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Photo: Kaikoura Ocean Research Institute

How to find out more about the Draft Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan



If you're wondering what the Draft Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan is all about, there is no need to download and read the whole plan.

We've got a series of key information sheets and FAQs on our website that give you a simple outline of the key topics and answer many of the questions you may have, including how the proposals in the Draft Plan differ from the current Nelson Resource Management Plan.

The Draft Nelson Plan is open for this first phase of feedback until 6 December. Once notified in 2022, the Nelson Plan will help us manage our built and natural environment as well as outline climate change provisions for adaptation and mitigation. It will help us manage residential growth and intensification, housing supply, biodiversity, freshwater, coastal and marine environments and natural hazards. It will guide what you can do on your property and outline whether resource consent is required.

If you are interested in any of these topics go to shape.nelson.govt.nz/nelson-plan/supporting-information for the FAQ and Key Information sheets on specific chapters.

You can find out how to give your feedback on the Draft Plan at shape.nelson.govt.nz/nelson-plan/how-give-feedback

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A safe home for Nelson's penguins

Penguin sightings along Rocks Road aren't very common, but when Mena the penguin-sniffing dog is on the case, there's nowhere they can hide.

Nelson City Council called upon the help of Kaikoura Ocean Research Institute's Alastair Judkins and his penguin-sniffing dog Mena earlier this month. Video footage taken during recent stormwater pipe investigations at the beach end of Rocks Road identified that a penguin was possibly nesting in one of the culverts.

Judkins and Mena were called in to investigate, and on Saturday 17 October they discovered a penguin in a pipe at the Port end of Rocks Road, and evidence of penguin activity in two culverts at the beach end.

The two culverts will now be re-monitored with CCTV to ensure there are no penguins nesting there. The penguin in the pipe was noted but does not require rehoming as it is already located in a safe area where there are nesting boxes established.

The work is part of the Tahunanui Catchment Infrastructure Upgrade investigations, which will include a plan on locating and safely rehoming penguins found in culverts requiring work along the Rocks Road area.

Council agrees to new committee structure

At its meeting on Thursday, 22 October Nelson City Council voted to support a new governance structure that streamlines the number of governing committees from five to three, enabling a more urgent response to COVID-19 and housing affordability issues.

Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese welcomes the new structure, "From 16 November there will be three governing committees in an effort to reduce duplication of reporting, and to free up time for councillors and staff to engage with central government, iwi, other councils, private sector, NGOs and citizen groups. Continuing with committees of the whole (all elected members) ensures that all councillors have a voice around the Council and input on setting strategy, priorities and direction."

The three governing committees will be Infrastructure chaired by Councillor Brian McGurk, the renamed Environment and Climate Committee chaired by Councillor Kate Fulton and a new Community and Recreation

Committee chair by Councillor Tim Skinner.

Two new subcommittees will recognise this Council's priority focus on housing, and strategic city centre and property matters - the Urban Development Subcommittee, chaired by Deputy Mayor Judene Edgar, and the Strategic Development and Property Subcommittee, chaired by Councillor Gaile Noonan. The Audit and Risk Subcommittee will be renamed the Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee.

A new City Centre Engagement Group, chaired by Councillor Mel Courtney, will report to the Urban Development Subcommittee.

Climate Forum Hui sees strategic plans underway

The Nelson Tasman Climate Forum, which has received \$90,000 of funding from Nelson City Council's Climate Change Reserve, recently held a hui to discuss the work of topic groups that are investigating climate issues expected to affect the region. A draft Strategy is expected to be ready for consultation with partners, stakeholders and the wider community, including councils, in February next year.

The following report on the hui was supplied by Forum member Carolyn Hughes:

The Climate Forum has Landed

The Nelson Tasman Climate Forum has found its feet. Formed in February this year the Forum moved quickly to set up 'Topic' groups to design a strategic community response to climate change. The trigger question is: How should the Nelson Tasman region respond to the primary causes and diverse effects of climate change? Now, the Climate Forum is ready to help communities and organisations respond to climate change.

Over a weekend-long hui, the remaining seven out of 16 topic groups discussed strategic plans, focussing on interconnected areas of local economy and business; energy; urban development; transport; land use resources, waste and food. Previous hui delved into how the wellbeing of people and ecosystems connects with climate change.

