

FRAMING OUR FUTURE



NELSON'S SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

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Welcome to the final Framing our Future newsletter for 2011. We wish you all a merry Christmas and look forward to continuing our work with you into next year to develop a sustainability strategy for Nelson.

Our first steps next year will be to run conversation groups from February through to April 2012. These will bring together experts and the community to look at how we can move from where Nelson is at now towards our Vision for Nelson in 2060. There will also be opportunities to comment and feedback on the work coming out of those groups through the first half of 2012. The first group will focus on waste, and if you are interested in being involved in this conversation, please contact Karen Lee or Sarah Yarrow at the Council (contact details below).

We want to create lots of ways for people to be involved - from quick polls through to questionnaires and discussion workshops. We'll keep you regularly updated with what's coming up so look out for the opportunities that suit you.

Rutherford and Trafalgar Parks redevelopment



Share your ideas

See the design options for Rutherford Park, Trafalgar Park and the Maitai Walkway and share your thoughts with our design team.

- Thursday 15 December from 4 to 6pm
- Or Friday 16 December from 12 to 2pm

Both drop-in sessions will be held in the Trafalgar Pavilion at Trafalgar Park (enter through the Maitai Gate off the Hathaway Terrace car park).

Topics we're looking for feedback on include extending Paru Paru Road onto Haven Road for better access and to improve traffic flows for large events, cycle and walkways, how to make the parks safer, the types of activities and facilities within the parks, ideas for making it sustainable plus any other suggestions you may have.

Sustainable gift ideas

Many of you may be wondering right now what to buy for your nearest and dearest for Christmas, and may also be keen to get away from mass produced goods and support New Zealand. If that's you – here's a few ideas:

- Everyone -- yes EVERYONE gets their hair cut. How about gift certificates from your local hair salon or barber?
- For the Gardeners on your list - how about some lovely healthy pot plants or plants for the garden or even a gift certificate from the local lawn mowing man.

- A local newspaper or national magazine subscription is a great gift which lasts the whole year through
- Vouchers for local cafes and restaurants always go down well.
- Gym membership, whether it's for a month or a year, can also make a great gift
- Personal IOU's to baby-sit, clean house or do repairs are another thoughtful and pocket-friendly idea
- Our local market is bursting with great local-made gifts – and is much more fun to visit.

Interesting items on sustainability

Here are some sustainability related items that you might wish to read up on.

News on sustainable neighbourhoods:

http://www.grist.org/cities/2011-11-29-the-next-small-thing-how-neighborhood-level-sustainability-effor?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=gristacct

Interesting information on metals used in modern technology, and forecasts on how long they will be available

<http://www.grist.org/list/2011-11-30-infographic-the-metals-that-make-our-technology-are-running-out>

This is the first story in a new series called Dream City, which will explore the way we're designing our cities of the future, cities in which we want to live, right now

http://www.salon.com/2011/11/27/how_should_we_design_the_cities_of_our_dreams/

Keep up with some of the other places that are Framing their Futures:
Wellington: www.wellington2040.co.nz

Queenstown: www.shapingourfuture.org.nz

Vancouver: www.vancouver.ca/greenestcity/index.htm and <http://talkgreenvancouver.ca/>

Whistler: www.whistler2020.ca

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