

NELSON TASMAN CLIMATE FORUM

# IMPACT REPORT

2024



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# ABOUT US

The Forum is made up of a small team of coordinators and a large group of volunteer members who are passionate about reducing Earth-warming emissions in our region. This initiative is open to everyone.

We share important information about climate change and promote the joys of low emissions living here in this beautiful region of Aotearoa New Zealand. We're all about creating a flourishing and ecologically balanced future for everyone.



## How do we make change?

**We act - We inspire - We engage with leadership**

Our calendar is full of events and activities for community building and climate action in Nelson and Tasman. We believe a future with low emissions is also a future with strong communities, lots of walking and cycling, creativity, camaraderie and plenty of good times.

But more than that:

1. We organise a hugely popular annual Climate Action Festival, which runs over 10 days with more than 30 events
2. We support member-run projects and activities such as monthly repair cafes, bush restoration, film and discussion evenings, storytelling events, earth celebration parties and more.
3. We are raising awareness of the joys of climate action in a Take The Jump Kia Māia Te Peke campaign, which has received nationwide coverage.
4. Our members write submissions, speak to government committees and collaborate closely with our regional councils.



# OUR IMPACT IN 2024

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This year was exceptional on many fronts. This includes running our most successful and well-attended Climate Action Festival to date, growing the number of repair cafés regionally, hosting community gatherings and resilience events, coordinating a record number of evidence-based submissions to Government, both local and national, and a nationwide billboard promotion for the Take The Jump climate action campaign.

This all speaks to the strength of our large volunteer base which has only grown stronger in today's challenging political environment.

## *A Year In A Nut Shell:*

- A “Grounded Community” **Climate Action Festival**
- An empowering **Take the Jump Campaign**
- Three thriving **Repair Cafés**, and many other volunteer-led projects
- A very active **Submissions** group working tirelessly to address climate concerns at the decision-making level and lots of other **Policy focused work**
- Several educational and thought provoking **webinars**
- **Supporting and connecting** with others (associations, youth,...)
- Numerous **community events** for connection and exchange
- Regular info-packed **newsletters** and a growing presence on **social media**

# COMMUNITY INTERACTION

## A GROUNDED, COMMUNITY-FOCUSSED CLIMATE ACTION FESTIVAL



The 2024 Climate Action Festival brought our community together around 34 hands-on events, creating an opportunity to learn, exchange, act, and strengthen ties around our climate concerns. There were many avenues for action, from active travel to more sustainable fashion, from how to compost our waste to how to think more effectively about urban planning and building, and from growing our own food to thinking about regional micro-forests and large scale regenerative agriculture.

A number of community organisations partnered with us to create this week of events showing the strength of working together and the power of collaboration.

We are very grateful to all of our partners and the many volunteers who contributed to making the festival a success. Together, we're stronger.



34 events

~ 1000 participants



[Click here](#) for a full summary of the 2024 Climate Action Festival

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# TAKE THE JUMP

## AN EMPOWERING TAKE THE JUMP CAMPAIGN

The Jump is a climate action campaign that empowers people to try seven shifts that science says individuals can make to have the largest impact on decreasing carbon emissions.

The campaign is bright, positive, and about community and inclusivity. It is a joyous, people-led movement, making real change possible and is one of our fastest growing projects since its beginning in 2023.

THESE SHIFTS  
WILL DELIVER  
**27%**  
OF THE  
CHANGE NEEDED

This year we were happy to count:

- 2 new rounds of **Ambassador training**, leading to a total of **75 Ambassadors**, roughly half located in Nelson/Tasman and half in the rest of Aotearoa helping us spread the word.
- A vibrant and edgy **billboard campaign** designed and run by the VML agency out of Wellington, helping us to raise awareness and gather more people around the Campaign.
- An increase in **visits on the Take the Jump website**, containing the 7 shifts and their packed-with-info “**How to Guides**”, adapted to our New Zealand context.
- Several **outreach activities and connections** (Solstice Party, Pechakucha) as well as several TTJ specific webinars (see our Youtube channel [here](#) and [here](#)).



*A special thanks to Chris, Scott and Lucy for their involvement in this Campaign.*

More on Take the Jump [HERE](#)





# 3 THRIVING REPAIR CAFES

Repair Cafes allow members of the public to receive help with repairing used items, reducing waste to landfill and learning new skills together.

The Forum can now count 3 Repair Cafe in action, run by their members, as well as supporting volunteers.

## Nelson - Motueka - Tākaka



Nelson and Motueka Repair Cafe are run monthly while the Mohua Repair Cafe runs once every 2 months.

**- A FEW STATS -**

**Waste diverted**

**+ 1 778 kg**

which equates to 9 502 kg of CO2 emissions prevented.

**Number of objects repaired**

**+ 852**

**Number of Repair Cafe events**

**23**



# Public events organised by forum members



## Awestruck by Nature April 2024

A sharing of stories of life altering experience in nature by our most intrepid storytellers.

## MESSAGES FROM THE MATRIARCHS



## Messages from the Matriarchs - August 2024

Six dynamic women inspired the audience with stories of their lives; visions of a brighter future of cohesive social well-being.



