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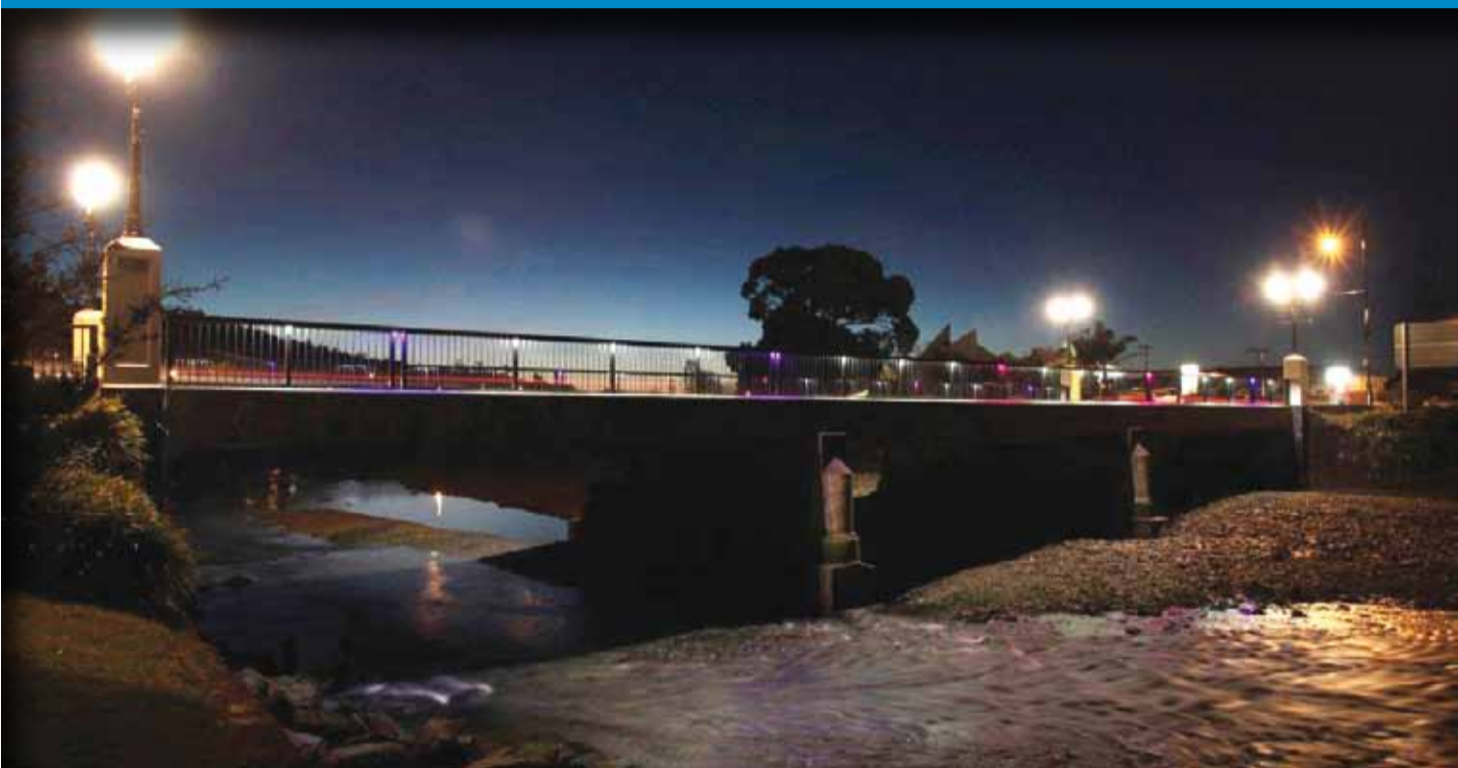


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# What a year



The Annual Report, which is like a report card for Council's performance over the past financial year, (2011/2012) has just been adopted by Council.

It sets out how Council lined up with its plans, what it achieved or didn't, and the reasons why. The Annual Report is an important part of Council's accountability to its ratepayers.

Both the full Annual Report and a Summary are available in hard copy from Civic House, Nelson Public Libraries, or to view or download on Council's website. You can also get a CD of the full report posted out to you by phoning Customer Services on 546 0200.

### Did Council deliver?

Milestones and achievements for the year to June 2012.

The 2011/12 financial year provided more than the usual highlights and challenges for the Nelson City Council, residents and staff. It began with Rugby World Cup 2011 events, bringing Nelson more visitors and economic activity as well as a broader range of events for locals to enjoy. Then, just before the end of 2011, Nelson was hit by a rainfall event that triggered widespread slips and damage to

property and infrastructure, the impact of which is still being felt by many.

The Council still managed to deliver a draft Long Term Plan for Nelson outlining its priorities for the next three years and giving the community an opportunity to provide informed feedback on the City's priorities for the next decade. The final adoption of the Nelson Long Term Plan 2012 was delayed from June to 19 July 2012 due to the December 2011 rainfall event.

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## Nelson Growables time!

Nelson Growables Garden Week runs from 12 November in the lead-up to the Nelson Growables Garden Fair on Sunday, 18 November at Founders Heritage Park.

Garden Week highlights include guided tours of Queens Gardens and the Huangshi Gardens, commercial nurseries, Neudorf Mushrooms, and private gardens.

The Nelson Growables Garden Fair features over 80 stands with plants, tools and equipment, garden art, display garden, the Nelson Horticultural Society Rose and Iris Show, seminars, workshops, and demonstrations about all things growable. Nelson Public Libraries' stand this year will include something for bargain-hunters - some cancelled gardening books for sale.

More information is available on the website. Entry is \$5 for adults and children are free.

[nelsongrowables.co.nz](http://nelsongrowables.co.nz)

## Rates Rebate success

During the nine weeks of peak rates rebate processing (from 1 August to 30 September) Council's Customer Service Centre team interviewed 1960 customers for eligibility for a rates rebate, around 80 of which were done as a home visit.

