

Nelson Tasman Climate Forum

2023

Annual report

A wide-angle landscape photograph showing a body of water in the foreground, likely a lake or bay, with patches of green and brown grass. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains, some with snow on their peaks, under a blue sky with light clouds.

People Powered Climate Action

“Weaving our communities together around urgent, strategic action on climate change”

*Whāia te pae tawhiti kia tata, whāia te pae tata kia tina.
(Pursue the distant horizon to bring it closer, reach out
and grasp the close horizon.)*

This ancient Māori proverb seems to me a good formula for strategic planning. With our distant goal of restored Earth systems in mind, we work to the closer horizon of 2030, and plan our actions year by year.

Below you'll see what we grasped in 2023.

We work against a deeply disturbing background of a continually warming world with a sense of emergency. Every day counts. But in this community of dedicated people working on what matters most, there's a joy and deep satisfaction in what we do. And we do achieve things on the close horizon – have a look!

Joanna Santa Barbara, Co-Chair NTCF

There is no planet B. We have to
take care of the one we have.
~ Richard Branson



Nelson Tasman Climate Forum in 2023...



Submissions and webinars/talks

Submissions

- Nature and Climate Group's submission to the NCC "Right Tree Right Place" Task Force.
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- Forum submission NCC Plan Change 29
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- Community-led retreat and Adaptation
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- TDC Freshwater Environmental outcomes (Nature & Climate group)



People's Assemblies and Climate Policy

- Talk with James Renwick and Paul White - Food, Water, the Climate and You (face to face)
- "How to decarbonise our Transport System by Paul Winton

Webinars - Talks



- Urban Regeneration
- Let's invest our Money for the Climate, with Barry Coates

Climate Adaptation in Action: what are we doing to prepare for the changes ahead?

- How much energy is involved in using your computer?
- Meet the candidates (Nelson and Tasman) on Climate and Biodiversity



Project description

Climate Action Week 2023

From the 25th of May to the 4th of June, the Forum held a local week dedicated to climate change and community adaptation with 30 events focused on action, workshops, talks, and movies.



Climate Champions Celebration

A celebration to thank people engaged in local environmental action, including climate change. By gathering as a community to celebrate inspiring climate and environmental mahi the event fostered the spirit and mission of the Forum to 'weave our community together around urgent strategic action'.

Take the Jump Behavioral Change Campaign

This campaign, centers around the vision 'Less stuff more joy', and answers a need for specific information on what individuals can do to reduce environmental impact and increase planetary and personal wellbeing. A cohort of over 30 Ambassadors has been trained to share the message.



The Climate Fresk Game



A collaborative game aimed at promoting thinking about and sharing an awareness of all the elements involved in climate change. A Forum volunteer trained to become a Climate Fresk facilitator and the Forum is happy to lend two sets of the adult Climate Fresk Cards as well as the child Climate Fresk Cards.



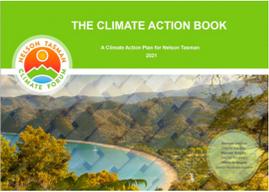
Repair Cafe in Nelson and Motueka

The Nelson Repair Cafe is a monthly event, where members of the public attend to receive help with repairing used items, to reduce waste to landfill and support people to learn new skills together. The launch of the Motueka Repair Cafe in November was a success and more monthly events are planned for 2024.

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Climate Action Book Distribution

A group of volunteers ensure that there is a regular supply of books in several supermarkets as well as in public libraries.



Wasteless Directory and website

The Wasteless website - created by a dedicated Forum volunteer - is a searchable database of all the local options to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill. The emphasis of the directory is on all options including, repair, re-use, rot, reduce, loosely following the waste hierarchy, not just recycling options.

Regional Emissions Targets



This project aims to determine the rate of annual decrease in GHG emissions needed to provide some probability of keeping us below 1.5 degrees of heating. This process has been scientifically rigorous and quality tested with numerous groups including councils and climate change commission staff.

Community Resilience Calendar

Based on the idea that resilient communities will find it easier to adapt to the changes that lie ahead, a group outlined schedule of actions for building resilience and which can lead to greater empowerment during times of great change.



Restoration of Snowden's Bush



This project aims at supporting the restoration of the newly acquired land at Snowden's Bush, Brightwater through planting with resilient indigenous trees (drought tolerant) and collaborating with the local community.

