10am - 2pm

NELSON COMMUNITY POTTERS,  
136 RUTHERFORD STREET

Free. Bookings/tickets required. Tickets available at [events.humanitix.com/host/nelson-community-potters](http://events.humanitix.com/host/nelson-community-potters)

This community pottery open day invites children, youth and families to experience the joy of pottery. Our doors will be open for 50-minute slots where participants can try their hand at wheel throwing or hand-building with clay. Supported by our dedicated pottery volunteers, this fun, hands-on event is perfect for discovering the art of clay. Held in our heritage building, come and connect with the rich cultural and artistic legacy of Nelson. This will be a fun session of creativity, community and connection.

## A Night with Mau Rākau

Monday 13 April

5.30pm - 8pm

WHAKATŪ MARAE

Donation/koha.

No bookings required.

You are warmly invited to Whakatū Marae to take part in a mau rākau wānanga. This experience offers an opportunity to learn the basics of mau rākau, explore its history and significance, take part in mau rākau games in a supportive and welcoming environment. The wānanga will focus on movement, discipline, teamwork, and connection to Māori knowledge and tikanga. It is open to all who are keen to learn, move, and grow their understanding, whether you are new to mau rākau or have some experience. Nau mai, haere mai – we look forward to welcoming you.



## **Nelson Historical Society April Meeting - All Welcome. 'The Cable Bay story.'**

Monday 13 April

7.30pm - 9pm

**ST STEPHEN'S COMMUNITY CHURCH,  
TAHUNANUI DRIVE, TAHUNANUI**

\$2 on door. No bookings required.

Ian and Barbara Stuart of Cable Bay Farm present 'The Cable Bay story.' The Cable Station is celebrating 150 years since the first telegraph cable was laid to link New Zealand with the world and the Stuart family celebrate nearly 100 years on the land. Come and hear about this fascinating part of New Zealand's communications history.

## **Herbert the Brave Sea Dog**

Wednesday 15 April

10am - 12pm

**PŪTANGITANGI GREENMEADOWS**

\$10 per family or \$5 per person. Pay on the day EFTPOS only. Bookings required.

To register and for more info phone Gareth 027 204 9601, email [GCA@clmz.co.nz](mailto:GCA@clmz.co.nz)

Come and celebrate this classic piece of Nelson history through storytelling and artwork. Locate Herbert in the high seas and reunite him with his friends in this daring tabletop adventure. Supported by Nelson Public Libraries.

## **Treasures of the Research Room**

Wednesday 15 April

3pm - 3.45pm

**ELMA TURNER LIBRARY**

Free. No bookings required.

The Research Room at the Elma Turner Library is filled with rare and precious items. From some of the oldest books in our collection to quirky curios, discover some of our favourite items in this tour of the Research Room, led by one of our heritage librarians. Whether you're a genealogy researcher, a local history buff or just love interesting historical items, there is something for you in our Research Room. Join us for a showcase of fascinating items - some you'll treasure, others will just make you smile. This tour is suitable for people aged 14 and above.

## **Rewa Rise (Whakatū)**

Wednesday 15 April

5.30pm - 7pm

**THE REFINERY ARTSPACE,  
114 HARDY STREET**

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## **NCMA 125th Anniversary Building Tour**

Thursday 16 April

1.45pm - 3pm

**NELSON CENTRE OF MUSICAL ARTS**

\$10 plus booking fees per person. Tickets required. Tickets available at [ncma.nz](http://ncma.nz)

Celebrate 125 years of music at the Nelson Centre of Musical Arts with a behind-the-scenes tour led by Bob Bickerton. Bob's personal stories bring the building to life while you step into our historic auditorium, renowned as one of the best concert halls in the southern hemisphere. Discover the rich history and vibrant community atmosphere that make the Centre Nelson's hub for all things music. This tour is perfect for history buffs and music enthusiasts alike. Come celebrate with us!





## Tuku Wāhine Whakatū

Thursday 16 April

5.30pm - 7.15pm

THE BOATHOUSE,  
326 WAKEFIELD QUAY

Donation/koha. Tickets (free/koha) are required. Book spaces at events. [humanitix.com/tuku-wahine-whakatu](http://humanitix.com/tuku-wahine-whakatu)

“Tuku Wāhine Whakatū” creates a space for wāhine (Women) with important messages to share to present in voice and photographs what is moving them. The event follows on from the sold-out success with similar events at the last two Tuku Festivals. This year’s speakers are an impressive and entertaining group that engages and surprises you and leads you to more open lives. Hear/see their life reflections, wonderfully presented in word, song and image.

## Morris Dancing Workshop

Thursday 16 April

7.30pm - 9pm

TRAFALGAR HALL,  
67 TRAFALGAR STREET

Free. No bookings required.

Come along to a fun evening and learn a few Morris dances. Morris dancing is a 15th century English traditional dance, no partner needed. All you need is a sense of rhythm and a sense of humour. Come along, it’s great fun, our musicians are waiting for you. Check out [raggedcrowmorris.org](http://raggedcrowmorris.org) for more information about Morris dancing.



## Design with Type

Friday 17 April

9:30am - 11.30am

and 1.30pm - 3.30pm

THE ARMARIE ROOM,  
FOUNDERS HERITAGE PARK

\$35 per person. Tickets required. Tickets available at [thearmarieroom.com/printmaking-courses-nz/p/youth-poster-design](http://thearmarieroom.com/printmaking-courses-nz/p/youth-poster-design).