This service is much appreciated by elderly and disabled customers who would otherwise find it difficult or impossible to come to Council to apply for their rebate.

Those customers who came into the Customer Centre for their interview were invited to help themselves to a tea or coffee and a biscuit.

So far this financial year, 1858 customers have had their application for a rebate approved.

This amounts to \$1,024,205.40 being granted as a credit against these customers' rates accounts. The rates rebate scheme is administered by Council on behalf of the Department of Internal Affairs.



## Note from the editor

Ten years ago when renovating the lounge, I was drawn to a series of paintings in a shop window. They were squares of heavily textured vibrant blues, like waves on an ocean, ebbing and flowing across three canvasses.

I would gaze at them often and eventually the owner approached me. I explained I was unsure if I could live with such 'loud' colour in what was otherwise a room with a peaceful palette. She suggested I take them home and live with them for three weeks to see how the relationship would go. No money changed hands and she trusted I would either return or buy them.

Wise woman that she was, her trust paid off and I bought the trio of blue. A decade on, I still adore them.

Here in Nelson, Council makes art choices for us, and we cannot have the luxury I had of a trial relationship. In this issue of Live Nelson we look at just how Council makes the decisions about art for our city, which of course we all get to live with.

It's never going to be a choice that pleases everyone – but it always one which promotes discussion and interest, surely a healthy by product of choice.

**Nan Ward**  
Editor, Live Nelson



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# New Chief Executive

Clare Hadley has been appointed as Chief Executive of Nelson City Council after a four month selection process.

Mrs Hadley is currently the Chief Executive at Rangitikei District Council in Marton, near Palmerston North.

Mayor Aldo Miccio is delighted to welcome Mrs Hadley to the role, acknowledging her two decades of experience in progressively challenging roles in local government at various councils around New Zealand.

"Clare is an incredibly experienced chief executive who is well respected amongst her peers. She has come from a Council that is heavily focused on providing quality core services like water and sewerage to the community while balancing the financial pressures that come with the cost of major infrastructure investment.

"With family in the region, Clare has visited Nelson often and has always been drawn to the vibrant CBD and the natural beauty our city offers. She's really keen to be involved with a council that is active in the wellbeing of its community and plays a part in the lives of its residents.

"On behalf of the entire Council, I have great confidence

in what Clare will bring to Nelson City. We are very lucky to have someone of her calibre to serve the community as Chief Executive."

Mrs Hadley previously served Palmerston North City Council for five years, most recently as General Manager Community and Commercial Services. She also worked as Economic Development Manager at Hutt City Council and in managerial roles for both Porirua City Council and Dunedin City Council.

She is a member of the Society of Local Government Managers (SOLGM) Executive Board and is their immediate past president. She is also a board member for the Employers' Chamber of Commerce (Central).

Mrs Hadley is delighted to be taking on the role in a progressive city with a strong future.

"I feel privileged to be able to serve the residents of Nelson and to work alongside a Council that has great vision for the city's future.

"There is clear alignment between the vision to make Nelson a better place and the



achievements Council has made in recent years. Plans for the city's future are also well in line with continuing to see Nelson grow and thrive. It's clear Nelson knows where it wants to go and its leaders are working hard to get it there.

"I'm truly delighted to become part of the team and look forward to delivering to the community."

Mrs Hadley prevailed over a field of 56 applicants with a wide range of experience who hailed from both national and international locations.

Mrs Hadley will assume her new role on 17 December. Current Acting Chief Executive Richard Johnson will continue to serve in the role to support the transition until then.

# Street Ambassadors back on the beat

From Friday 16 November, anyone venturing out after dark will again notice our Street Ambassadors in the CBD, acting as guardians for our city.

The team in their distinctive orange vests will be on duty each weekend from 9.30pm till 4am as the summer party season warms up.

Nelson City Council's Safe City Adviser Ingrid Beach says, "Council has been involved in delivering this service since 2004. Our Street Ambassadors now have a very good rapport with the young people who are out partying over summer. Because of that, young people know there are people they can talk to if they are in need of help or advice throughout the night."

Feedback about the Street Ambassador Service is that it plays an important role in reducing trouble on the streets over summer and keeping Nelson a safe place for everyone to enjoy.

"They are there to help create a safe social environment for us all, not just young people" Ingrid says.

The Street Ambassadors work in pairs throughout

the weekend nights, delivering safety messages, offering advice and assistance when needed and intervening with the aim to stop trouble before it starts. In past years, the presence of the Street Ambassadors has reduced conflict and aggression. They've helped to calm down situations that could have led to violence and in some cases, got police involved for an early intervention.

Street Ambassadors don't work alone. They keep in touch via cell phones and radios with Police, Māori Wardens and Nelson Community Patrol volunteers, who monitor the closed circuit television cameras on the weekend nights. Street Ambassadors Team Leaders are qualified to administer first aid.

The Nelson Building Society has joined Council for the second year in funding the programme. The Ambassadors will be out on the streets until mid-February.

# Marsden Valley - temporary Road/Track closure

Due to site preparation for forestry harvesting the following road and tracks will be closed until 15 December 2012 (including weekends).

Barnicoat Road (Glider Road), Barnicoat link and Barnicoat Walkway will be closed during this period. Please contact PF Olsen, phone 544 0066 during business hours if you require further information.





The lower Maitai is the new home for a massive eel, shifted as part of the city's flood recovery.

Council was removing excess gravel from the culvert under Newman Drive which was going to substantially drop the water level in Jenkins Stream. It had been home to the slippery specimen.

There were concerns the new water level would not be enough to ensure a safe environment for the big eel.

It was caught and taken to the lower reaches of the Maitai where it was released and happily swam away after its road journey.

The 15 kilogram eel is the heaviest but not the longest eel caught so far during the flood recovery work.