+Plus lots of additional community work by Forum volunteers

Many Forum volunteers are active on a number of climate action projects across our community. Although they aren't specifically Forum projects they deserve mentioning: Earth Hub, Urban Farmers Whakatu, supporting Victory Community Garden, Vote for Climate, Miyawaki Microforest, Marie Stream Guardians, Degrowth groups across the region and many others.

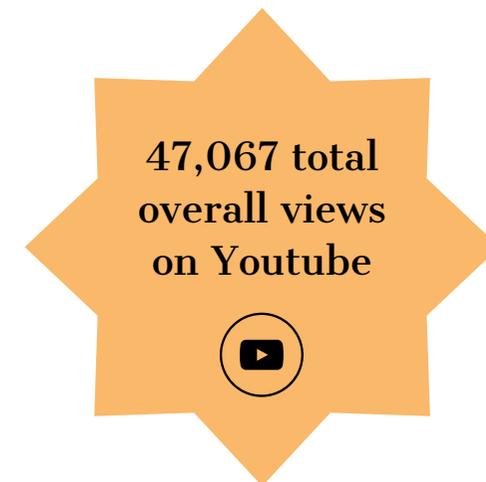
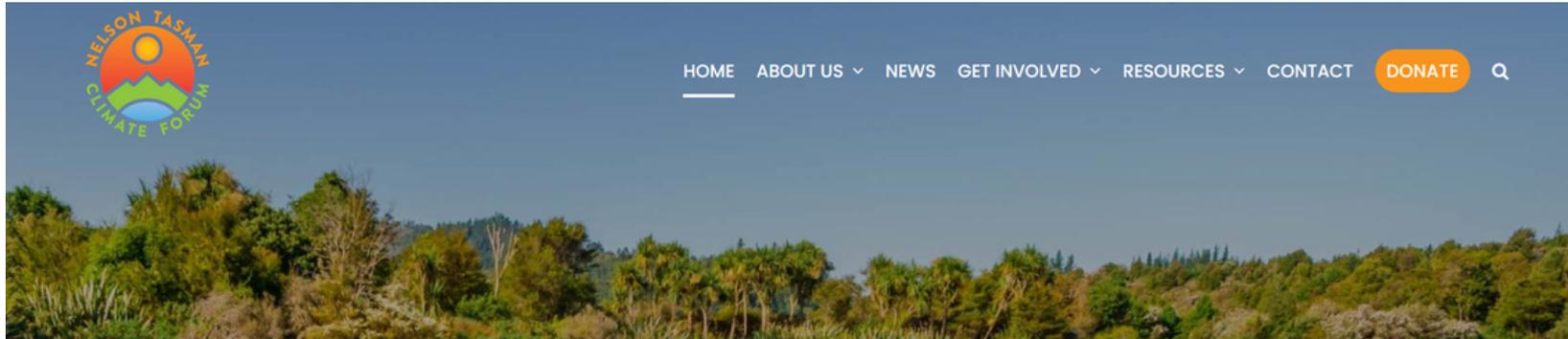
Groups

Nine groups are currently active across the Forum and are coordinated by volunteers. Since the beginning of the Forum in February 2020, topic/theme groups have met and coordinated project work. The identity of the groups has shifted and evolved with time. With new groups arising, like this years Social Equity and Climate, Regional Emissions Targets, and Take the Jump Ambassadors groups; and other groups going quiet or taking a break from regular meetings, like Education, Energy, and Food Resilience. The number and type of groups and projects active across the Forum will continue to evolve with time and the interests of our volunteer community.



Forum's communication to the community

A new website



LEARN - CONNECT - ACT

Connections

Plant based food festival and
Fashion Show
Ben and bEartha (community
compost)

Sustainable businesses tour (Golden Bay)

**Crop swap, seeds
exchanges,...**

Climate through Art

Earth emotions, A dream for
Nelson

Webinars

How to decarbonise our
transport? Urban
Regeneration - Human rights
and Climate

Workshops

Compost, Edible weeds

Working bees

Growing food, compost,
planting, visible mending and
stitch it don't ditch it

Bringing climate to markets and
into the streets (School Strike 4
Climate)

Repair Cafe

EV shows

E-bikes, E-cars



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