A hands-on poster design workshop for young creatives. Get inky fingers and explore the world of print in this playful workshop. Using our collection of wooden type, participants will design and print vibrant posters on our rare 1860 Albion Press—an impressive cast-iron machine operated with a crank and lever. The results are exciting, surprising, and completely original. Learn in a small, friendly group and take home a finished poster. Students bring a favourite quote or phrase (5–8 words) to personalise their design. Who’s it for? Ages 8+ who love art, design, and hands-on making.

## Mahitahi Breathe Workshops

Saturday 18 April

9am - 12pm

and 1pm - 4pm

ELMA TURNER LIBRARY

Free. Bookings required.

Book spaces at [eventbrite.co.nz](http://eventbrite.co.nz)  
Mahitahi Breathe is an art-science-technology project, creating a visual representation of the temperature of the water along the length of the Mahitahi river using a series of interconnected fish artworks. Temperature directly relates to the amount of dissolved oxygen: the ability for fish to breathe. These workshops will allow participants to help construct the fish artwork and monitor water temperature for the project. Come to the morning or afternoon workshop or both. Morning workshop: create the display fish. Afternoon workshop: Electronic sensors & data collection.

## Vintage Posters

Saturday 18 April

10am - 4pm

**THE ARMARIE ROOM,  
FOUNDERS HERITAGE PARK**

\$150 per person. Tickets required. Tickets available at [thearmarieroom.com/printmaking-courses-nz/p/wood-type-poster-design-01](http://thearmarieroom.com/printmaking-courses-nz/p/wood-type-poster-design-01)

Step into our historic printery and create custom posters using vintage wood type. Perfect for beginners and experienced creatives, this workshop introduces letterpress printing and playful, old-school design. Explore type composition, inking techniques, and operate our 1860 Albion Press to produce bold, eye-catching prints. Work in a small, supportive group, experiment with layouts, and craft original, handmade artworks to take home. Who's it for? Anyone 16+ who is curious about letterpress printing, typography, or hands-on creative making.



## Hanfu: Threads of History

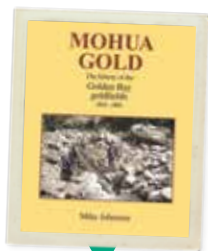
Saturday 18 April

2pm - 4pm

**MULTICULTURAL HALL,  
544 WAIMEA ROAD**

Free. No bookings required.

Step into a living tapestry of Chinese history at "Hanfu: Threads of History." This elegant show presents the traditional clothing of the Han Chinese, known as Hanfu, which embodies thousands of years of cultural aesthetics, philosophy, and social values. Witness a curated presentation of garments from major dynasties like the majestic Tang, the graceful Song and the refined Ming. More than a fashion show, this is a journey through art, symbolism, and the enduring elegance of one of the world's oldest continuous clothing traditions. A unique cultural experience for all ages.



## Book Talk: Mohua Gold by Mike Johnston

Sunday 19 April

1.30pm - 2.30pm

**ELMA TURNER LIBRARY**

Free. No bookings required.

Join us as Mike Johnson discusses his latest book, Mohua Gold. This new release explores the gold rush era from 1864 to 1880, focusing on the Aorere and Tākaka valleys. This volume continues from his earlier work, Aorere Gold (covering 1856–1863), which is available in libraries. He will focus on how geology influenced where the gold was to be found in payable amounts and some historical aspects of those discoveries. Copies of the book will be available for purchase, courtesy of Page & Blackmore.

## Tangata Tiriti Stories

Sunday 19 April

3pm - 5pm

**VICTORY COMMUNITY CENTRE,  
2 TOTARA STREET**

Free. No bookings required.

Come to hear the experience of tangata tiriti and their journey to finding their tūrangawaewae, their place to stand in Aotearoa. Join others for afternoon tea followed by an informal debrief, an opportunity for people to share casually how the talks may have highlighted similarities for other people's own life experiences.





## To Those Whose Shoulders We Stand On

Sunday 19 April  
6pm - 8pm

**THE REFINERY ARTSPACE,  
114 HARDY STREET**

Free. Bookings required. Book spaces at [humanitix.com/nz](http://humanitix.com/nz)

Hosted by Whakatū Nelson Pride, To Those Whose Shoulders We Stand On invites you on a journey through Aotearoa's rich queer/rainbow history. Join out-and-proud trans woman Joanne Neilson and trans fella Ari Edgecombe for a visual montage paired with inspiring conversation and queer life narratives. Marking the 40th anniversary of the Homosexual Law Reform Act (1986), this event celebrates some of our trailblazers, with invitation to weave personal stories into shared and courageous history. Together we honour queer/rainbow legacy, reflect on how far we've come, and look forward — proudly and collectively — to the future.

## Virtual Reality Time Travel

Monday 20 April  
9.30am - 4pm

**RICHMOND LIBRARY,  
280 QUEEN STREET**

Free. Bookings required. Email [libraryinfoservices@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:libraryinfoservices@tasman.govt.nz) or phone 03 543 8500 to book spaces.