## Seismic resilience public meeting

The New Zealand Historic Places Trust is holding a seismic resilience public meeting on Thursday 22 November from 5.30 to 7.30pm at Nelson Baptist Church, 193 Bridge Street. The meeting is for owners of heritage listed properties and other property owners around assessment of buildings at risk, and also other issues such as

insurance etc.

Key note speaker will be Win Clark, a leading structural engineer in New Zealand and Executive Officer of the New Zealand Society for Earthquake Engineering. Win has been working with the NZ Historic Places Trust to assess buildings in Canterbury since the

earthquakes in 2010 and 2011 and he has presented to the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Canterbury quakes and around the country on the important national issue of how earthquake prone buildings can be strengthened.

## Councillor's comment



We have been enjoying beautiful weather in Nelson recently, at the same time witnessing the horrific storms in New York.

We all recognise and accept seasonal change as part of life's cycles.

Council processes are also cyclical. Within a few months of signing off the Long Term Plan we are already looking at next year's Annual Plan.

Nelson is a strongly creative city and where and how council delivers the Arts Festival could well be part of next year's Annual Plan considerations.

Council invests a large amount of money in community facilities and is obliged to make sure they're used in the most productive and beneficial ways possible. At the same time, I believe council has a duty to do as much as possible to create an environment in the city where businesses can thrive.

In the same way we consider how our fabulous sporting facilities are fully utilised – it's right and proper that we should consider how the city's biggest festival should engage with the range of venues and facilities within the city.

I urge you all to get involved when the opportunity to discuss future possibilities for the festival comes round early next year.

Sophie Kelly and her team get my congratulations for producing another fantastic festival this year.

**Pete Rainey**  
Nelson City Councillor



## Mayor's message

With our 2011-2012 Annual Report just out, I'm pleased to say that Council continued to perform well during a financial year that tested our resilience.

The July 2011 year began with Rugby World Cup 2011, bringing with it a busy work load of event planning, hosting responsibilities and business facilitation. Then, at the end of the year, we were hit by a rainfall event that triggered widespread slips and damage to property and infrastructure, the impact of which is still being felt by many.

In this testing environment, we successfully managed to limit rates rises to 5.6% on average, following a rates rise of just 3.5% the year before. In the last financial year, our total debt was \$65m, well below what was forecast, making us one of the least indebted councils in the country.

Our Annual Report shows that against a backdrop of prudent fiscal management, we successfully got a whole lot done to make Nelson a better place to work, live and play.

Achievements include opening the award-winning Saxton Pavillion, Heart of Nelson improvements like the gateway sculpture at Neale Park, completing stage one of the Maitai Pipeline duplication, the new NBus service, and upgrading the Orchard Street community housing in Stoke, plus much more.

Despite a challenging and rather hectic year, we've done exceedingly well.

Bring on 2013!

Aldo Miccio  
Mayor of Nelson





# What a year

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## The main financial headlines from the Annual Plan include:

- Rates made up 56% of Council income – \$53.7m of the total \$96.0m – the rest came from sources such as fees, charges, rent and grants
- The net cost of the December 2011 rainfall event in 2011/12 was \$3.2m, net of NZ Transport Agency subsidy, which was loan funded
- The net surplus before revaluations was \$6.1m, which was \$1.3m under budget
- Debt levels were \$65.3m, compared to \$58.6m in 2010/11. Debt had been budgeted to be \$96.4m, net of deposits. It was significantly less than budgeted mainly because of delayed capital projects.

## Making Nelson a better place – look what we did

This is just a sample of what we did – look for more in the full Annual Report.

### Major capital projects that Council began, progressed or completed over the year included:

- Maitai water supply pipeline duplication stage one to provide security of water supply and increased capacity
- The cricket / athletics pavilion at Saxton Oval to provide facilities for these sports codes
- Community housing Orchard Street development with Housing NZ funding
- St Vincent / Jenner Road upgrade to provide safer access and improved amenities

amenities

- Seymour Ave road and stormwater upgrade to improve access, amenities and safety
- Iwa Road and stormwater upgrade to improve access, amenities and safety
- Marina large berths to cater for larger boats and yachts
- The marina building to provide improved facilities including toilets, laundry, office and showers
- National cycleway development to attract visitors and cater for increasing numbers of local cyclists
- Cleveland Terrace retaining wall to provide safe access
- Rutherford Park tennis lights to support active sports

## Council's activities – what was done, what wasn't and why

Council activities cover 17 areas. Here is a summary of a selection of the headlines.

### Water supply

The Maitai duplicate pipeline stage one saw substantial progress over the year – a multi-year project to increase capacity and protect this essential service in the event of natural disasters. The December 2011 rainfall event put the existing water pipeline at risk, but fortunately it remained intact, highlighting how vulnerable our water supply is to such events.

### Wastewater

It was a year of both progress and setbacks. The Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit received an excellent energy audit for the Bell Island wastewater treatment facility but there were continuing episodes of odours from the Nelson North treatment facility. Council sought independent advice to formulate options to lift pond performance at Nelson North and planned funding for improvements over the next two years. The work programme includes sludge removal and increased aeration of the ponds.

### Stormwater and flood protection

The December 2011 rainfall event brought a significant volume of new stormwater and flood protection work to clean up and repair damage. Repair work included gravel removal and maintenance, and will continue for several years. Two more pumps were installed at the Neale Park stormwater pump station, design work was completed for

the next stage of The Wood stormwater improvements and work continued on upgrading open channels.



### Heart of Nelson

Central city enhancement projects that were completed included way-finding signs and a new public art work in Miyazu Park. Design work was completed for the Maitai shared pathway

with extensive consultation with adjacent businesses, property owners and interested groups. Enhancement work planned for Montgomery Square did not proceed after High Court action by two adjacent landowners.

