

# FRAMING OUR FUTURE



## NELSON'S SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

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#### **Work Stream 1 - Community Workshops**

Thanks to everyone who took part in the four community workshops at the end of May. The ideas you shared will now play a key role of feeding into the development of the overall vision for the Sustainability Strategy. A compilation of all the information gathered is now available on the website, <http://www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz/frame-the-future-sustainability-strategy/>.

Please have a read and send us an email if you have any further thoughts or ideas to share. The process of gathering ideas is continuing over the coming month with focussed workshops with the business community, four local high schools and iwi. Comments, feedback and suggestions can be sent to [sustainability@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:sustainability@ncc.govt.nz)

#### **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 will meet again next week to look at the ideas and vision received so far from the wider community and start thinking about how we might start working towards achieving that vision.

#### **The next steps**

Based on the feedback gathered from the community workshops and the Mayoral Taskforce Council will be developing a discussion document looking at options for the Strategy. As part of this future opportunities to engage the community will be flagged both through this newsletter and through direct contact as appropriate with some of the people who have expressed an interest in further involvement. (I'd still keep this fairly non specific as much depends on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June meeting looking at next steps)

#### **Extra information on sustainability**

Here are a couple of stories relating to the broader issues that you might find interesting.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-13364178> - about food waste

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-13376416> - about reducing resource use.

For those of you looking for a good source of interesting and innovative ideas across a broad range of social, cultural, economic and environmental topics at an international level, the website [www.ted.com](http://www.ted.com) offers a variety of talks and discussion forums.

If you have ideas about useful resources to be circulated to the community through this newsletter, please let us know! If you want to learn more about sustainability, don't forget that the Nelson Environment Centre with their new sustainability centre at Braemar (behind the boys college) is a great source of information, ideas and practical examples on how to live sustainably. For more information call them on 03 545 9176 or go to their website [www.nec.org.nz](http://www.nec.org.nz).

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