Step into history like never before, discover a new perspective on history with virtual reality. Technology meets storytelling to transport you to moments from the past. Bookings essential, sessions will be 45 minutes long. 10-13 years of age with a parent or guardian please.

## Picturing the News with Alistair Hughes

Tuesday 21 April  
2pm - 3pm

**RICHMOND LIBRARY,  
280 QUEEN STREET**

Free. No bookings required.

From documenting the Christchurch quake, to Covid 19 and the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, Alistair Hughes has illustrated and designed award-winning visual reference for all of Stuff's newspapers and website. From documenting the Christchurch quake, Covid-19 to the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. Along the way he has also produced numerous children's books, regular cartoons and interviewed some fascinating personalities, including Sir Michael Palin, Bill Nighy and Graham Norton. Join Alistair for an entertaining afternoon of anecdotes and stories from his varied and fascinating life.

## Whakatū/Nelson Heritage - Where to from Here?

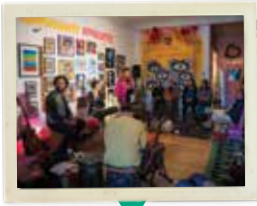
Tuesday 21 April  
5pm - 7.30pm

**THE BOATHOUSE,  
326 WAKEFIELD QUAY**

Donation/koha. No bookings required.

It has been several years since the adoption of Taonga Tuku Iho, Nelson's Heritage Strategy. Come along to an evening of discussion on the challenges and opportunities facing Nelson heritage sector. A new RMA, changes to the District Plan, relaxed earthquake regulations, reduced funding for heritage properties and the settlement of the Nelson Tenth's case - these all require a strong voice which will speak to what we value in the heritage that we all share.





## Where Conversations Speak and Music Flows

Tuesday 21 April  
7pm - 8.30pm

CULTURAL CONVERSATIONS,  
123 BRIDGE STREET

Suggested donation/koha of \$5-20 per person on night. Bookings required. Book spaces at culturalconversations.co.nz

Where Music Speaks and Conversations Flow is an intimate gathering where four musicians from different cultures and genres meet to chat about whakapapa and create improvised music together. It's a live exploration of sound, connection, and creativity. Audiences are invited into the process - to listen, witness, and engage at the end. Perfect for those curious about improvisation, cultural exchange, and deep creative connection. This will be our 3rd session - we were fully booked during Nelson Arts Festival 2025.

## Stitch 'Biscornu' with Nelson Embroiderers'

Wednesday 22 April  
10am - 12pm

RICHMOND LIBRARY,  
280 QUEEN STREET

\$5 per person on the day. Bookings required. Email [eventslib@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:eventslib@tasman.govt.nz) or phone 03 543 8500 to book spaces.

Have you ever wanted to try your hand at making biscornu? Over a two-part workshop, with 'homework' in between, creative women from Nelson Embroiderers' will teach us how. No prior experience is necessary. A kit will be provided.

## Open Day at Isel Park Research and Collections Facility

Wednesday 22 April  
11am - 3pm

ISEL PARK RESEARCH FACILITY,  
HILLIARD STREET STOKE

Free. No bookings required.

Come and see the Museum's Collection Store at Isel Park as we begin the huge task of preparing to relocate more than 1.5 million collection items. Tours start on the hour and half hour. This is your last chance to see inside the building, opened as the museum's exhibition space in 1973, before the collection moves to a new purpose-built ARC (Archives, Research and Collections) facility in Richmond, Tasman. Our Collections Team will guide you through a selection of the stores and share stories about some of the remarkable items in our care.



## Brazilian Beats Open Evening

Wednesday 22 April  
6.30pm - 9.30pm

THE GRANARY, FOUNDERS  
HERITAGE PARK

Donation/koha. Bookings required. Email [nelsonsambassadors@gmail.com](mailto:nelsonsambassadors@gmail.com) to book spaces.

Become part of a Samba band for one evening! Over three hours, you'll learn the basic Brazilian rhythms and the different percussion instruments used in a batucada band. By the end of this class, you will have either drummed for the dancers or danced with the band.





## Introduction to Ancestry Workshop

Thursday 23 April  
10am - 12pm

MOTUEKA LIBRARY  
TE NONINGA KUMU

Free. Bookings required.  
Email [motuekalibrary.referencedesk@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:motuekalibrary.referencedesk@tasman.govt.nz) or phone 03 528 1047 to book spaces.

Learn search tips for using Ancestry.com, look at various record collections for New Zealand and the UK. View Public Member Trees and send records home from the library. Basic computer skills are essential.



## How to Look at Art with the Suter Art Gallery

Thursday 23 April  
1pm - 2pm

RICHMOND LIBRARY,  
280 QUEEN STREET

Free. No bookings required.

Join Suter Art Gallery curator Dr. Kyla Mackenzie for a special show and tell for art lovers. Learn how concepts of architecture and pictorial construction are evident in the artworks of New Zealand artist John Weeks (1886 – 1965), including The Suter's African City (c.1950). This is an opportunity to gain a greater understanding of the artworks and the artist himself, who spent time in the studio of French Cubist artist André Lhote in the 1920s before returning home to teach at Elam Art School in Auckland.

