

# MATARIKI FESTIVAL

## TE HUIHUI-O-MATARIKI 2019

The star cluster Matariki appears in our skies in the month of Pipiri (June–July), marking the start of the Māori New Year. With the season of Matariki upon us, Nelson City Council invite family and friends of Nelson to Founders Park to celebrate with us.

*Come and enjoy culture, cuisine and a night with the stars...*

**Saturday, 20 July 2019**

at

**Energy Centre, Founders Park, 87 Atawhai Drive, Nelson**



**3pm–6pm**

- ◆ Movie Alfresco (Movies will be confirmed).
- ◆ Kapa Haka Performances by:  
Te Pouahi (Nelson Central School);  
Te Pītau Whakarei (Nelson Intermediate) and  
Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Tuia Te Matangi.  
All three groups are representing Whakatū/  
Nelson at Te Mana Kuratahi National  
Primary School kapahaka competition.



**6.30pm–8pm**

- ◆ Star gazing.
- ◆ Guest speaker Toa Waaka (Vice President, of the Society of Māori Astronomy).  
Toa will share stories of the Māori creation story, Māori cosmology and link the big bang theory, as well as insights of how Māori used the night sky for navigation.

◆ GOLD COIN ENTRY ◆

***Bring your beanbag and make sure to wrap up warm!***

***There will also be a beautiful selection of Māori kai/cuisine available for purchase during the event.***





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### OTHER EVENTS IN THE REGION



**Matariki Tū Rākau**

**Maitai Dam**  
**22 June - 1pm–3pm**

Forestry New Zealand are hosting a special Matariki planting at the Maitai Dam. This will mark the 100-year anniversary of the end of WWI. It is also part of the Governments One Billion Trees Programme.

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**The Victory Community  
Matariki Celebration**

**Victory Community Centre, 2 Totara St**  
**26 June - 3:45pm–8pm**

- ♦ Hāngī - \$3 koha
- ♦ Hikoi from Centre to Victory park
- ♦ Art display

**For more information visit:**

[www.victorycommunity.org.nz/matariki](http://www.victorycommunity.org.nz/matariki)



**Matariki Dawn Ceremony**

**Nelson Provincial Museum**  
**25 June - 6.30am**

Led by renowned practitioners Brian Flintoff and Bob Bikerton, taonga puoro will be sounded to herald in the Māori New Year. All are welcome, and feel free to bring your own taonga puoro to celebrate with us. Morning tea will be provided.

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**Annual Whenua Ceremony**

**Botanical Hill**  
**29 June - 12pm–2pm**

In traditional Māori culture whenua (placenta) of newborn babies are buried in a significant place. This is the 11th year the NZ College of Midwives have hosted this event for the Nelson community.

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