



Team members and associates of HomeShare for Her. From left, Chloe Howorth, Anna-Mae Angeles, Kindra Douglas, Liz Price, Bev James and Lindsay Neumann.

A new initiative is making a difference in Nelson Tasman by helping women find affordable and supportive living arrangements. HomeShare for Her, a charitable trust, has launched its website (www.homeshareforher.nz) to connect women seeking to share homes and living costs. In just one year, more than 200 women have registered, with 12 successful matches and over 25 home-

share opportunities currently listed online. As the first free home-sharing service of its kind in New Zealand, HomeShare for Her is open to women aged 18 to 70+, with plans to expand into other regions. Nelson Tasman has an increasing number of older women living alone in larger homes, often in need of company and occasional assistance. Meanwhile,

smaller rental homes remain scarce and expensive. "With 60% of those registered being home seekers, we are eager to hear from more women homeowners interested in sharing their homes," says co-founder and trustee Chloe Howorth. "Women looking for home-share opportunities come from all walks of life—some are working, studying, or retired. The website allows them to create

profiles, list home offers, and connect through a private messaging system." HomeShare for Her offers practical tools to help women establish successful living arrangements, including sharing agreements, communication templates, and reference check guidelines. For some homeowners, this initiative provides a way to stay in their homes and communities

while gaining financial and social support. Home seekers can register their housing needs, browse available homes, and even connect with other home seekers to find a place together. However, HomeShare for Her is not an emergency housing provider, as finding the right match can take time. For more information, visit HomeShareforHer.nz or email hello@homeshareforher.nz.



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Happy New Year, everyone!

As we step into another busy year, I want to take

a moment to encourage more members to get involved. Our committee works hard to represent you at various meetings, but we could use more hands on deck. With the largest membership in New Zealand, it's disappointing that we have to keep asking for help.

Can you spare just two hours a month? If so, please pop in for a chat—we'd love to have you on board.

Our membership currently stands at 4,676 and continues to grow. The new discount book is ready to be distributed with your renewal or new membership.

Our AGM will be held on 26th April at 2pm at Stoke Methodist Church. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

We are also exploring some exciting and innovative ideas for the year ahead—so watch this space! And remember, we are here to advocate for you. If there are any issues you need assistance with, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Celebrating milestones

Throughout history, cultures worldwide have marked life's significant moments—birth, coming of age, marriage, and passing—through traditions that shape communities. Some celebrations are religious, such as Christmas, Ramadan, and Diwali. Others recognize nature's rhythms, like the changing seasons or migrations of wildlife. Still others honour national or local customs, like America's Thanksgiving, Spain's Running of the Bulls, or the UK's Glastonbury Festival.

Closer to home, the Nelson Mask Parade and Arts Festival has been a beloved local tradition for 30 years, bringing colour and creativity to the region. But it's not just people who celebrate milestones—places and institutions do, too. Nelson has honoured the arrival of New Zealand Company settlers every 1st of February for 182 years, marked the city's 150th birthday in 2008, and, in 2024, Nelson City Council celebrated 150 years since evolving from a Board of Works into an elected council.

This year also marks another significant anniversary—Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) Nelson Tasman is celebrating 40 years of freely sharing knowledge and guidance with the community. Since opening in 1984, CAB has been a trusted source of independent advice, helping thousands of people navigate everything

from consumer rights to tenancy issues.

When CAB first opened, information was stored in ring binders, thick manuals, and an efficient card index system. Without computers or the internet, staying up-to-date was a challenge. Today, technology makes finding basic information easier, but many people still need help when their issues fall outside standard categories. In 2023 alone, over 3,000 clients turned to CAB Nelson Tasman for assistance, with the 30–39 age group being the largest group seeking support.

New Year celebrations are often a time for reflection and fresh starts. For those looking to use their skills and experience to give back, CAB Nelson Tasman is welcoming new volunteers. Being part of the team means not only helping others but also discovering more about the local community. Volunteers often say they learn something new every shift!

A comprehensive training programme begins on 1 March, offering an excellent opportunity to become part of an organisation that has been supporting the region for four decades. If you're interested, request an information pack today by emailing coordinator. nelsontasman@cab.org.nz.

*CAB Nelson Tasman: Offices in Nelson, Richmond & Motueka
Phone: 548 2117*



Elizabeth Perrone, chair for the Nelson Marlborough governance, receptionist Ella and Peter Seelen, branch manager.

CCS Disability Action welcomes Nelson community to its open day

For nearly 90 years, CCS Disability Action has been a pillar of support for disabled New Zealanders.

Originally known as the New Zealand Crippled Children Society, the organisation has evolved over time to reflect a more inclusive society while maintaining its commitment to ensuring disabled people can live with dignity, independence, and full participation in their communities.

Founded in 1935 by Rotary New Zealand in response to the polio epidemics of the early 20th century, CCS Disability Action has grown into the largest pan-disability support organisation in the country. Its services extend beyond childhood care, assisting people of all ages with essential support, advo-

cacy, and mobility services.

The Nelson office, located opposite the Tides Restaurant, serves as the regional hub for CCS Disability Action's work. From administering the Mobility Parking permit scheme to providing Total Mobility Assessments, the organisation collaborates with individuals, families, and local businesses to create a more accessible community.

The local committee, chaired by Elizabeth Perrone, works actively with councils and businesses to advocate for better transport options, improved parking facilities, and increased inclusion for disabled residents.

Their goal is to ensure every disabled person can participate fully in the community.

