

FRAMING OUR FUTURE



NELSON'S SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

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Welcome to our inaugural newsletter which aims to provide regular updates and information on the process of planning a bright and successful future for our community. Thanks for taking an interest and for playing a part, no matter how small or large, in developing a sustainable future for our city.

This is not something that Council can deliver on its own, and in fact this process should belong not just to the Council, but to everyone it represents.. Everyone in the community – groups, businesses and individuals – all need to be involved and be ready to make some changes so we can create a vibrant and successful future for everyone.

The first step as part of our strategy is to think about how that future might look. We're getting ideas about this in two equally important ways:

Work Stream 1 - Community Workshops

A series of interactive workshops is being held to gather everyone's ideas and vision for the future. Working in small and large groups, these sessions will be active, stimulating and hopefully inspiring.

Key topics include:

- Developing an understanding of how climate change might affect the way we live
- Looking at what we need – topics such as food and energy security
- Empowering our community to contribute their ideas for the future

After the meeting you will:

- Be able to identify what changes you can make in your personal life or in your business to contribute to making a bright future for Nelson
- Get a chance to take part in or be a catalyst for community based projects or activities
- Provide valuable input into planning for our future

Choose a time that suits you

Tuesday 24 May 7 – 9.30pm at Nayland College Hall

Thursday 26 May 9.30am – 12noon at Victory Community Centre

Friday 27 May 1 – 3.30pm at The Granary at Founders Heritage Park

Tuesday 31 May 7 – 9.30pm at Trafalgar Pavilion at Trafalgar Park

Please email us at sustainability@ncc.govt.nz to let us know which meeting you'd like to come along to and feel free to pass the invitation along to all of your contacts.

Work Stream 2 - The Mayoral Taskforce

This group is made up of 24 community leaders and Councillors representing a broad range of economic, social, cultural and environmental interests. The taskforce has already met twice and will continue to meet throughout the year to develop a vision of a successful, sustainable future, followed by a strategy to work towards that vision.

Where we are at now

Nelson City Council commissioned a report from the Cawthron Institute which is a stock take of the sustainability challenges Nelson faces now and in the future. It identifies 14 topics that we all need to think about as we plan our future. Check out a copy on the Nelson City Council website, <http://www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz/frame-the-future-sustainability-strategy/>. Hard copies can also be viewed at the Council Customer Service Centre in Trafalgar Street and at the Libraries in Nelson, Tahunanui and Stoke.

More information on sustainability

The Information Services team at the Nelson Public Library have put together a collection of resources if you'd like to know more about sustainability. Check it out here - <http://www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz/sustainability-and-nelson/>

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