



NTHT Director Carrie Mozena, Deputy Mayor Judene Edgar and Habitat for Humanity Nelson General Manager Nick Clarke at 99 Muritai Street

## Nelson City Council's Housing Reserve hits the ground running

Council has approved \$1.85 million in grant funding from Phase One of its Housing Reserve to support the development of 19 new affordable homes.

Nelson Tasman Housing Trust (NTHT) has been awarded \$850,000 to develop five affordable rental homes – one four-bedroom and four two-bedroom – at 99 Muritai Street in Tāhunanui. Habitat for Humanity Nelson has been awarded \$1 million to develop fourteen dwellings at 623 Main Road Stoke. Two of the fourteen dwellings will be designated as affordable social rentals, while the remaining twelve will be made available through Habitat's rent-to-buy Progressive Home Ownership (PHO) programme.

Mayor Rachel Reese said this was about answering the call from the community for affordable housing as quickly as possible.

"By supporting projects from experienced housing providers with proven building track records, Phase One will be able to make a huge positive impact on Nelson's housing supply, delivering safe, well-designed and warm homes that will give families security and a real chance to actually start planning for their future."

Chair of the Urban Development Subcommittee Deputy Mayor Judene Edgar said the projects supported by the Reserve responded to a housing need that other agencies weren't meeting.

"Spiralling rental costs and increases in the cost of living mean you can have a job – a stable income – and still have to put up with poor-quality, cold housing that does nothing for your family's health and nothing for your bank balance. It is sometimes easy to forget that housing is a fundamental right, and these projects tip the scales to ensure a family on a limited income can afford a decent, healthy home."

A recent survey by NTHT found there were over 400 Nelson Tasman households that didn't qualify for public housing but were in dire need of affordable housing.

NTHT Director Carrie Mozena said this funding was a welcome addition to an existing project.

"We applaud Council for making this capital grant to NTHT for affordable housing. The Council funds have leveraged a matching grant from a philanthropic donor. This enables NTHT to get going on our latest development of five warm, dry homes for people on low incomes."

Habitat for Humanity Nelson General Manager Nick Clarke said the funding is a "game-changer" and should be seen as a catalyst to support more people with housing needs.

"We take that funding, and we use it to leverage more funding to build houses both for rent and ownership. It is going to allow us to move much faster to get families into a situation where they can start enjoying home ownership and the associated security many of us take for granted. Our Progressive Home Ownership programme means we'll be able to recycle the funding to support multiple projects beyond the first project in Stoke to support even more families and individuals into decent homes."

"Partnering with NTHT and Habitat means every dollar invested by Council goes further due to the co-funding they can secure, and we are confident the outcome will be great," said Deputy Mayor Edgar.

The grants are part of Council's \$12 million Housing Reserve, which was established in November 2020 following Council's sale of 142 community housing units to Kāinga Ora. In October 2021, it was announced that \$2 million of the Reserve would open for applications to allow for a rapid response to the urgent need for housing. In the next phase of the Housing Reserve, the remaining funds will be used as leverage for further affordable housing projects, with a funding round expected later in the year.

## Turbocharge your new library

It's nearly time to shape Nelson's new library ahead of its design and construction on the corner of Halifax and Trafalgar Street.

Do you want to create, learn new things, imagine, incubate ideas and inventions, experiment, do business, find a quiet space to relax or just make noise and have fun?

From 21 April to 22 June, Nelson City Council is asking Nelson to put its imagination into top gear to help create an enticing place for our community, with all the services you'd expect from a library and much more.

It is important our transformed library is a place where everyone feels they belong and are welcomed. For there to be something for everyone in our reinvented library, we need your help in shaping what this looks like.

Popular services like book lending and online access are here to stay, but do you have a bright idea to enhance them?

What new features and services do you think the new library needs to stand out from the crowd?

To take part: talk to a librarian, visit our Customer Service Centre, call us on 03 546 0200 or 0800 366 096, or visit:



## Anzac Day services



**6 – 7am:** Dawn service held at Anzac Park. Marchers assemble at Millers Acre at 5:30am for a 5:45 set-off to Anzac Park.

**8 – 8:15am:** Last Post and wreath laying ceremony at Wakapuaka Cemetery.

**8:30 – 8:45am:** Last Post and wreath laying ceremony at the Boer War Memorial at Queens Gardens.

**10 – 10:30am:** Last Post and wreath laying ceremony at Marsden Valley Cemetery.

**11am – 12 noon:** Civic Service at Christ Church Cathedral.



## Mobi-Mat improves beach access

Caleb Marcus and son Ethan trialled a new Mobi-Mat at Tāhunanui last week, a device that allows wheelchair users and those with strollers and walkers, who struggle to get over soft sand, to get closer to the water.