### Solid waste management

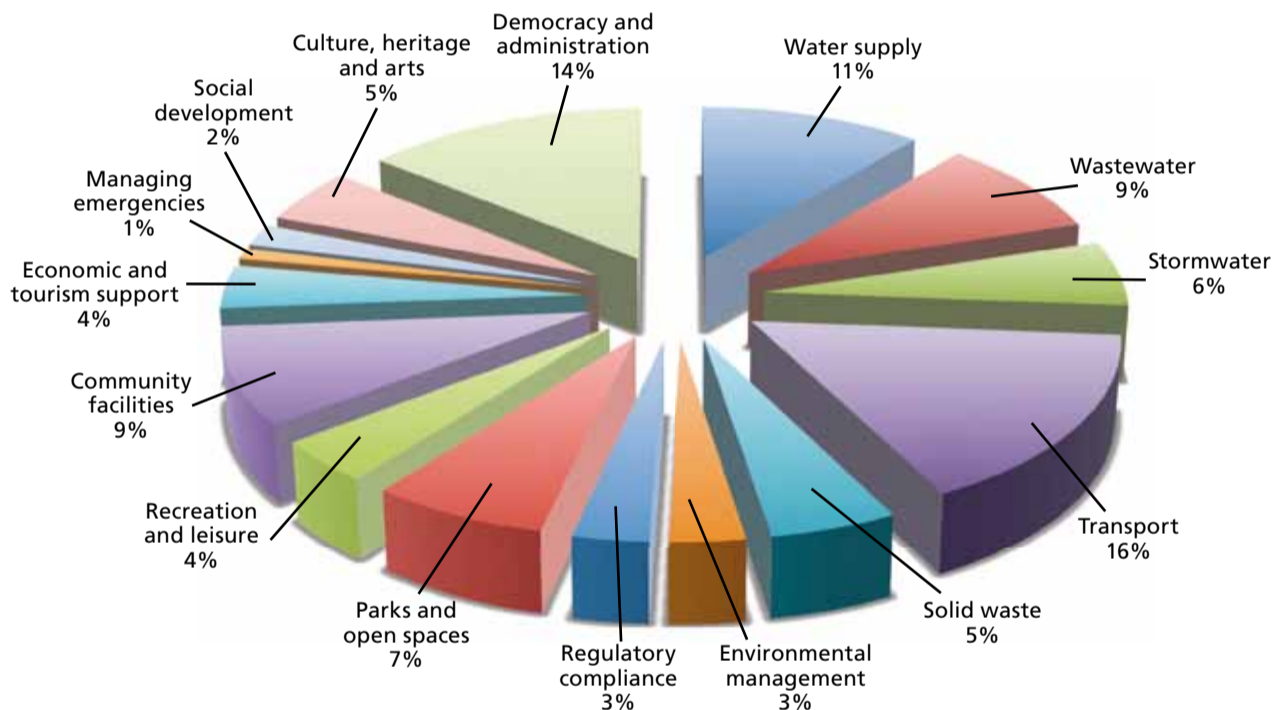
The declining trend in the amount of waste going to the York Valley landfill continued, with 35% less than the peak in 2005/06. This Council worked with Tasman District Council on a Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan and was encouraged by the continued high level of participation in kerbside recycling.

### Environmental management

Air quality continued to improve, with only two exceedences of the national standard over the winter of 2012. Council won two Green Ribbon awards in recognition

of its work to improve our air quality. It also won a best practice award from the NZ Planning Institute for the Port Noise project.

The quality of our natural waterways remained degraded in many areas and will be the focus of Council efforts to improve fresh and marine water quality. A Stoke Streams Rescue project began with funding from the Ministry for the Environment.



The pie graph shows how much Council spent on its different activities. Council's operating costs – what it actually spent – totalled \$89.9m, compared to \$84.8m that had been estimated at the beginning of the 2011/12 year.



**Transport**

The increased NBus service began in March this year responding to residents' call for more public transport, particularly for commuters. There were fewer road casualties and the programme of school travel plans was extended to those on Nayland Road. Work on the Queens Road upgrade began and will continue into 2012/13.

**Regulatory compliance: consents, licences and public health**

The year did not go as planned for the Council's building unit as staff responded in the aftermath of the Christchurch earthquakes and the December 2011 rainfall event in Nelson. A programme began to monitor and inform households about swimming pool fencing.

There was progress towards updating the Harbour Safety Bylaw, with consultation closing in March 2012 and hearings held in May 2012.

Consent processing times showed continuing improvement compared to the year before and were closer to targets, in some cases within 1-3% of statutory timeframes.



**Parks and open spaces**

The upgraded Dun Mountain Trail opened in November 2011, which is hoped to become another major draw card for visitors to Nelson as well as local mountain bikers. In order to secure access to the Trail, Council purchased 97 ha of land on Fringed Hill. The cricket/athletics pavilion at Saxton Field also officially opened in November 2011. Planting continued at Tahunanui Reserve and in other reserves around Nelson.

**Recreation and leisure**

Design work for the upgrade of the northern end of the Trafalgar Centre was completed and work will begin in 2012/13. Natureland

Zoo faces an uncertain future with Orana Wildlife Trust ceasing its management. Council is to look for other potential operators in 2012/13.

A full programme of recreation events was delivered across Nelson for children and adults.



**Community facilities**

The major upgrade of the Orchard Street community houses in Stoke was completed with \$1.17m of Housing NZ funding. Council also completed the new building in Nelson marina, which included showers, laundry, a common room and a manager's office.

**Economic and tourism support**

The Rugby World Cup 2011 had a significant impact on the regional economy and tourism sector with an estimated \$9.2m boost in regional Gross Domestic Product, a measure of economic activity.

The Council-controlled Regional Economic Development Agency (EDA) and Nelson Tasman Tourism both achieved a range of objectives to support economic development on behalf of the

Council, including Events Strategy funding distributed by the EDA for eight events with economic potential.



**Managing emergencies and natural hazards**

The December 2011 rainfall event triggered the first Declared Civil Defence Emergency since 1990. Council staff were involved in the Emergency Operations Centre and Recovery Centre until March 2012.

