



NOTICE OF WEED SPRAYING – PARKS AND RESERVES

Nelson City Council hereby gives notice of its ongoing chemical control of vegetation, pests and fungi on all Nelson parks, reserves and walkways (Resource Consent number RM135024v1). Chemical control rounds are programmed dependent on growth, weather, pests or fungi present and plant cycles at any time of the year. The following areas below will be treated with some or all of the listed chemicals:

Rural and Urban Reserves - includes Conservation Reserves, Landscape Reserves, Esplanade and Foreshore Reserves, Cemeteries, Community Housing, Walkways and Neighbourhood Parks:

Glyphosate, Triclopyr triethylamine, Dicamba, Metsulfuron-methyl, Haloxyfop and Picloram.

Applied with knap sack or low pressure hand lance. In some Conservation and Landscape Reserve areas, boom spraying may be used.

Horticultural Parks

Glyphosate, Triclopyr triethylamine, Haloxyfop, Triflorine, Chlorothalonil and Tau-fluvalinate.

Applied with boom, knap sack or low pressure hand lance.

Sports Parks

Glyphosate, Triclopyr triethylamine, Picloram, Haloxyfop, Ethofumesate, Paclobutrazol, Mancozeb, Propiconazole and Chlorothalonil.

Applied with boom, knap sack or low pressure hand lance.

Residents living adjacent to the above Council parks and reserves may register their properties as a "No-Spray" property. Applicants for No-Spray areas will be required to maintain their boundaries to control all unwanted weeds /organisms in that area.

Application forms to register as a "No-Spray" property may be collected from the Customer Services desk, Ground Floor Civic House, Trafalgar Street, Nelson, or from the Nelson City Council website, nelson.govt.nz. For more information on the 'No-Spray Register' contact the Customer Service Centre on 546 0200.

The Nelson City Council's policy is to use the least toxic chemical necessary to destroy unwanted weeds / organisms. All chemical applications are carried out by Growsafe certified staff.

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EVs driving change

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With news of a coming Clean Car subsidy from the Government making energy and emissions efficient vehicles significantly cheaper than polluting gas-guzzlers, you would predict rising interest in purchasing electric vehicles (EVs) in our district.

There is no doubt that such cars have less impact on the environment and are widely expected to become the most popular vehicle in some countries before long. Norway, for example, aims to cease fuel car sales in 2025. In this country, a recent survey revealed that “about 74 per cent of New Zealanders would consider buying an electric vehicle”, according to a report from Trade Me motors head, Alan Clark.

But how popular and how practical are they in our region?

And how easily available? With a large number of dealers offering imported used electric or hybrid vehicles the choice can be confusing. A quick survey of several major Nelson car retailers indicates a steadily growing market but with more specialist firms finding favour with buyers. Ryan Horncastle of The Car Company believes that 80 percent of buyers are mainly motivated by the significant cost savings EVs make possible.

For example, while an owner driving 14,000 kilometres per year might expect to pay \$2000 in fuel costs their EV charging costs would be around \$360. The attraction is obvious.

One concern for electric car owners is the availability of en route charging stations. While it is possible to charge your EV at home, an average range of say, 120km in a standard EV means that access to charging

stations along the way is vital if longer trips are to be made. Getting from Nelson to Blenheim would require at least one recharge and to Christchurch several.

The good news is that free or easy-pay fast charging stations are mushrooming and more are planned. According to the ChargeNet NZ website (<https://charge.net.nz/map/>) there are public fast-charging stations in Takaka, Motueka, Richmond and Nelson City. In addition, there are stations in Havelock and Blenheim.

A station is shown as “under construction” in Murchison, opening in September, which will be welcomed by Christchurch-bound EV drivers. At present the West Coast is not well supplied with charging facilities but this will no doubt change in the near future given rising demand. A free mobile phone App called ‘Plugshare’ is available to guide EV users to their nearest recharging station.

Nelson resident Jenny Easton drives a 2016 Nissan Leaf purchased a year ago.

Despite the limits on range she finds no problem visiting Takaka and Blenheim using a fast charger along the way to quickly top up the battery as required.

Usually, though, Jenny charges her car at home. She loves the fact that she is “running on sunshine” as she also happens to have electricity



Charging stations are becoming more widespread.

generating solar panels on her roof which further reduce her costs.

While her main motive for switching from her previous diesel car to an EV was to significantly reduce her driving emissions she finds the car both easy and pleasurable to drive and enjoys the challenge of being more aware of her energy use.

The quietness of the car makes it easy to hear what Jenny’s passengers are saying which used to be a problem in her noisier diesel vehicle. EVs are also conversation starters as Jenny finds much interest from passers-by as she makes her occasional visits to fast-charging stations.

We can expect to see more and more EVs in our region as local drivers see both economic and environmental sense in “going electric” and as infrastructure grows to extend their driving ranges.

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