## Intent

Thursday 23 and Friday 24 April  
7pm - 9pm

THEATRE ROYAL NELSON

\$32 per person for Adults, \$28 per person for seniors and groups 6+, \$18 per person for students. All plus booking fees. Tickets required. Tickets available at [theatroyalnelson.co.nz](http://theatroyalnelson.co.nz)

On 17 December 2025 the 180-year long history of the case of the Nelson Tenth was settled in court. The possibilities, the questions, the dreams: Taonga Pūrouru, Waiata and Pūrākau written by a grandmother to her moko. Part 2 of the sold out season of Tense at the 2023 Nelson Arts Festival. Written by Donna McLeod with Te Oro Hā, supported by Āwhio toi.

## ANZAC Dawn Service

Saturday 25 April  
5.30am - 7am

ANZAC PARK, NELSON

Donation/koha (buy a poppy).  
No bookings required.

We will remember them. Nelson's dawn ANZAC Service. The march assembles at Paru Paru Road (Trafalgar Centre car park) then progresses to ANZAC Park for the traditional dawn service.

## ANZAC Wreath Laying Ceremonies

Saturday 25 April  
Various times

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Donation/koha (buy a poppy).  
No bookings required.

Short commemoration ceremonies at memorials and cemeteries in Nelson where you, your family and friends can reflect in a more personal and private way. Led by Nelson RSA. We will remember them.

- 8am - 8.15am, Wakapuaka Servicemen's Cemetery.
- 8.30am - 8.45am, Queens Gardens, Boer War Statue.
- 9am - 9.15am, Pikimai War Memorial, Cathedral Hill.
- 10am - 10.30am, Marsden Valley Servicemen's Cemetery.



## Researching Your Family's WW2 Involvement

Saturday 25 April  
10am - 3pm

ISEL HOUSE

Free. No bookings required.

Many New Zealand families have relatives who served in the Second World War but are unsure how to begin researching their stories. Volunteers at Isel House have experience in tracing wartime histories and will be available on Anzac Day to share their knowledge and guidance. While they may not have all the answers, they will do their best to help you start your journey and point you in the right direction toward discovering more about your family's wartime connections.

## Nelson/Stoke Civic ANZAC Service

Saturday 25 April  
11am - 12pm

NAYLAND COLLEGE,  
166 NAYLAND ROAD, STOKE

Donation/koha (buy a poppy).

No bookings required.

Nelson's ANZAC Day Civic Service.

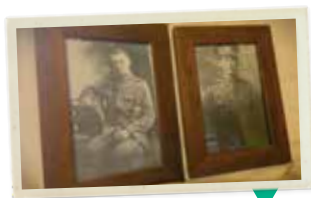
## Seasonal Self-Care: Chinese Qi Gong and Aotearoa Plants Wisdom

Saturday 25 April  
1pm - 3pm

CULTURAL CONVERSATIONS,  
123 BRIDGE STREET

Suggested donation/koha of \$5-20 per person on day. Bookings required. Book spaces at [culturalconversations.co.nz](http://culturalconversations.co.nz)

This workshop will explore how Chinese wisdom connects wellbeing with nature and the seasons, and how these practices adapt to the climate of Aotearoa. This workshop blends gentle Qi Gong, self-massage, and mindful plant connection to support your wellbeing.



## Isel at War

Saturday 25 April  
2pm - 3pm

ISEL HOUSE

Free. No bookings required.

The Memorial Gates at Stoke, beside the Hall, honour the men from Stoke who died in World War One. Volunteers at Isel House have uncovered many stories about families connected to the House and Park. On Anzac Day, Peter Millward will present a talk in the drawing room at Isel House, sharing some of these discoveries. This research inspired the display in the upstairs 'Soldiers Room', offering visitors a moving insight into the lives and legacies of those connected to Isel House and its community.



## Mahitahi Breathe Public Talk

Tuesday 28 April  
5.30pm - 6.30pm

ELMA TURNER LIBRARY

Free. No bookings required.

Mahitahi Breathe is an art-science-technology project creating a visual representation of the temperature of water along the length of the Mahitahi river using a series of interconnected fish artworks. Following on from the Mahitahi Breathe Workshops earlier in the month, come along to this talk about the whole project, the art installation, and the results so far. How does water temperature affect river life?

## Poi 103

Tuesday 28 April

6pm - 7.30pm

ĀWHIO TOI, 15 SELWYN PLACE  
(INSIDE MAGENTA ARTSPACE)

Suggested koha donation of \$10 per person on arrival. Bookings required. Email nmhepi1994@icloud.com to book spaces.

This is the third year this workshop will take place in Tuku Festivals. Poi 103 with Matepo, takes you into the world of modern poi! Come join the workshop and create your own poi to take home with you! Learn techniques for how to use poi in performances. Ngā mihi!



## Weaving Story with the Land

Wednesday 29 April

11am - 3pm

ALONG MAHITAHU WALKWAY - MEET  
AT ELMA TURNER LIBRARY CARPARK

Free. Bookings required. Email vicki@artecology.net to book spaces.

Art talk and installation party with artist Vicki Smith. Accompany artists, ecologists, kaiako and rangatahi in a discussion about a new tuna artwork for the Mahitahi Walkway. Take part and enjoy some refreshments helping in the installation of the artwork created by rangatahi in a collaboration with Whakatū Marae. Learn about the special nature of tuna, our endemic long finned eel and how to access the "Tuna Hikoī" (a self-guided walk through the tuna life cycle).