**Social development**

Council maintained its programme of work on youth and employment initiatives, supported Street Ambassadors and Settlement Support and distributed \$485,000 in Community Assistance grants and contracts.

**Culture, heritage and arts**

Public art works were installed beside QE II Drive and in the Saxton Creek spillway. Council ran 70 festivals and community events, while Founders Heritage Park welcomed just over 100,000 visitors.

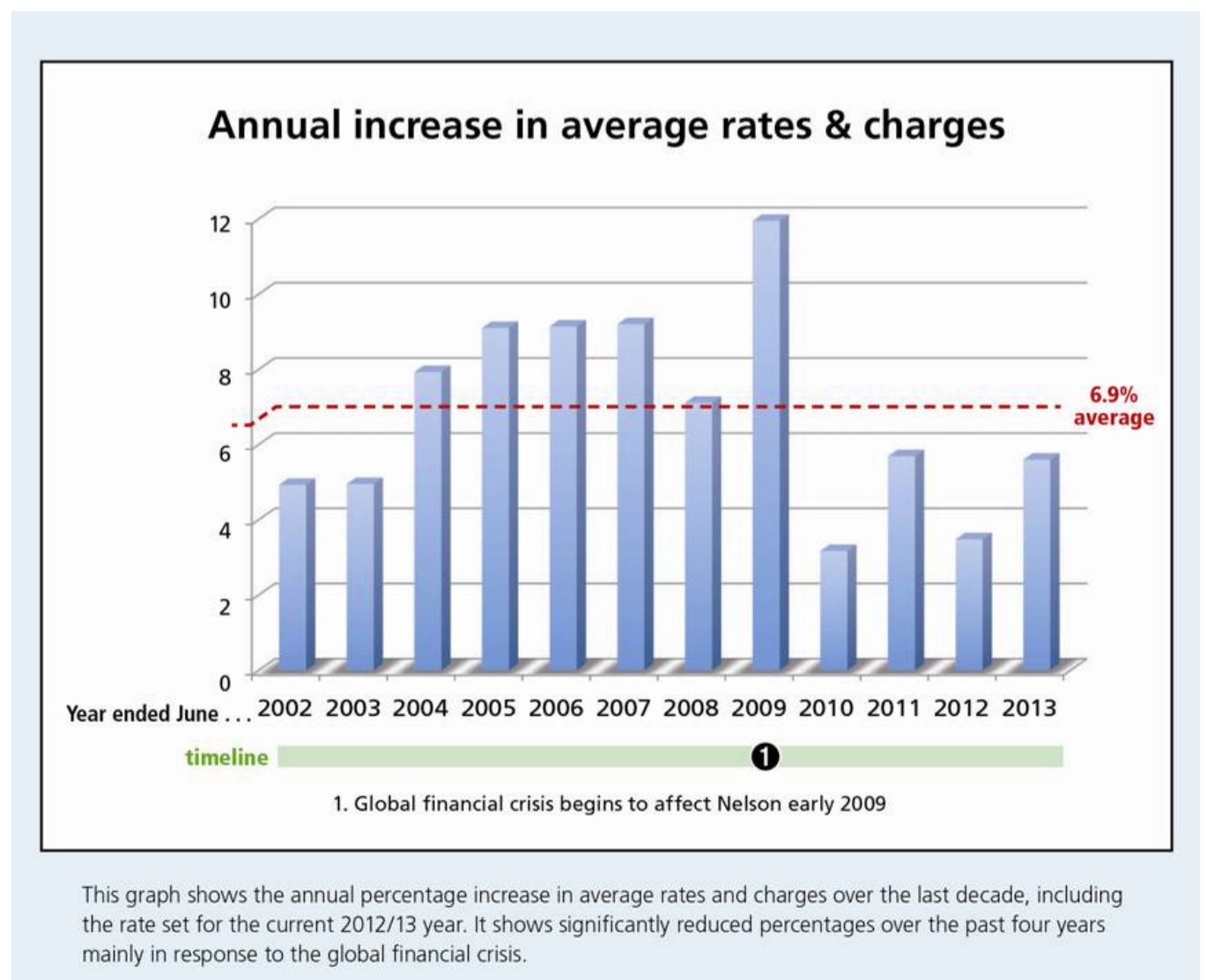


**Democracy and administration**

Council administered two polls; one on the amalgamation proposal and the second on a proposed Māori ward. The earthquake-prone building policy was implemented, which initiated assessments of six Council-owned buildings and the Riverside Pool façade.

Approximately half of Council's performance indicators for the whole organisation were achieved. Targets were not achieved for operating expenditure, capital expenditure, customer perceptions of counter staff contact and some staff survey results.

Other revenue was above budget by \$2.8m, mainly due to the Nelson Port Ltd special dividend of \$4m and the Nelson Airport Ltd late declaration of the 2011 dividend of \$235,000 offset by internal interest being below budget by \$1.6m.





# Landmark Gateway Sculpture imminent

*A Dance to the Music of Time*, the major northern Gateway sculpture for our city is only days away from installation.

Atop a two metre plinth, the five metre three faceted bronze will create a striking visual link from the city to the sea.

The plinth reflects the shape of the Cathedral and abutments on the Trafalgar Street Bridge and the sculpture will be visible from the Cathedral steps.

North Auckland artist Terry Stringer will be on hand for the unveiling of a plaque at the base of the sculpture on 15 November.

The striking design represents the four seasons and references the bounty of the sea, the land and the people.

Like the recently installed Novella sculpture in Miyazu Park, *A Dance to the Music of Time* will be flood lit at night.



The Nelson Tasman Regional Arts Strategy, approved by both Tasman District and Nelson City Councils in 2009, identified the importance of investing in the arts to grow the region's economy and support social and cultural wellbeing. It stated that "well designed gateways and signage should establish an arts attitude from the moment of arrival. High quality art would be experienced at airports, on approaches to Nelson, Richmond and smaller centres."

