

## Upcoming Events in Nelson Tasman

| Dates:                 | Event:  | Venue:                      |
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| <b>2025</b>            |   |                             |
| <b>September 2025</b>  |   |                             |
| Fri 12 Sep             | Hoods Up  | Nelson Classic Car Museum   |
| Fri 12 Sep             | Wild Horses: NZ's Rolling Stones Experience                       | Theatre Royal               |
| Sat 13 Sep             | Nelson Symphony Orchestra – Solo Spotlight                        | NCMA                        |
| Sat 13 Sep             | Kevin Bloody Wilson Aussie Icon Tour                              | Theatre Royal               |
| Fri 19 – Sun 21 Sep    | Nelson Home & Garden Show   | Saxton Stadium              |
| Sat 20 Sep             | CMNZ Series From Scratch  | Suter Art Gallery           |
| Sat 27 Sep             | Sprig + Fern Brewing Co. Walking Football<br>Nelson Prostate Cup* | Saxton Stadium              |
| Sat 27 – Sun 28 Sep    | NZ Highland Dancer of the Year*                                   | Rutherford Hotel<br>Nelson  |
| Sun 28 Sep             | Distinguished Gentleman's Drive                                   | Tasman                      |
| Mon 29 Sep – Thu 2 Oct | National School MTB Championships*                                | Nelson Trails               |
| <b>October 2025</b>    |   |                             |
| Sat 4 & Sun 5 Oct      | The Extravaganza Fair   | Richmond Park<br>Racecourse |
| Sat 4 Oct              | Springtime Best in Brews  | The Boathouse               |
| Sat 4 Oct              | NZ Young Piper of the Year  | NCMA                        |
| Sun 5 Oct              | Mako v Counties Manakau   | Trafalgar Park              |
| Sun 5 Oct              | Queen: It's a Kinda Magic   | Theatre Royal               |
| Sun 5 Oct              | Boutique Craft Market   | Founders Heritage<br>Park   |
| Fri 10 & Sat 11 Oct    | Diwali  | Founders Heritage<br>Park   |
| Fri 11 – Sun 19 Oct    | Spring Clean Whakatū  | Nelson City                 |
| Sun 12 Oct             | Tami Neilson Neon Cowgirl   | Theatre Royal               |
| Thu 16 Oct             | Nelson Winegrowers Wine Tasting                                   | Trafalgar Centre            |
| Thu 16 Oct             | Coal Miner's Daughter   | Theatre Royal               |
| Fri 17 – Sun 19 Oct    | Top of the South Film Festival                                    | Suter Theatre               |
| Sat 18 Oct             | Coppermine Classic  | Maitai Bike Hub             |
| Sat 18 Oct             | Pop Up Multicultural Market                                       | 1903 Square                 |
| Sat 18 Oct             | Sprig & Fern 10k Series – Mapua                                   | Mapua Community<br>Hall     |
| Thu 23 Oct – Sun 2 Nov | Nelson Arts Festival*   | Various venues              |
| Fri 31 Oct             | Mask Carnivale  | Nelson City Centre          |
| <b>November 2025</b>   |   |                             |

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| Thu 23 Oct – Sun 2 Nov  | Nelson Arts Festival*                         | Various venues         |
| Sat 1 Nov               | NZ Cider Festival*                            | Founders Heritage Park |
| Sat 1 – Sun 2 Nov       | Shred Like a Girl                             | TBA                    |
| Sun 2 Nov               | The Nelson Half                               | Saxton Field           |
| Thu 6 Nov               | Bill Bailey                                   | Trafalgar Centre       |
| Fri 7 – Sun 9 Nov       | Mammoth Enduro*                               | Nelson Trails          |
| Sun 9 Nov               | Pretty Crafty Market                          | Richmond Town Hall     |
| Sun 9 Nov               | BLACKCAPS v West Indies T20                   | Saxton Oval            |
| Mon 10 Nov              | BLACKCAPS v West Indies T20                   | Saxton Oval            |
| Sat 15 Nov              | Richmond Retro                                | Richmond School        |
| Thu 20 Nov              | 7 Days Live show                              | Trafalgar Centre       |
| Sat 22 Nov              | The Big Tāhuna Ocean Swim*                    | Tāhunanui Beach        |
| Sat 22 Nov              | Taylor: A Tribute to the Eras of Taylor Swift | Theatre Royal          |
| Sun 23 Nov              | The Great Christmas Market                    | Founders Heritage Park |
| Thu 27 Nov – Sun 18 Jan | Nelson Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival      | Nelson Cathedral       |
| Sat 29 Nov              | Gintastic                                     | Founders Heritage Park |
| Sun 30 Nov              | Santa Parade                                  | Nelson CBD             |

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| <b>December 2025</b>    |  |                                |
| Thu 27 Nov – Sun 18 Jan | Nelson Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival | Nelson Cathedral               |
| Fri 5 – Sat 6 Dec       | The Spectacle* <sup>o</sup>              | Nelson Trails and CBD          |
| Sat 6 Dec               | Country Christmas Market                 | Moutere Hills Community Center |
| Thu 11 – Fri 12 Dec     | NMIT Graduation                          | Trafalgar Centre and City      |
| Wed 31 Dec              | New Years Eve Celebrations*              | Top of Trafalgar St            |