## Greedy Cat Craft and Stories

Wednesday 29 April

3.30pm - 4.30pm

MOTUEKA LIBRARY  
TE NONINGA KUMU

Free. No bookings required.

Come along and celebrate the Greedy Cat series with crafts and stories about this mischievous cat created by artist Robyn Belton. Children to be accompanied by a parent or guardian please.

## Treaty Redaction Screen Printing

Wednesday 29 April

5.30pm - 7pm

ĀWHIO TOI, 15 SELWYN PLACE  
(INSIDE MAGENTA ARTSPACE)

Donation/kohaBookings required. Email awhiotoihub@gmail.com to book spaces.

On December 11, 2023, the activist group Te Waka Hourua used spray paint and an angle grinder to "redact" the English version of the Treaty at the "Signs of a Nation" Treaty of Waitangi exhibition at Te Papa Tongarewa museum in New Zealand. Hear from the activists some of the members themselves about their motivations and how the day unfolded. Come join us to explore these issues around the actions of December 11th, 2023, and finish the event with an opportunity to screen print an item of clothing. Bring an item of clothing to screen print to commemorate this event.



## **Pechakucha Night @ Tuku 26**

Wednesday 29 April  
7pm - 9pm

**THEATRE ROYAL NELSON**

\$5 or \$10 per person, pick your price. Tickets required.

Tickets available at [theatreroyalnelson.co.nz](http://theatreroyalnelson.co.nz)

Pechakucha Nelson and the Theatre Royal bring you an informative and entertaining evening of presentations from a range of speakers with a Tuku 26 flavour. Pechakucha (Japanese term for "chit-chat") is a storytelling format where presenters show 20 slides for 20 seconds each. It is non-stop fast paced presentation with each presenter having 400 seconds to tell their entire story.



## **Craft Pottery a Nelson Tasman Story**

Thursday 30 April  
6pm - 8pm

**PŪTANGITANGI  
GREENMEADOWS**

Donation/koha.

No bookings required.

The Nelson Tasman region has long held a place of national significance in New Zealand's craft pottery movement, celebrated for its creativity and innovation plus the special clay found here. Join us for an engaging talk featuring three accomplished potters, who will talk about their unique perspective on craft and clay.



## **The "Jazz Age"**

Thursday 30 April  
7pm - 9pm

**THE BARN AT THE HONEST LAWYER,  
1 POINT ROAD**

\$10 per person, \$5 per person for NJC Members and under 18s. Pay on the door. No bookings required.

A look into the two most critical decades in jazz history. A period when jazz expanded beyond New Orleans to reach audiences worldwide. These years encompassed the Roaring Twenties, Prohibition, the Great Depression, and rapid technological change. Speakeasies, juke joints, and small hidden venues offered escapism from daily hardships while giving rise to some of the greatest jazz ever composed and performed. The 1920s and 1930s became a pivotal era in music history, and this Tuku 26 event takes you through those transformative decades illustrating the artists and stories that shaped the time.

## **Virtual Reality Time Travel**

Friday 1 May  
9.30pm - 4pm

**MOTUEKA LIBRARY TE NONINGA KUMU**

Free. Bookings required.

Email [motuekalibrary.referencedesk@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:motuekalibrary.referencedesk@tasman.govt.nz) or phone 03 528 1047 to book spaces.

Step into history like never before, discover a new perspective on history with virtual reality. Technology meets storytelling to transport you to moments from the past. Sessions will be 45 minutes long. 10-13 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian please.



## Saree Stories

Friday 1 May

4pm - 5.30pm

PŪTANGITANGI GREENMEADOWS

\$15 per person. Bookings required. Email [experienceindia.nz@gmail.com](mailto:experienceindia.nz@gmail.com) to book spaces.

Step into the world of Indian tradition at Saree Stories, a hands-on cultural workshop designed for those curious about Indian culture and heritage. The session will feature live saree draping on a model, accompanied by simple, step-by-step demonstrations that explain what a saree is, how it is worn, and its cultural significance. We will also explore a variety of saree textiles and patterns. Open to all backgrounds. No prior knowledge is needed. Enjoy Chai after the session. Suitable for children above 7 years.

## Mediterranean Dances by Tarante

Friday 1 May

6pm - 6.45pm

TRAFALGAR HALL,  
67 TRAFALGAR STREET

Donation/koha. No bookings required.

Tarante is a group of women dancers who celebrate the spirit of traditional dances from the Mediterranean. Through movement, music, and costume, we will bring culture to life. From Spain to Italy, Greece and France, we will invite you to feel the joy, energy, and history behind every step. More than a performance, we will share an interactive experience. We'll invite you to clap, move, and dance with us as we connect past and present in joyful, captivating ways.

## Pacific Dance with Lemau Creative

Saturday 2 May

9am - 12pm

THE ENERGY CENTRE,  
FOUNDERS HERITAGE PARK

Free. Bookings required. Email [Lemaucreative89@gmail.com](mailto:Lemaucreative89@gmail.com) to book spaces.

Our two-day workshop will be facilitated by professional Pacific experts from Lemau Creative. Participants will explore traditional and contemporary forms of Pacific cultural expression through dance, drumming, music and song, building confidence, cultural understanding and intergenerational connection. The workshop is designed to be inclusive, engaging and free, ensuring that cultural experiences remain accessible for all. All participants to bring clothes they can move in, sweat towel, pareu or a sarong and a bottle of water.