The arts fund allocated an initial amount of \$500,000 over three years which has been used to fund both the Miyazu Park sculpture and the Terry Stringer sculpture being installed at Kinzett Tce.

## So how is city art chosen?

Would you dare buy someone art as a gift?

Probably most of us would say no – as art is such a personal and subjective choice. As well as you might think you know someone, you may actually have no understanding of their taste and what they can live with.

So spare a thought for those charged with making art choices for our city. Obviously not everyone is going to like everything, so where do you start in choosing art for Nelson?

Adopted following widespread consultation, the regional Nelson Tasman Arts Strategy covers all aspects of art in our region. It spawned the Nelson Arts Policy which sets out the criteria for selecting and installing art for our city. It includes where public art should be placed, which also helps determine its size, the cost and a tailored selection process.

The four priority sites are already in the Policy (Gateway, waterfront, secondary gateways, Centre of New Zealand). The first step in choosing art for a particular site is Council asking for Expressions of Interest (EOI).

In the case of the Gateway Sculptures (Miyazu Park and Kinzett Terrace at the Atawhai entrances to the city), a total of 44 EOI were received, with roughly a third from overseas, a third from throughout New Zealand and the remainder from Nelson artists.

The first choice was New Zealand sculptor Terry Stringer's *Dance to the Music of Time* for Kinzett Terrace and the second was the Miyazu Park Sculpture by Spanish artist Juan Jose Novella. By choosing both pieces at the same time the panel did not need to go through the EOI and selection process twice.

### What do artist's need to do?

When being invited to submit proposals for work the following elements must be covered in the artist's brief:

- vision for the project/Council's aspirations
- context of the project
- limitations of budget and timescale
- practical requirements – site constraints, condition of site, future uses of site
- any expectations or requirements around community involvement

Council staff then shortlist artists/arts consultants with the most appropriate skills for the project and present these to the Arts Selection Panel. It will meet to select an artist/arts consultant and a contract will then be agreed with the successful candidate by the project manager.

But if an artwork is being commissioned, an interim step will usually involve the selected artist being paid to prepare a model of the artwork which will detail engineering, site establishment, maintenance and other relevant information. Final selection will be made once this more detailed information is available.

For the Gateway sculptures, the shortlisted proposals, including some Nelson designs, all grappled with the scale necessary for the sites. A piece that can be produced to the scale required for these two large sites was just one of the criteria to be considered.

### What are the criteria for selection?

The Arts Selection Panel assesses the artists/art works against the following criteria:

#### Contribution to design team:

- professional record
- experience with similar projects

- creativity/future thinking
- demonstrated ability to meet deadline/budget constraints
- hourly rate

#### Commissioning artwork:

- artistic merit of proposed artwork
- accessibility (ability of public to appreciate and relate to the work)
- robustness (including potential for vandalism and ongoing maintenance costs)
- relationship to site (example required size)
- quote for completion of work

#### Who's on the Art Selection Panel?

Nominations were made by Creative New Zealand and the local Arts Sector Reference Group.

**Nic Foster** Nelson artist known for his heavily textured mountain scenes. NMIT, Bachelor Visual Arts. Ilam School of Fine Arts Christchurch, Bachelor Fine Arts Honours. Coordinator of the recent Art Expo Nelson.

**Julie Catchpole** Director Suter Gallery since 2007. Former Director Te Manawa (Manawatu) Art Gallery for 20 years. Founding member Palmerston North Sculpture Trust.

**Colleen Dallimore** Graduate Ilam School of Fine Arts. Art and History teacher Nayland College 20 years. Tutors Fine Arts graduates for University of Canterbury's Teacher Trainee course in drawing.

**Andrew Petheram** Nelson City Council Principal Adviser - Reserves and Community Facilities

Members of the panel serve a two year term.

# Bathing water update in time for summer

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



Tahuna beach swimmers. Photo: Martin Bennett - 3rd-eye.co.nz

We are lucky that in our region we can do this safe in the knowledge that the overall quality of our bathing waters is very good. We know this because every year over summer Council regularly monitors the quality of the swimming water in a variety of locations. The annual results of Council environmental monitoring, including recreational bathing water are available on our website.

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

[nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz](http://nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz) (search phrase = bathing water quality 2012)

## What to look out for this summer

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

The monitoring last year showed that the Maitai swimming holes from Girlies Hole up to the Maitai Camp ranged from Fair to Good. Sites categorised as Good are satisfactory for swimming most of the time, exceptions may include during or following periods of rainfall. Fair sites are generally satisfactory for swimming, though there are many potential sources of faecal material.

A health warning remains in place for the lower Maitai, below Collingwood St Bridge and the Paremata Flats Reserve at Wakapuaka River, advising people not to swim there until further notice.

## Cyanobacteria

Cyanobacteria (also known as blue-green algae) is present in all streams and rivers and can grow to form thick dark brown mats under natural conditions, particularly in mid to late summer if the water flow is stable and temperature is warm.

Recent surveys for cyanobacteria at Maitai swimming holes indicated moderate patches of cyanobacteria immediately downstream of the Maitai Camp swimming hole. The cyanobacteria mats are most prevalent, covering boulders in shallow riffle areas where it can readily photosynthesise. Swimming holes downstream of the Camp have very little cyanobacteria mats, as expected this time of year.

If you swim your dog or take water for livestock or human consumption from the river, avoid contact with any thick dark brown cyanobacteria mats, particularly those that are easily accessible, exposed on river edges or floating in shallow areas of riverbanks or near rocks. If cyanobacteria mats are widespread in a river you should presume that the water may be unsafe. Cells within the thick cyanobacteria mats sometimes produce toxins that can be fatal to dogs and potentially harmful to humans, livestock and wildlife if the detached mat is swallowed. Please note that harmless freshwater algae (green and light brown forms) are also present in our streams and rivers over summer months.