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| <b>2026</b>             |   |                           |
| Thu 27 Nov – Sun 18 Jan | Nelson Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival              | Nelson Cathedral          |
| Sat 3 Jan               | Central Districts Hinds and Stags Super Smash Cricket | Saxton Oval               |
| Thu 8 – Sat 17 Jan      | The Importance of Being Ernest                        | Fairfield House           |
| Tue 13 Jan              | Jimmy Carr (2 shows in one day)                       | Trafalgar Centre          |
| Wed 14 – Fri 16 Jan     | South Island Colgate Games*                           | Saxton Athletics Track    |
| Fri 16 Jan              | Tahuna Summer Sounds*                                 | Tāhunanui Beach Reserve   |
| Sat 17 – Sun 18 Jan     | Nelson Summer Kite Festival                           | Neale Park                |
| Sat 24 Jan              | Hira Hop  | Nelson North Country Club |
| Sun 25 Jan              | Teddy Bears Picnic*                                   | Isel Park                 |

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| Thu 29 Jan – Sat 7 Feb 2026 | Adam Chamber Music Festival* <sup>o</sup>             | NCMA  |
| Sun 1 Feb                   | Motueka Kai Festival                                  | Decks Reserve, Motueka (TBC)  |
| Fri 6 Feb                   | Waitangi Day Festival*                                | Founders Park and Marae   |
| Tue 10 Feb                  | Australia's Thunder from Down Under                   | Theatre Royal   |
| Fri 13 Feb                  | Central Districts Stags v Otago Volts One Day Cricket | Saxton Oval   |
| Sat 14 Feb                  | Latin Fest  | Founders Heritage Park  |
| Tue 17 Feb                  | Central Districts Stags v Canterbury One Day Cricket  | Saxton Oval   |
| Mon 23 Feb                  | The Rock Orchestra                                    | Trafalgar Centre  |
| Sun 1 Mar                   | Nelson Italian Festival*                              | Nelson Italian Club   |
| Thu 5 – Sat 14 Mar          | Nelson Fringe Festival*                               | Various Venues  |
| Fri 6 – Sun 8 Mar           | Cable Bay Enduro*                                     | Cable Bay Adventure Park  |
| Sat 7 – Sun 8 Mar           | NZ Antique & Classic Boat Show                        | Lake Rotoiti  |
| Sun 8 Mar                   | Weetbix Kiwi Kids Tryathlon                           | Tahunanui Beach Reserve   |
| Sat 14 – Sat 21 Mar         | NZ MTB Rally*   | Nelson City, Codgers and Maitai Valley, Coppermine, Sharlands, Silvan and Richmond, Wairoa Gorge, Kaiteriteri and Golden Bay. |
| Sun 15 – Sat 21 Mar         | Vero International Festival of Historic Motoring*     | Various locations   |
| Sun 22 Mar                  | Multicultural Festival*                               | Founders Heritage Park  |
| Sat 28 Mar                  | Marchfest* <sup>o</sup>                               | Founders Heritage Park  |
| Sat 23 May                  | The Bay Trail Run                                     | Cable Bay   |
| Fri 29 May – Mon 1 Jun      | Ceol Aneas*   | NCMA and various other venues   |
| Sat 30 May – Sun 7 Jun      | Founders Book Fair                                    | Founders Heritage Park  |
| Fri 3 – Tue 7 Jul           | Te Ramaroa*   | Nelson City   |
| Fri 10 Jul                  | Matariki Festival*                                    | TBC   |
| Sun 12 Jul                  | Nelson Marathon                                       | Great Taste Trail   |
| Sat 26 – Sun 27 Sep         | Highland Dancer of the Year                           | Trafalgar Centre  |
| Wed 30 Sep – Sun 4 Oct      | South Island Chess Championships                      | Rutherford Hotel  |
| Fri 2 – Fri 9 Oct           | Nelson Clay Week                                      | Nelson City Venues  |
| Fri 16 – Sun 18 Oct         | NZ Fishing, Hunting, & 4x4 Expo*                      | Trafalgar Centre  |
| Thu 22 Oct – Sun 1 Nov      | Nelson Arts Festival*                                 | Various venues across Nelson Tasman   |

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| Sat 31 Oct – Sun 1 Nov | NZ Mixed Ultimate Championships Masters | Tahunanui Playing Fields |
| TBC Sun 1 - Mon 2 Nov  | DINZ National Drifting Championship     | Kohatu Park              |

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| <b>2027</b>         |                             |                        |
| Sat 13 Feb          | Opera in the Park           | Trafalgar Park         |
| Fri 18 – Sat 19 Mar | NZ Schools Triathlon Champs | Rabbit Island          |
| Sun 21 Mar          | Multicultural Festival      | Founders Heritage Park |
| Sun 25 Apr          | ANZAC DAY                   | ANZAC Park             |
| Fri 21 – Sat 22 May | Dancing for a Cause         | Trafalgar Centre       |
| Fri 25 Jun          | Matariki                    | Trafalgar Centre       |
| Thu 1 – Sun 4 Jul   | TOTS Gymnastics comp        | Trafalgar Centre       |
| Early Oct (TBC)     | Nelson Jewellery Week       | Nelson City Venues     |

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| <b>Regular Markets</b>                                  |                       |  |
| Every Saturday morning                                  | Nelson Market         | Montgomery Square                      |
| Every Saturday from 15 Apr – 23 Sep                     | Brunch in Isel Park   | Isel Park                              |
| Every Sunday  | Montys Sunday Market  | Montgomery Square                      |
| Every Sunday  | Mapua Village Market  | Mapua Wharf                            |
| Every Wednesday   | Nelson Farmers Market | Halifax St next to Elma Turner Library |
| Every Thursday from Oct – Apr (during daylight savings) | Isel Twilight Market* | Isel Park                              |

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