The Climate Forum is open to every person and organisation in the community. Its purpose is to weave our communities together around urgent, strategic action on climate change. To achieve this, the following is essential:

- A large and diverse active membership of the Climate Forum
- Local community groups supported to take urgent, strategic climate action
- Strong climate leadership from decision-makers in the region
- Economic activity in Nelson Tasman that is consistent with the implications of climate change
- Positive, far-reaching messaging about climate action

To get in touch, visit the Forum's interactive website at nelsontasmanclimateforum.org or email community@nelsontasmanclimateforum.org.

Planning for Nelson's future

Nelson City Council is building its plan for activities, projects and budgets over the next ten years - the Long Term Plan 2021-2031.

COVID-19 has created the greatest global economic crisis in decades and Council is very aware of the toll it has taken on our community and our economy. As we plan for recovery over the coming years it is essential that we have your input. We want to hear your thoughts on the opportunities and challenges for Nelson's future. What priorities do you want Council to focus on? What are your greatest concerns? Where do you want to see the focus of investment and activity to support our community?

Please come along to a community meeting in your area in November 2020 and have your say.

Community meeting - Stoke

Saturday 7 November 10am-12 noon
Annesbrook Church Hall, 40 Saxton Road, Stoke, Nelson

Community meeting- Tahunanui

Saturday 7 November 2pm-4pm
Tahunanui Community Hub, 55 Muritai Street, Nelson

Community meeting - Nelson North

Saturday 14 November 10am-12 noon
Wakapuaka Hall, 460 State Highway 6, Main Road, Nelson

Community meeting - Nelson Central

Saturday 14 November 2pm-4pm
Victory Church Hall, 238 Vanguard Street, Nelson



Keep your bins empty with Rethink Waste

Council's new waste minimisation programme, Rethink Waste, is an open invitation for us all to see waste as an opportunity, rather than a challenge.

Rethinking waste will help enable us all to live in a more circular economy, where our precious resources have more than one life and the rubbish dump is the last resort.

Rethink Waste is launching with our spring calendar of activities, starting with workshops on zero waste parenting, home composting and lots of other ways to keep your rubbish bins as empty as possible.

Check out our spring events programme at nelson.govt.nz/rethink-waste, and keep an eye on the waste minimisation grants section for news of grants programmes as they become available.



For a full list of Council meetings go to:

nelson.govt.nz/meetings

ROAD CLOSURES

Applicant: SMC Events Ltd

Event: Sanitarium Weet-bix Kids TRYathlon
Location: Tahunanui Recreation Reserve, Bisley Walk, Hounsell Circle, Beach Road, Golf Road

Date and time of closure: Sunday 14 March 2021, 6am - 1pm

Wet Weather Date: Sunday 18 April 2021, Closed between 6am - 1pm

The roads will be closed and resident vehicle access will be available when safe and directed from the contractor.

Applicant: Creative Event Logistics

Event: Nelson New Years Eve Event & New Years Day Brunch Concert

Location: Selwyn Place - Trafalgar Street East to Trafalgar Street West

Date and time of closure: Thursday 31 December 2020 - Friday 1 January 2021, Closed at 5am - 7pm

The road will be closed and access unavailable during this time.

Applicant: Nelson Marlborough Traffic Management Ltd

Event: Construction of a manhole and replacement of a sewer pipe through Seafield Terrace where construction of a rock revetment and footpath will be taking place.

Location: Airlie Street & Seafield Terrace - from Athol Street to Airlie Street

Date and time of closure: Thursday 10 December - Thursday 17 December 2020, Closed between 8.30am - 4.00pm

The road will be open over the weekend from Friday 4.00pm - Monday 8.30am.

There will be no vehicle access. Pedestrian access will be available and signed.

Applicant: Nelson City Council

Event: This is for the safety of the public in the Nelson CBD on New Year's Eve.

Location: Bridge Street (Trafalgar Street - Collingwood Street), Hardy Street (Church Street - Morrison Street), Trafalgar Street (Bridge Street - Hardy Street), Park Street, Alma Street, Buxton Carpark

Date and time of closure: Thursday 31 December 2020 - Friday 1 January 2021, Closed at 8pm - 6am

The road will be closed and access unavailable during this time.

Applicant: Nelson City Council

Event: Annual Christmas Carols.

Location: Selwyn Place - Trafalgar Street East to Trafalgar Street West

Date and time of closure: Thursday 24 December 2020, Closed at 7pm - 11pm

The road will be closed and access unavailable during this time.

Feedback for proposed closures to be given by: Wednesday 14 October

Email: enquiries@ncc.govt.nz

Post: Nelson City Council, PO Box 645, Nelson 7040, Attention: Gillian Dancy

For all road closure information visit:

nelson.govt.nz/road-closures

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