Most cyanobacteria will be washed away with the next substantial rainfall event. However, Council will continue monitoring the main swimming holes. Warning signs will be erected at swimming holes as a precautionary approach and to raise public awareness. The public is encouraged to contact the Customer Service Centre if they require more information or have any concerns about water quality.

Information about cyanobacteria is available from the Customer Service Centre and on our website.



Cyanobacteria.

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# Want to have more of a say?

Nelson City Council wants to know what you think and has set up an email based People's Panel.

This will provide an opportunity for Nelson residents to have their say on a range of issues, as well as be a public pulse take for future policies and decisions.

This is a great new way to be heard and will only take a little time. You can give your opinion on the go or without even leaving the house!

## How can I join?

Simply go online to Council's website (search phrase = peoples panel) and complete the form; we'll email you to confirm you have joined The People's Panel.

You'll be sent a survey every six to eight

weeks which will take around five to ten minutes to complete. The surveys will be open for you to complete for a week and we would like you to complete at least three surveys a year. We will provide regular reports of the results and information on how your feedback is being used in Council decisions. You'll be able to unsubscribe from the People's Panel at anytime.

**Please note:** at the current time, membership of The People's Panel is only open to residents and ratepayers of the Nelson City Council area.

## What will my feedback be used for?

Depending on the subject of the survey, the

information may be used by Councillors and Council staff to help guide future decisions for our city.

## Confidentiality

All survey responses are anonymous. Your contact details will be used for communicating with you about the Panel and will not be linked to your survey responses. Your contact details will remain with Council only and will not be passed on to any other organisation.

Council thanks everyone who takes the time to register for this exciting new communication tool.



# community notices

## Meetings for November 2012

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

Council – Audit Risk and Finance	Tuesday 13 November	9.00am
Hearing – Ministry of Education (by an independent commissioner) - Ruma Mahitahi	Friday 16 November	9.00am
Council Community Services	Tuesday 20 November	9.00am
Hearings Panel – Nelson Marlborough District Health Board	Wednesday 21 November	9.00am
Council Infrastructure	Thursday 22 November	9.00am
Joint Shareholders Committee followed by Civil Defence Emergency Management Committee	Friday 23 November	1.30pm

**NOTES:**

1. Unless otherwise shown, the meetings will be held in the Council Chamber, Civic House, Trafalgar Street, Nelson.
2. A public forum is held during the initial period of the Council meeting. Anyone wishing to speak at this public forum is requested to give prior advice to an Administration Adviser on 546 0200.
3. Agendas will be available for perusal at the Customer Service Centre in Civic House, or at Nelson Public Libraries, two days prior to the meeting.
4. Agendas and Minutes for Council meetings can be viewed on Council's website [nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz](http://nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz).

## Public Notice - Air quality

Public Notice pursuant to Regulation 16 of the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Air Quality) Regulations 2004  
 Nelson City Council hereby gives notice that, PM10 concentrations exceeded a mean 24 hour concentration of 50 micrograms per cubic metre (µg/m3) as specified in Schedule 1 of the above Regulations within the area gazetted as Air shed B: Tahunanui-Stoke on the following occasions.

Day	24 hour mean PM10 Concentration Measured (µg/m3)	Extent of PM10 Exceedence (µg/m3)	Location at which Regulation was Breached
3/10/2012	60	10	Air shed B: Tahunanui-Stoke

## Feedback sought on inner city noise

Nelson City Council is seeking initial feedback on a draft plan change to better manage inner city noise.

People are invited to provide feedback via email or post until 5pm on Friday, 14 December 2012.

Draft Plan Change 16 – Inner City Noise aims to revise the inner city noise standards to provide a more effective and enforceable way to manage inner city noise, while still allowing bars and entertainment activities, and residential activity to occur in the city.

Council is continuing work that initially started in late 2008.

Councillor Mike Ward, Policy and Planning Portfolio Holder, says entertainment and having people living in the inner city are both important components of a vibrant night life, but noise is an issue for residents particularly at night.

"We're hoping to introduce some improvements through a Plan Change that will provide a long term solution for residents, visitors to the city and hospitality operators and other businesses.

"Council is keen to hear from interested parties before we start the formal plan change process under the Resource Management Act. That way affected stakeholders will have more opportunity to inform the new rules managing noise in the inner city."

The draft Plan Change proposes a number of methods to better manage noise. These include noise being managed at both the source and where received within the inner city, a new limit on bass frequencies, and retention of the noise limit at properties within the Residential Zone.

Other methods proposed are using noise enforcement provisions under the Resource Management Act for excessive and unreasonable noise instead of the current rule requiring a specific noise level to be measured, and continued education and mediation as appropriate.

Councillor Ward says there will be further opportunities to submit on the proposal once the Plan Change is formally notified by Council next year.

People interested in this proposal can find out more on Council's website or by contacting Planning Adviser Reuben Peterson, phone 03 546 0295.

Feedback can be made via email to Reuben Peterson at [reuben.peterson@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:reuben.peterson@ncc.govt.nz) or by sending comments by post to Reuben Peterson, Nelson City Council Planning Adviser, PO Box 645 Nelson 7040.

[nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz](http://nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz) (search phrase "Plan Change 16")



## SPORT

Sat, 10 Nov, 10am - 4pm - HOE WERO - Waka Ama Sprint Races. Rocks Road end of Tahunanui Beach. Team registration \$300. Smoke free and alcohol free. Ph 546 9097 ext211 or [huriana.lawrence@whakatumarae.co.nz](mailto:huriana.lawrence@whakatumarae.co.nz)

## ART

10, 11, 15, 16 & 17 Nov, 3pm and 7pm - Nelson Repertory Theatre's One Act Play Festival. Theatre Royal, 78 Rutherford Street. Tickets: ph 548 3840, 0800 224 224 or [tickets@theatreroyalnelson.co.nz](mailto:tickets@theatreroyalnelson.co.nz)

Nelson Suter Art Society – The McKee Gallery at The Suter: 208 Bridge Street, 7 days 10.30am-4.30pm. Entry \$3, concession \$1, under 16 yrs 50c, under 5 yrs & Friends of The Suter free. Entry free on Saturdays.