## My Love Affair with Nature - October 2024

Six great communicators told their stories of wildlife encounters, epic journeys, and personal epiphany, all backed up by brilliant visuals.

*Thank you to Jace Hobbs and his team of wonderful volunteers, and to all the storytellers for bringing these three events to us.*



## Solstice Celebration - June 2024

A rhythm-filled evening with Waiaata, tap dance, West African percussion with dancers, spoken poetry, African harp, games and more to celebrate our special connection with the Earth.



## June to November 2024

film & discussion series.  
The Film Circle screened films that reflected the challenges and possibilities presented by global and local issues, and created space for sharing feelings and ideas about how we can work together as a community to create local responses.



*Thank you to Robin and Joost for the vision and organisation, and to all the Take the Jump Ambassadors involved to make this event a success.*

*Thank you to Antoinette, Louise and Jacqui for creating this monthly space of community connection.*

*Thank you Nelson Sustainable Transport (NELSUST) for organising and collaborating with us on this event.*



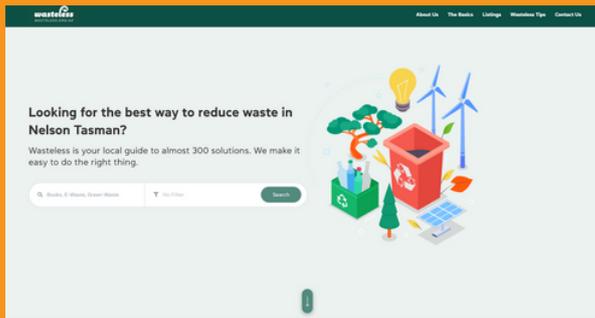
# AND LOTS OF OTHER PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY OUR VOLUNTEERS

## Snowden's Bush Restoration

There are 12 people who regularly volunteer at the Reserve, some from the Climate Forum and some from 'The Friends of Snowden's Bush'. This year, around 700 plants were added to the Reserve. Trees were planted by various volunteers including students from the local Brightwater School and Pinegrove Kindy, members of the public attending a Mitre 10 Mega Helping Hands working bee, and people from the Climate Forum and Friends of Snowden's Bush. There are regular weeding working bees and the team is gradually improving infrastructure facilities at the Reserve.



*A special thanks to Alison Pickford for holding this group together*



## Wasteless Directory

The Wasteless Directory ([www.wasteless.org.nz](http://www.wasteless.org.nz)) was launched early this year. It's a free community resource for reducing waste in the Nelson Tasman region. The project was led by Forum member Sharon Brinsdon, who was helped by her son to create the website. They were supported by members of the Waste Minimization group.

*Thank you to Sharon Brinsdon for taking care of this project*

## The Climate Fresk

The Climate Fresk is a collaborative game based on IPCC reports where participants discuss and arrange connections between the causes and effects of climate change. Three Forum volunteers have trained to become facilitators and are carrying out games as requested by the community.

*Thank you to Colin Davis for initiating this project*



Subscribe to our Youtube Channel [HERE](#)



## EIGHT EDUCATIONAL THOUGHT-PROVOKING WEBINARS

- **A Degrowth Approach to Climate Change** - Sahra Kress and Jack Santa Barbara - March 2024
- **Streets for people or roads for cars?** - Prof. Simon Kingham - June 2024
- **The impact of urban form of GHG emissions** - Timo Neubauer - June 2024
- **Plant-based eating done well** - NTS Nutrition - June 2024
- **Climate Check 2024** - Dr Jim Salinger - July 2024
- **Workplace solutions to the climate challenge** - Des Casey - June 2024
- **The Law Can Help us Reign in Big Climate offenders. Here's How** - Jessica Palairt - September 2024
- **There is a Clean Energy Future** - Jace Hobbs and John Michaelis - October 2024



# POLICY FOCUS

## INFLUENCING DECISION MAKING AT THE LOCAL AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENT LEVEL WITH OVER 10 SUBMISSIONS

This year, Forum volunteers have been very active on submissions.

A new Submission/System Change group emerged to tackle and coordinate submissions work, meaning: digesting documents, submitting on behalf of the Forum or one of its groups, encouraging our members to do so by drafting guides, and making oral presentations.



### OVERVIEW OF THE SUBMISSIONS WE RESPONDED TO THIS YEAR:

Find all the submissions on our website [HERE](#).

- **Regional Pest Management Plan** - March - TDC/NCC
- **Parks and Reserves: Richmond Ward and Murchison Lakes Ward** - March - TDC
- **Fast Track Approvals Bill** - April - NZ Parl.
- **Inquiry into the 2023 General Election** - April - NZ Parl.
- **Tasman's Long Term Plan** - April - TDC
- **Tasman Climate Response and Resilience Strategy and Action Plan**- April- TDC
- **Nelson's Long Term Plan** - April - NCC
- **NZ Climate Commission Consultations** - April - CCC
- **Government Policy Statement on Land Transport** - Apr 2024 - Min. Transport
- **Resource Management (Freshwater and Other Matters) Amendment Bill 2024** - Jun 2024 - NZ Parl.
- **Aotearoa/NZ's 2nd Emissions Reduction Plan** - Jul 2024 - Min. Env.
- **Agricultural Emissions Obligations Amendment Bill Submission Opportunity** - Jul 2024 - NZ Parl
- **Proposed regulatory regime for Carbon Capture, Utilisation, and Storage (CCUS)** - Aug 2024 - Min. for Business, Innovation and Employment
- **Waimea River Park: Management Plan Review** - August - TDC
- **Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2024** - July 2024 - Ministry of Transport
- **Reserve classification: Richmond Ward and Lakes-Murchison Ward** - November - TDC

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Thank you to everyone involved, and a special thanks to Fred Overmars for coordinating this work.