## Trailblazers! A History of the Nelson Tramping Club' (1934 - 2026)

Saturday 2 May

10am - 11am

ELMA TURNER LIBRARY

Free. Bookings required. Book spaces at [nelsontrampingclub.org.nz](http://nelsontrampingclub.org.nz)

This is the story of a bunch of Nelsonian's exploring their backyard, and in the process, finding joy, adventure and camaraderie. Among the day-walks and epic climbs, are tales of aircraft crashes, missing trampers, ballroom dances, inter-club rivalry, as well as the building and maintenance of a dozen backcountry huts. 92 years later, these trampers are still marking tracks and restoring huts. Ray Salisbury will present his new book, showing historic & modern photos. His previous books include Tableland: The History Behind Mt Arthur, and EPIC: Adventures Across Aotearoa.



## From the Ground Up!

Saturday 2 May

11.15pm - 12.45pm

**THE GRANARY, FOUNDERS  
HERITAGE PARK**

Free. Bookings required. Email [ari.edgecombe@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:ari.edgecombe@ncc.govt.nz) to book spaces.

Kindled from the passion of local people in the early 1970s, Founders Heritage Park began as a simple idea: to preserve and protect treasured heritage items. When the Park opened more than a decade later in 1986, through countless volunteer hours and community effort, a rubbish wasteland in Nelson had been transformed into a remarkable heritage environment. Now 40 years on since the Park opened, join us for a visual journey through engaging archival images and narratives that trace the evolution of The Park, celebrating its origins, its people, and its ongoing place in the local landscape.



## Tracing the Tideway

Saturday 2 May

1pm - 2.30pm

**MEET AT ANZAC PARK FOR A CBD  
WALK ENDING AT TRAFALGAR HALL**

\$5 per person. Under 16 free. Bookings required. Book spaces at [humanitix.com/nz](http://humanitix.com/nz)

Deborah Hope will take you on a sometimes-surprising journey, tracing Nelson's tideway, the original shore line of Whakatū. It will be followed by tea and biscuits at the Trafalgar Hall to look at historical images of town, giving an opportunity for participants to share stories and reflect on our changing coastline.

## Fresh FM – Behind the Mic

Saturday  
2 May

3pm - 6pm

**THE GRANARY,  
FOUNDERS  
HERITAGE PARK**



Free.

No bookings required.

Fresh FM Behind the Mic is a live storytelling event celebrating one of the longest running community voices in Te Taihū—and the people behind it. Enjoy a relaxed panel discussion with familiar voices from across the years, paired with curated audio clips, archival photos, and treasures from the Fresh FM vault. This event honours local storytelling, community connection, and the power of access media—how everyday people found a mic, discovered their voice, and helped shape the cultural fabric of Te Taihū. A true Tuku moment: sharing stories, exchanging perspectives, and celebrating the voices that make our region unique.

## Shared Communities Pop-Up Multicultural Market – Tuku Celebration

Saturday 2 May

4.30pm - 8.30pm

**TOP OF TRAFALGAR STREET  
PEDESTRIAN AREA AND  
1903 SQUARE, NELSON**

Free. No bookings required.

Join us for the Shared Communities Pop-Up Multicultural Market – Tuku Celebration, a vibrant and family-friendly evening celebrating Nelson's rich cultural diversity! Enjoy delicious food from around the world, lively music, and captivating dance performances from a range of diverse communities. This free event is a wonderful opportunity to connect with your neighbours, experience different cultures, and celebrate the multicultural spirit of Nelson. Bring your family and friends for a fun, inclusive, and memorable evening – there's something for everyone!



## Open Day at the Theatre

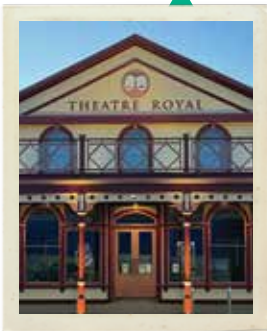
Sunday 3 May

11am - 2pm

**THEATRE ROYAL NELSON**

Free. No bookings required.

The Theatre Royal Open Day is a wonderful opportunity to explore this beautiful historic building. You can learn a little about how a theatre works, understand what is involved to make a production come to life, and check out some of the technical operating systems, including the fly tower. Those who want to take their turn in the limelight can experience the view that actors have from the stage. This event is free and fun for the whole family.



## Indian Block Printing Workshop

Sunday 3 May

10.30am - 12pm,

12.30pm - 2pm

and 2.30pm - 4pm

**PŪTANGITANGI GREENMEADOWS**

\$15 per person. Bookings required.

Email [experienceindia.nz@gmail.com](mailto:experienceindia.nz@gmail.com) to book spaces.

Back for its third year! Join Experience India for a hands-on Indian block printing workshop. Learn the history of this beautiful traditional craft, see how hand-carved wooden blocks are used, and print your own design to take home. We've welcomed over 120 participants with 100% positive feedback so far! Cost includes all materials and a warm cup of chai tea. No experience needed. Suitable for ages 7+. Choose from three session times. A creative and cultural experience for all ages.

