

## Single in the city

Hundreds of Nelson men and woman have given their views on why dating is dismissed in the city.

Last weekend the Nelson Mail revealed Statistics New Zealand figures showing there was a single man drought in the city, with 22 per cent less single men than woman, and residents who were anti-dating.

It caused speed dating organiser Jane Metcalfe to dump dating events in Nelson earlier this year after she said they were snubbed by singles in the city.

Miss Metcalfe, of Mainland Dating, said she had to cancel more events than the dozen she ran in 18 months. Dating was dismissed by many in Nelson, she said, but was unsure why after successful speed-dating events attracted hundreds in Christchurch, Dunedin, Timaru and Invercargill.

However, a Nelson Mail unofficial poll, which attracted 706 votes, shows 60.9 per cent of people thought the dating problem was due to unrealistic expectations. A man drought was the next reason offered, 15.9 per cent, followed by a lack of suitable dating venues, 13.2 per cent.

The poll also attracted dozens of comments, showing plenty of passion about a subject close to the heart. The Nelson Mail wants to find out more.

We'd like to start a blog, Single In the City, written by a single man and woman to appear each Friday on alternative weeks.

The blog would be a few hundred words appearing on our website and Facebook site to start with.

If you're interested in sharing your experiences about single life in the city, and any dating escapades, then send us a blog introducing yourself and telling us why you should write it.

Email your blog to: [michelle.sutton@nelsonmail.co.nz](mailto:michelle.sutton@nelsonmail.co.nz) and we'll pick the best entry from a man and a woman.