Open Day Invitation

CCS Disability Action invites Grey Power members and anyone interested in accessibility and community support to attend the upcoming Open Day. This event offers an opportunity to meet the team, learn more about the organisation's work, and contribute ideas on how to enhance accessibility in Nelson.

Date: Wednesday 19 February, 10am – 2pm

Location: 65 Trafalgar Street, Nelson

Highlights: Engaging discussions, friendly interactions, and a welcoming space to explore ways of making Nelson a more inclusive place.

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More community transport options

Exciting news for residents of Motueka and Tapawera—greater transport options are now available, making it easier than ever to travel between Motueka, Richmond, and Tapawera. These affordable and accessible community transport services are provided by the Nelson Tasman Community Transport Trust (NTCTT) and operated by a dedicated team of friendly volunteer drivers.

When not in use for scheduled services, NTCTT vehicles are also available for community group hire. With the capacity to transport up to 11 passengers, they are perfect for group outings and adventures.

February 2025 – Free Small Coffee!

Planning a trip to Richmond? In February 2025, passengers using NTCTT services to Richmond can enjoy a free small coffee courtesy of the Richmond Mall. Simply speak to your driver for details on how to redeem this offer.

Motueka – Richmond Service

The Motueka Coastal Bus operates on:



- Saturdays: Departs Motueka at 9:30 AM, returns from Richmond at 2:00 PM.
 - Sundays: Departs Motueka at 1:00 PM, returns from Richmond at 5:00 PM.
- Great news for cyclists—bikes

can be transported for free with a fare-paying passenger. If you're bringing an e-bike, please remove the battery before transport. With fares at just \$6 each way, this service offers a great opportunity for a family day out on the Great Taste Trail. Ride one way and take the bus home! Seats and bike transport must be booked in advance via the Motueka i-SITE. Motueka i-SITE: 03 528 6543

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Tapawera Transport Services

Regular transport services operate as follows:

- Tuesdays: Tapawera to Richmond (via Kohatu, Wakefield). Departs Tapawera at 9:30 AM, returns from Richmond at 2:00 PM.
- Thursdays: Tapawera to Motueka (via Woodstock, Ngātīmoti, Motueka Airport). Departs Tapawera at 9:30 AM, returns from Motueka at 1:00 PM.

Fares are \$6 each way, payable to the driver. To ensure your seat, pre-book at the Motueka i-SITE by calling 03 528 6543. The bus can stop at additional locations along the route by prior arrangement, provided it is safe to do so.

Keeping Communities Connected

The NTCTT is committed to keeping communities connected, reducing carbon emissions, and easing congestion on local roads.

For full details on bus stops and schedules, visit www.ntctt.org.nz.

Changes to the national Grey Power Magazine

Due to rising postage costs, Grey Power Federation has made the difficult decision to introduce an annual delivery fee of \$10 for the printed version of the National Grey Power Magazine, starting from Issue 2 in June 2025.

With annual postage expenses exceeding \$200,000, these costs have significantly impacted the federation's ability to invest in advocacy and other essential services for members. To ensure a sustainable budget for 2025, the federation has opted to im-

plement this delivery fee.

Members who prefer not to pay the delivery fee can still access a free digital version of the magazine. To opt out of the printed copy, members can contact Nelson Grey Power or visit

the NZ Grey Power website at <https://greypowermag.co.nz/subscribe/> to receive the magazine via email.

Further details will be provided in the Quarter 1, 2025, edition of the Federation magazine.

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New members will also be welcome to join at these places.

Tuesday 4 th March	Nelson Public Library	10.00am - 12.30pm
Wednesday 5 th March	Waimea Village - Hall	2.30pm - 3.30pm
Thursday 13 th March	Richmond Mall	9.30am - 3.30pm
Saturday 15 th March	Grey Power Office	10.00am - 12.00
Tuesday 18 th March	Oakwood's Village	10.00am - 11.30
Friday 21 st March	Ernest Rutherford	3.45pm - 4.45pm
Wednesday 26 th March	Richmond Summerset	10.30am - 11.30am
Saturday 5 th April	Positive Ageing Expo	10.00am - 2.00pm
Thursday 10 th April	Richmond Mall	9.30am - 3.30pm
Saturday 12 th April	Grey Power Office	10.00am - 12.00
Tuesday 15 th April	Stoke Summerset	10.30pm - 11.30pm

Benefits of joining Nelson Grey Power

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* Membership confers automatic free \$2000 accidental death & dismemberment insurance.

* Provides an avenue for bringing concerns and ideas for improving welfare and well-being of older persons.

* Opportunity to meet with other members and socialise and form friendships.

* Access to a wide range of information brochures and education/learning opportunities.

* Opportunities to volunteer in the work of Nelson Grey Power.

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MEMBERSHIPS DUE FOR RENEWAL SOON - CAN BE DONE NOW

Memberships are due to be renewed 31 March but paying early before lapsing puts you in February and March Prize Draws and avoids the busy time, with all members being due on the same date. New members in February will get extra time on their membership until March 2026. We will be available in quite a few other places in March & April to make it more convenient for you to see us. Look for the out & about list.

A timely renewal helps you hold onto all the perks, including discounted rates on electricity through Grey Power Electricity. You will also find that businesses offering Grey Power discounts on products and services will withdraw any savings to you when they notice your membership has expired.

Grey Power members benefit from discounts at a range of local businesses with a new discount book out this year which you will receive once memberships are updated or gained.

We appreciate your support and look forward to helping you enjoy the full benefits of Nelson Grey Power.