## A Talk by Rosalina McCarthy - The Life and Work of Photographer Rosaline Frank (1864 - 1954)

Sunday 3 May

2pm - 3pm

**ELMA TURNER LIBRARY**

\$3 per person on the door.

No bookings required.

The talk covers Rosaline's early family life and standing as a professional photographer. Conflict between the early Nelson Council and the Tyree Studio and its subsidiaries will be discussed, along with the legacy of Rosaline Frank and the Tyree Collection. Also highlighted is the UNESCO Award and the role of early photographers as social historians.



# WHAT ELSE IS GOING ON?

Exhibitions and ongoing activities

## Āwhio Toi Presents: Mana Toi, Mana Tāngata Exhibition (Together we uplift the work and the people behind it)

Monday 16 March  
to Saturday 18 April

Refinery Artspace opening  
times:

Monday to Friday 10am-5pm,  
Saturdays 10am to 2pm,  
Sundays closed

**THE REFINERY ARTSPACE,  
114 HARDY STREET**

Free. No bookings required.

This exhibition brings together over thirteen exceptional artists whose works celebrate both traditional and contemporary art forms. It is a vibrant meeting place of heritage and innovation, where ancestral narratives intertwine with modern expression. Each piece invites deep connection—some speaking to the body through form and movement, others stirring the soul and mind through emotion and thought. At its heart, the exhibition resonates with wairua, the spirit, creating an experience that is both grounding and transcendent. Nau mai whakatau mai ki tō tātou nei Ao (Welcome to our World)



## Discover The Wood: A Self-Guided Heritage Walk

Saturday 21 March  
to Sunday 3 May

Elma Turner Library  
opening times:

Monday to Friday 9.30am to 6pm,  
except Wednesdays 10am to 6pm.  
Saturdays 10am to 4pm, Sundays  
1pm to 4pm

**ELMA TURNER LIBRARY**

Free. No bookings required.

Step into Nelson's past and uncover its history. Explore the Wood residential area on a self-guided loop walk starting from Elma Turner Library. Each stop is featured on The Prow for further reading. A paper map will be provided. The walk takes about 45 minutes to an hour.



## Treasures of the Māori Heritage Collection

Saturday 21 March  
to Sunday 3 May

Elma Turner Library  
opening times:

Monday to Friday 9.30am to 6pm,  
except Wednesdays 10am to 6pm.  
Saturdays 10am to 4pm, Sundays  
1pm to 4pm

**ELMA TURNER LIBRARY**

Free. No bookings required.

Explore some of the precious taonga kept in the Māori Heritage Collection at the Elma Turner Library through this curated display. Available in the Elma Turner Library display case anytime the library is open.



### Love Endures: An ANZAC Exhibition

Wednesday 25 March to Sunday 31 May

Broadgreen opening hours:

Monday to Saturday, 11.30am to 3pm, last entry 2.30pm, and Sunday 10.30am to 4pm, last entry 3.30pm.

#### BROADGREEN HISTORIC HOUSE

Nelson/Tasman Residents Free, Visitors \$8.00, Children Free. No bookings required.

Through times of war, love endures. This moving ANZAC exhibition at Broadgreen House explores how love connected soldiers and the ones they left behind across distance and time. Featuring textiles, photographs, and an incredibly unique sweetheart cushion made by a convalescing soldier, this exhibition reveals how love, hope, and devotion persisted through the hardships of war. Love Endures: An ANZAC Exhibition is open at Broadgreen House from the 25th of March until the end of May.



### Bring Your Past into Focus: Digitise Slides at the Library

Wednesday 1 April to Thursday 30 April

Richmond Library opening hours:

9.30am - 6pm Monday to Friday, 9.30 - 1pm Saturday and 1pm - 4pm Sundays

Motueka Library Te Noninga Kumu opening hours:

9.30am - 5pm Monday to Thursday, 9.30am - 6pm Friday, and 9.30am - 1pm Saturday

#### RICHMOND LIBRARY, 280 QUEEN STREET AND MOTUEKA LIBRARY TE NONINGA KUMU

Free. Bookings required. Email [libraryinfoservices@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:libraryinfoservices@tasman.govt.nz) or phone Richmond Library 03 543 8500 to book spaces at Richmond and Phone 03 528 1047 to book spaces for Motueka

Preserve your memories by digitising your cherished slides, negatives, and photos at your local library. In your first session, our friendly staff will guide you through the process step by step. Once you're confident, you can book the Imaginarium to complete your project at your own pace. It's an easy and rewarding way to save, share, and enjoy your photos and slides in a digital format. Don't let your memories fade, bring them into the digital age.

### MENZSHED Waimea Exhibition

Wednesday 1 April to Thursday 30 April

Richmond Library opening hours:

9.30am - 6pm Monday to Friday, 9.30 - 1pm Saturday and 1pm - 4pm Sundays

#### RICHMOND LIBRARY 280 QUEEN STREET

Free. No bookings required.

Featuring a display of vintage tools and beautiful woodwork pieces from members of MENZSHED Waimea - a space where men share their skills, work together on community and personal projects, and spend time with other men in a fully equipped workshop. Located in the Richmond Library Glass Display Cabinets.

