

FRAMING OUR FUTURE



NELSON'S SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

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Amazing community responses

The first round of workshops asking you to tell us what your Nelson will look like in 50 years time has come to an end, with an incredibly diverse range of comments and suggestions. From chair lifts for mountain bikes up our hills to happy whales, via visions of Nelson and Aotearoa as the food basket of the Pacific, everyone had a lot to say. You can see the full range of comments here on the Council website. <http://www.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz/frame-the-future-sustainability-strategy/>.

Says Jo Martin, one of Council's education team who took part in the college sessions: "The school Framing the Future workshops were inspirational. Students were fully engaged by the concept that decisions made today will affect their lives when they are 67. They were stoked to have the opportunity to feed into that decision-making and have some input into their own future. They brought energy, enthusiasm and creativity to the process – not to mention some interesting suggestions. The point was made that it is really important to have a youth voice in our 50 year planning – after all they are the ones who will be living it!"

To quote one of the students who took part in the process – ka pai Nelson!

Please have a read and send us an email at sustainability@ncc.govt.nz with comments or suggestions.

Community voices

In every issue of this newsletter we want to share with you some of the visions which came out of the community workshops:

- Kaupapa Māori is maintained and recognised as guiding environmental Guardianship (Korero at Whakatu Marae)
- In Nelson 2061, we want to see a safer community for our upcoming generations – less criminal activity – we want to see our CBD

expanded upwards not sideways – beach quality improved (Nelson College workshop)

- In Nelson in 2060, we want the community to be structured around the concept that all waste is seen as a resource (Founders Heritage Park workshop)

From the Mayoral Taskforce

The Taskforce met again on Monday 20 June and spent time considering feedback from the community workshops, generating ideas for an overarching vision for Nelson and developing a set of critical success factors for ensuring Nelson is a resilient, healthy and sustainable community into the future.

Other items on the agenda included:

- The Mayoral Taskforce unanimously voted in favour of the Council adopting the vision and approach developed by the Framing Our Future Strategy into its Long Term Plan and strategic policy documents.
- The group discussed whether commitments to action by other agencies should be included in the Framing Our Future Strategy. Most participants expressed support for “seeking engagement and commitment by other agencies”.
- The Taskforce worked in three groups to generate ideas for an overarching vision – but it was agreed further work was needed on this.
- The Taskforce reviewed the systems strategy sheets for each topic (eg energy, urban design and education) which incorporated feedback from both the Taskforce and the community. Taskforce members also identified a number of gaps in the overall range of topics, which should also be included within the Framing Our Future Strategy.

The Taskforce will meet again in late August/September to consider a draft vision statement and further develop and prioritise the success factors.

The next steps

Council is now in the process of selecting an experienced writer to take on the task of crafting the words for Nelson’s vision for 2060. This vision will not only capture the key ideals for the Sustainability Strategy, but will also inform the 2012 - 2022 Long Term Plan process.

Councillors will also have a chance to have some input into the vision at a workshop on 9 August.

By the end of August we hope to have a draft vision ready to release for everyone to give their feedback on.

Needing to have the vision ready to play a part in the Long Term Plan next year means that the emphasis has been put on making sure this is completed in the next few months. As a consequence work on the implementation

aspects of the Strategy are now likely to take place later in the year. This will most likely involve Council working with a wide range of focus groups. If you have indicated you want to be involved in the development of the strategy, you may be contacted then.

Free public seminar

Maintaining productivity and profits in the rural and urban sectors in an uncertain climate

A seminar for anyone interested in climate and New Zealand's future - supported by Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council.

Date: Wednesday 3 August:

3 pm: Seifried Estate, Appleby (focus on rural sector)

7.30 pm: Victory Room, Trafalgar Centre, Nelson (focus on urban sector)

Speakers: Dr Jim Salinger, Auckland Climate Scientist
Professor Caroline Saunders, Lincoln University
Rod Oram, Business Journalist

Three leading New Zealand specialists will explain the nature of climate change, its impacts on New Zealanders' health, properties, infrastructure, environment and rural and urban industries. They will bring the latest information on climate change science and how it affects industries in your area.

Dr Jim Salinger will speak on the latest information on climate change science and its impacts on farming and communities in the New Zealand and local context.

Professor Caroline Saunders will speak on what all this means for trade, carbon foot printing and business opportunities in a changing world.

Rod Oram will talk on emissions trading and compare New Zealand's climate change targets with our trading partners' targets, and what this means for trade.

About the speakers:

Dr Salinger is an Auckland-based internationally renowned climate change scientist, now at the University of Auckland and the University of Tasmania, who formerly worked at NIWA. He was a lead author for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change which was awarded a Nobel Peace Prize in 2007.

Professor Caroline Saunders of Lincoln University has 20 years research expertise in the UK and New Zealand. Her current research includes evaluating trade and the environment including assessment of international markets policies and their impact on agricultural development.

Rod Oram is an award winning financial and business journalist and Radio New Zealand National/Sunday Star Times commentator. He has commentated

widely on the Emissions Trading Scheme, climate change and the various pressures being placed on trade for now and during the 21st century.

There is no charge for this seminar, but please RSVP to Karen Lee (karen.lee@ncc.govt.nz) if you wish to attend.

Ecofest on the way

The hugely successful community eco event is back again on the weekend of 20 and 21 August at the Trafalgar Centre. This year the focus is on "Future proofing your family".

Ecofest is the region's premier 'how to' expo with fun exhibits, piles of hands-on activities, workshops and seminars, food demos, the famous 'shwap' and fashion show, as well as a great range of sustainable products and services on sale.

Jointly offered by Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council, this two day event is a must-do, whether you're looking for information and new ideas, or just a great day out.

There's also the famous Ecofest homes tour which this year takes place on Saturday 13 August, along with an Urban Edible Garden tour which is growing in popularity.

The Eco Challenge this year gives everyone the opportunity to have a go at new things. Just go to one or more workshops to go in the draw to win a great prize pack. Keep an eye on the website, www.ecofestnelsontasman.co.nz for updates on what is planned for the weekend.

Interesting items on sustainability

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

This is an update on where Wellington is up to with their project.

<http://www.wellington2040.co.nz/>

Check out the contrasting US and European attitudes to cars.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/27/science/earth/27traffic.html?pagewanted=1&r=1&partner=rss&emc=rss>

"The Critical Decade" report is on line from the Australian Climate

Commission: <http://climatecommission.gov.au/topics/the-critical-decade/>

Concerns about the state of our oceans are highlighted.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-13796479>

Other Eco events

Don't forget that the Nelson Environment Centre with its new sustainability centre at Braemar is a great source of information, ideas and practical examples on how to live sustainably. You can also keep up to date with a whole range of Eco Events via their website <http://www.nec.org.nz/ecoevents>.

Contact us

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