Caleb says the mat allows him to play with Ethan at the beach.

"It's great for me because, rather than waving from a distance over on Rocks Road, I'll be down in the action. That's the main thing for me. It's fabulous," he says.

The Mobi-Mat is made from recycled materials and has been funded by Nelson Host Lions Club with some assistance from Nelson City Council.

Moana Paddle Nelson will roll the Mobi-Mat out on calm, sunny days when they are operating at the beach.

To check if the Mobi-Mat has been rolled out, call Moana Paddle Nelson on 027 272 7259.

For more information visit:



[our.nelson.govt.nz](https://our.nelson.govt.nz)

## Stoke Youth Park: Phase 2 begins

Nelson rangatahi and youth leaders called a public hui with Nelson City Council staff at Whanake Youth Wednesday 6 April to discuss the next phase of development for the Stoke Youth Park.

The hui kicked off with attendees sharing what they like about the park:

*"It's here!", "Planned by youth, for youth.", "Chance to meet new people.", "Youth-run café.", "Nice people hang out here." and "Colourful!"*

The kōrero then turned to hopes for the future of the park. Rangatahi expressed a desire for a better culture and more youth ownership of the space in the wake of recent incidents of vandalism, which have been addressed by Council and police.

Council staff presented plans for the next phase of development to improve the space based on feedback received from rangatahi. After Easter, feature lights will be installed to improve security and safety during the winter months. A second security camera, shade sails and a deck will follow.



## Front-country cull to take place in Nelson's reserves

A three-week cull of deer, wild pigs, and goats is scheduled to go ahead on 2 May as part of Nelson City Council's continued work to protect our reserves' biodiversity, reduce damage to our tracks, and maintain user safety.

Atmore, Tantragee, Brook and Marsden Valley reserves will be closed Monday to Friday from 2 May for three weeks. All reserves will be open on weekends.

The cull will also occur on Ngāti Koata whenua and reserves operated by Tasman Pine at the same time in order to complete the work over the quickest time period. Work will take place day and night, and all firearms will use noise-suppressors to avoid disruption to nearby houses.

Community and Recreation Chair Tim Skinner said the cull was an important way for Council to protect our beautiful countryside.

"By closing reserves, we can get the work done quicker and with less overall disruption. Nelsonians will still be able to use their nearest reserve on the weekend or at any time if they can get to Botanical Hill or the Grampians."

Councillor Skinner says the team have responded to requests for animal carcasses not to go to waste.

"Some of the meat will be retrieved with the help of Ngāti Koata, from both Council and Ngāti Koata whenua. It's not possible to retrieve all meat, but Council is pleased to be able to avoid food waste where possible."

A map of cull areas can be found at:



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# MEETINGS

The following meetings of the Nelson City Council have been scheduled.

**Joint Committee Subcommittee - to hear submissions to Future Development Strategy (if required) - Tasman District Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond**

9am - 4pm (each day)

27 Apr 22 (Day One)  
28 Apr 22 (Day Two)  
3 May 22 (Day Three)

**Hearings Panel - other**

2pm

4 May

**Council meeting**

9am

10 May

**Saxton Field Committee, Boardroom, Sports House, 142 Saxton Road East, Saxton Field Complex**

9.30am

11 May

**Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit**

9.30am

13 May

**Joint Shareholders Committee - Tasman District Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond**

3pm

17 May

**Tenders Subcommittee**

3pm

18 May

**Council meeting**

9am

19 May

**Audit, Risk and Finance Subcommittee**

9am

24 May

**Chief Executive Employment Committee - Rūma Whakatū**

2pm

24 May

**Joint Committee of Tasman District and Nelson City councils Subcommittee - to deliberate on submissions to Future Development Strategy (Day One)**

9am

25 May

**Environment and Climate Committee - to hear submissions to Environmental Management Fees and Charges (if required)**

9am

26 May

**Joint Committee of Tasman District and Nelson City councils Subcommittee - to deliberate on submissions to Future Development Strategy (Day Two) - Tasman District Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond**

1pm

26 May

**Nelson Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit**

9.30am

27 May

**Joint Committee of Tasman District and Nelson City Councils Subcommittee - to deliberate on submissions to Future Development Strategy (Day Three)**

9am

31 May

## Changes to meetings

Chief Executive Employment Committee, previously advertised to take place on 22 April 2022 at 10am, will now commence at 1.30pm.

For a full list of meetings go to:

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