# EMISSIONS TARGETS AND POLICY

## On emissions targets

A Forum group continues to work towards providing the rate of annual decrease in GHG emissions that is needed by our region to provide some probability of keeping us below 1.5 degrees of heating.

The group's process has been scientifically rigorous and quality tested with numerous groups including councils and climate change commission staff.



More on this project [HERE](#)



## Sharing our views directly with Policy Makers

Forum representatives met with Green Party leader Chlöe Swarbrick to discuss the Climate Forum, its work and accomplishments. The Targets Group used a rigorous methodology to arrive at regional targets for emissions reduction and has been pleased to see them incorporated into NCC's Draft Climate Strategy and Action Plan.

## Bringing new concepts upfront

Work with NCC on a new kind of public engagement process to respond to its Climate Strategy and Action Plan – **the 'Citizens' Thoughtful Response', a deliberative process.**



# CONNECTING AND BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

## Sharing our support with other groups

- Statement from NTCF for public meeting on Sam's Creek gold mining project in Golden Bay
- Letter to CEO of Cawthron Institute about oil exploration
- Signature of the Open Letter to Christopher Luxon: Stop the Treaty Principles Bill
- Letter to the Government on its Policy Statement on Land Transport
- Letter to the Prime Minister on offshore oil and gas exploration.
- Letter to Nelson City Council supporting the East-West Cycleway

Find all our Letters/Statements [HERE](#)

## Engaging with our Māori community

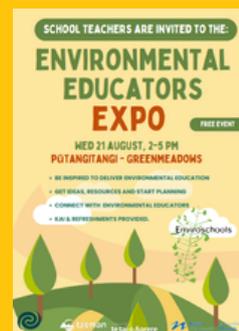
Our aim, this year, was to deepen our understanding of the Māori worldview and principles to develop the capacity of the Nelson Tasman Climate Forum community to engage positively with the Māori in te Tau Ihu o te waka a Maui.

We also planned a Community Korero to reflect on navigating bicultural relationships in restoration work with Hina Moses-Te Kani (Ngāti Kuia) and Ian Shapcott. This event had to be rescheduled for early 2025.



## Engaging with Youth

Through our participation in the Environmental Educators Expo (August), Tasman Mission event at Whenua Iti Outdoors (March), and contributing to an EnviroSchools Hui (July), as well as a collaboration with [Gen-Z Aotearoa](#) creating content for our social media.



# AND A MUCH NEEDED SUPPORT FOR OUR FORUM COMMUNITY

by offering a place to meet, gather and exchange ideas, through annual and special events.

AN ANNUAL REFLECTIVE HUI (DECEMBER 2023)

A BIRTHDAY PARTY (FEBRUARY 2024)

A CLIMATE CELEBRATION DURING CLIMATE ACTION FESTIVAL (MAY 2024)

A SPRING GATHERING (OCTOBER 2024)

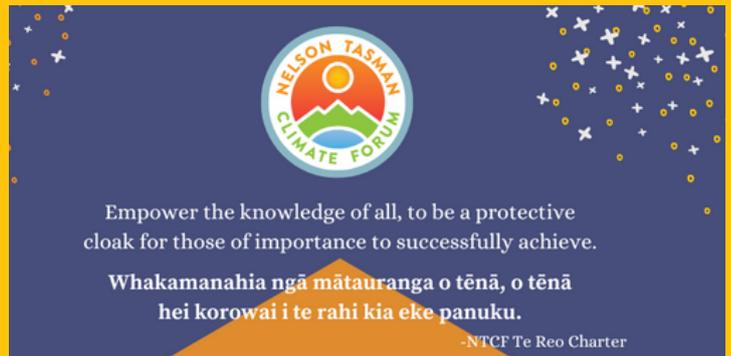


*All this (and more) communicated through:*

**18+ info-packed  
newsletters**

**With the latest regional news and  
events for our climate-concerned  
community**

**to our 1245 subscribers**



All available [HERE](#)

**a thriving and growing**



**community**



**& a presence in the media**

# A big Thank you

*to all our volunteers and funders who make it possible!*



Our gratitude for taking care of our main operational costs, helping to support projects, and funding the Nelson Repair Cafe.



Our gratitude for supporting the Motueka and Mohua Repair cafes and environmental education in Tasman schools.



Our gratitude for hosting us, and for all the backoffice work.



Our gratitude for helping us with the costs of events held in Tasman during our Climate Action Festival, and for supporting the Motueka Community Film Circle

