

FRAMING OUR FUTURE



NELSON'S SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

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Ecofest feedback welcomed

The Ecofest Expo was held on 20 and 21 August, with around 5000 visitors moving through and getting hands on with a wide variety of workshops and demonstrations. Many also took the time to share their ideas and thoughts about Nelson in the future. You can check out their comments in written form on the Council website. <http://www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz/frame-the-future-sustainability-strategy/>.

We also filmed many people offering their vision of the future and we'll have these available to view soon on You Tube.

Community voices

In every issue of this newsletter we want to share with you some of the visions from the feedback we've received so far:

- Have a vibrant waterfront/marina based café & market area. Central City will be pedestrian only with tram links to waterfront restaurants and parking hubs. (Ecofest)
- In 2060, we will have more food crops in Nelson, on the Richmond Hills and will have pest control to protect the food (Garin College workshop)
- Build village (tribal) culture by providing space for people to be together in (Victory Community workshop)

Work on the vision continues

Work is continuing apace on the narrative vision for the Strategy. The aim is to have a draft vision ready to share with the community by the end of the month. The draft will go to the Council meeting on 22 September and it should be available for everyone to give their feedback on shortly after that.

From the Mayoral Taskforce

The Taskforce will meet again on 12 October to have an opportunity to work together to give feedback on the draft vision for the Framing our Future Strategy.

Tasman Nelson Environment Awards

Don't forget nominations close at the end of next week – 16 September. The awards are all about celebrating great work from individuals, groups and organisations in our community, and it's amazing just how much is going on out there. The key thing many people miss is that much of the great everyday work being done, which contributes to our region, qualifies for nomination in these awards. Please don't forget to look at our website and encourage anyone who you think is doing great things for our region to either be nominated (or nominate themselves) for the awards.

<http://www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz/tasman-nelson-environment-awards/>

Interesting items on sustainability

Here are some sustainability related items issues that you might find interesting.

Climate change seminar

For those of you who missed the latest information on climate change and Nelson provided in the talk by Jim Salinger and Rod Oram on 3 August, here's a link to their presentations: <http://www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz/climate-change-researchers-on-how-it-may-affect-nelson-tasman-region>)

Green Growth Advisory Group

The government has established a Green Growth Advisory Group to look at three Green Growth topics of particular importance to NZ:

1. Helping exporters make the most of a "clean, green" New Zealand brand
2. Making smarter use of technology and innovation
3. Moving businesses to a lower-carbon economy

Most interesting is a discussion paper currently out for consultation. It's an excellent document that you may wish to comment on:

http://www.med.govt.nz/upload/76889/Green_Growth_Discussion_Document_30June.pdf

Security

For those of you interested in the global discussions on sustainability, attached is a link from the Guardian UK suggesting that a wider understanding of what security means is necessary for leaders around the world.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2011/aug/25/sustainability-leaders-security>

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