The Suter Art Gallery Te Aratoi o Whakatū Exhibitions: 7 days 10.30am - 4.30pm, 208 Bridge Street. Entry free on Saturdays. Ph. 548 4699, [info@thesuter.org.nz](mailto:info@thesuter.org.nz) or visit [www.thesuter.org.nz](http://www.thesuter.org.nz).

Wed, 31 Oct–Wed 14 Nov, screening daily, Italian Film Festival 2012. Tickets: 548 3885 ext. 1, ph 548 3885 or [promotions@statecinemas.co.nz](mailto:promotions@statecinemas.co.nz)  
 Until Sun, 11 Nov - Sprint exhibition - Guest Artists: Catherine Manchester and Andi Regan.

Fri, 16 Nov, 7.30pm (doors open 7pm) - REEL ROCK 7. Tickets from Paradiso Backpackers, Weka Street. Ph 021 774 418 or [dearneil@hotmail.com](mailto:dearneil@hotmail.com)

## HERE & THERE

Sun, 11 Nov, 9am - 4pm - Bowater Motor Group Top Team 12 (Heat 3). Tahunanui Sportsfield, Beach Road. Ph 027 544 3957 or [hayden.b@sporttasman.org.nz](mailto:hayden.b@sporttasman.org.nz)

Sun, 11 Nov, 10am - 4pm - Outdoor Recreation Expo. Tahunanui Sportsfield, Beach Road. Ph 546 3306 or [dave.t@sporttasman.org.nz](mailto:dave.t@sporttasman.org.nz)

Tue, 13 Nov, 7.30pm - Heath Franklin – Chopper. Nelson School of Music, 48 Nile Street. Tickets: ph 548 9477, 0800 224 224 or [nsom@nsom.ac.nz](mailto:nsom@nsom.ac.nz)

Sun, 18 Nov, 10am - 5pm - Nelson Growables Garden Fair. Founders Heritage Park. Entry: Adults \$5, children free. Tickets at gate. Ph 543 3663 or [info@nelsongrowables.co.nz](mailto:info@nelsongrowables.co.nz)

18, 19 & 21 Nov - Live Shakespeare – Globe on the Big Screen. State Cinemas Nelson, 91 Trafalgar Street. Tickets: ph 548 3885 ext1 or [promotions@statecinemas.co.nz](mailto:promotions@statecinemas.co.nz)

Tue, 20 Nov, 7.30pm - 'The Seaward View': An introduction to our historical coast. Masonic Hall, 107 Nile Street. Ph 548 9588 or [peter.millward@museumnp.org.nz](mailto:peter.millward@museumnp.org.nz)

Thu, 22 Nov, 7.30pm - Peta Mathias. Nelson School of Music, 48 Nile Street. Tickets: ph 548 9477, 0800 224 224 or [nsom@nsom.ac.nz](mailto:nsom@nsom.ac.nz)

Fri, 23 Nov, 8.30pm - Star Party. Clifton Terrace School, Atawhai. Ph Robert 544 5241 or [wildlands.nelson@extra.co.nz](mailto:wildlands.nelson@extra.co.nz)

The Nelson Provincial Museum, Pupuri Taonga o Te Tai Ao Exhibitions: Town Acre 445, Cnr Trafalgar and Hardy Streets. Ph 548 9588, [peter.millward@museumnp.org.nz](mailto:peter.millward@museumnp.org.nz)

Until Sun 27 Jan 2013 - Abel Tasman 370th Commemoration: 2012.  
 Sun, 4 – Mon, 5 Nov, 11am, 1pm & 3pm - Tatarakihi - The Children of Parihaka.  
 Until Sun, 18 Nov - Save our Snails.  
 Until Wed 20 Feb 2013 - Te Ahi Kā Roa, Te Ahi Kātoro Taranaki War 1860 - 2012, Our Legacy - Our Challenge.

Every Wed, 11am-4pm - Nelson Farmer's Market. Fashion Island, Corner Hardy/ Morrison Streets. Ph 022 0102 776 or [nelsonfarmersmkt@gmail.com](mailto:nelsonfarmersmkt@gmail.com)

Every Sat, 8am-1pm – Nelson Market. Montgomery Square Carpark in the heart of Nelson City. Ph 546 6454 or [nita@nelsonmarket.co.nz](mailto:nita@nelsonmarket.co.nz)

Library Bookchat: Stoke, 5pm and Nelson, 10.30am. Tell us about what you have been reading, or just come to hear what other people have enjoyed.  
 Stoke Library - 14 Nov, 12 Dec.  
 Elma Turner Library - 13 Nov, 11 Dec.

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

Melrose Historic House and Gardens. 26 Brougham Street. Open to the public every day (house and café closed statutory holidays). Free entry, garden walk maps available from café. Ph 548 7269.

Isel House, Tue - Sun, 11am - 4pm. Admission by donation. The House is set in 4ha of woodland gardens. Layers of time are on display – from a collection of original 19th century fine furniture and paintings, to stories of the Marsden family and the village of Stoke, to contemporary tales of the house's restoration process. 16 Hilliard St, Stoke. Ph 547 1347 or [isel@ihug.co.nz](mailto:isel@ihug.co.nz). [www.iselhouse.co.nz](http://www.iselhouse.co.nz)

To find out more about upcoming events, go to [www.itson.co.nz](http://www.itson.co.nz).

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



Total year to date as at 1 November 2012  
**Sunshine Hours**

Whakatane	2256.7 hours
Tekapo	2109.5 hours
Nelson	2131.7 hours
Blenheim	1993.8 hours

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