## WHAT ELSE IS GOING ON? Continued



### Nicole Russell Exhibition

Wednesday 1 April to  
Thursday 30 April  
Richmond Library  
opening hours:

9.30am - 6pm Monday to Friday,  
9.30 - 1pm Saturday and 1pm - 4pm  
Sundays

**RICHMOND LIBRARY,  
280 QUEEN STREET**

Free. No bookings required.

At the Richmond Library Nicole Russell is exhibiting artworks with a focus on whānau, community and ancestry. Nicole's lifelong interest in the historical aspects of her surroundings and her connection to family, friends and community was especially reinforced by the isolation experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic. Nicole believes that beauty, strength and guidance are influenced by your surroundings, the present and the past. Historic structures are witnesses of life, love, whānau, ambitions and connection to the land. They are witnesses of time, and experiencing them can fill you with pride for your ancestry and strength for your future.



### Motueka Memories

Wednesday 1 April to  
Thursday 30 April

Motueka Library  
Te Noninga Kumu  
opening hours:

9.30am - 5pm Monday to Thursday,  
9.30am - 6pm Friday, and 9.30am  
- 1pm Saturday

**MOTUEKA LIBRARY  
TE NONINGA KUMU**

Free. No bookings required.

Write a snippet about a time, place, or experience you remember depicting life "back in the day" in Motueka. We would like to acknowledge the past and give you the opportunity to express your memories about Motueka. Your snippet could include a memory about the tobacco era, the Hops industry, a visit to the Museum or library, or an event you attended. It could be about your business or retail shop living in Motueka in the 1950s or 1960s. We would love to display your social commentary in the library. Pick up an Entry form at the Motueka Library.

### 100 Years of Beachside Memories

Saturday 4 April  
to Sunday 19 April

10am - 4pm

**TĀHUNA BEACH HOLIDAY PARK,  
70 BEACH ROAD, TĀHUNANUI**

Free. No bookings required.

Discover some of the surprising stories behind one of Aotearoa New Zealand's oldest — and the largest — holiday park. From moa hunting and ship landings to WWII defences, beach races, carnival magic and headline-making drama, this self-guided Pick Path (app) tour brings the past vividly to life. Begin wherever you like and explore at your own pace.

## Beyond the Face Exhibition

Wednesday 15 April  
to Sunday 3 May

Founders Heritage Park  
opening times:

10am to 4.30 pm seven days a week.

**THE GRANARY, FOUNDERS HERITAGE PARK**

Free. No bookings required

Beyond the Face is an exhibition showcasing portraits and life stories of 12 older adults living in the Nelson Tasman Region, aiming to challenge society's perceptions of ageing. Each portrait is accompanied by highlights, achievements and insights, encouraging viewers to look past physical appearances of ageing to see the rich experiences and knowledge each person holds. The project combats the notion that older adults are invisible or burdensome to society by presenting them as vibrant citizens with valuable stories to share. Join our celebratory opening event at The Granary on Wednesday 15th April at 10:30am

## Collecting History Exhibition

Saturday 18 April

10am to 4pm

**THE GRANARY, FOUNDERS HERITAGE PARK**

Free. No bookings required.

The exhibition will feature a display of some 400 A4 pages of stamps and postal history, much of it relating to the Nelson region. Visitors to the exhibition can also bring their stamps and related postal material for evaluation by our club members and get advice on how they might build on or dispose of those collections. There will be opportunities for visitors to purchase postal material from accredited dealers who will have stands at the exhibition. We are working with The Nelson Historical Society, The Genealogy Society of New Zealand Nelson Branch and the Waimea West Historical Society to have them join us with displays and members to talk to visitors about their areas interest and provide guidance for those interested in collecting their own history. Phil Trowbridge will also have a display of his vintage toy cars and be available to talk to visitors about them.



## Beyond the Canvas: Art in all its forms

Wednesday 29 April to  
end of 2026

Broadgreen

opening hours:

Monday to Saturday, 11.30am to  
3pm, last entry 2.30pm, and Sunday  
10.30am to 4pm, last entry 3.30pm.

**BROADGREEN HISTORIC HOUSE**

Nelson/Tasman Residents Free,  
Visitors \$8.00, Children Free. No  
bookings required.

Explore the elegant rooms of Broadgreen House where art is all around. From paintings and sculpture, to textiles, embroidery, music and dance, creativity fills every corner of this historic home. Featuring never-before-seen textiles and collection items - including three watercolour paintings by the grandson of Broadgreen's original owner - this exhibition offers a rare glimpse into the artistic legacy of the Buxton family. Beyond the Canvas invites visitors to look closer and discover how art, in all its forms, continues to shape, inspire, and enrich our everyday lives. Opening 29th April at Broadgreen House.





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## About Tuku 26

The word “Tuku” was gifted by iwi to Council in 2021 and means “to share” or “exchange” in te reo Māori. While the numerical part of the name changes to reflect the year the event takes place, its meaning stays the same – it is an expression of our unique stories, histories and heritage and reflects the value of biculturalism.

The Tuku logo features raranga, or a traditional woven design. The purple and green strands of the weave represent the partnership of Māori and New Zealand European settlers, and the blue and orange represent other significant and diverse cultural groups who have settled in our region. All contribute to our collective stories and unique history.



Fresh FM, is a proud media partner for Tuku 26. To listen to a fascinating series of podcast interviews with Tuku 26 event hosts go to [freshfm.co.nz](https://freshfm.co.nz)



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