

COMMUNITY OUTCOMES

Our unique natural environment is healthy and protected

Nelson is a place of stunning natural beauty and we treasure, protect and restore our special places, landscapes, native species and natural ecosystems. Our open spaces are valued for recreation and we welcome the many visitors who want to experience our extraordinary natural environment. We recognise the kaitiakitanga (guardianship) role of tangata whenua iwi.

Our urban and rural environments are people-friendly, well planned and sustainably managed

Nelson is a well-planned district with a carefully managed urban intensification and a clear urban/rural boundary. The buoyant city centre is celebrated for its distinctive boutique character. Our easy city to sea access provides locals and visitors with a world-class waterfront experience. We work with our partners to support the development of a range of affordable, healthy and energy-efficient housing in our residential areas. Good urban design and thoughtful planning create safe, accessible public spaces for people of all ages, abilities and interests.

Our infrastructure is efficient, cost effective and meets current and future needs

Nelson City relies on its good quality, sustainable, affordable and resilient infrastructure network which supports a growing population and strong regional economy. The community is proud of the many active transport options available and the effective public transport system. We invest in waste water, storm water, solid waste and flood protection networks to keep our people safe and healthy, the environment protected and the economy flourishing.

Our communities are healthy, safe, inclusive and resilient

Nelson is a city of strong, and connected people and communities who live, work and play together. We support each other to build individual and community resilience. Our community works in partnership to understand, prepare for and respond to the impacts of natural hazards. We take pride in the warm welcome we give to our visitors and new arrivals and work together to see that our people are safe, and their diversity supported.

Our communities have opportunities to celebrate and explore their heritage, identity and creativity

We are proud of and celebrate our history and heritage and how that contributes to our identity. We have a strong sense of community, enhanced by the wide range of arts, cultural and sporting opportunities on offer.

Our communities have access to a range of social, educational and recreational facilities and activities

Nelson has developed high quality sports and recreation facilities for all ages. There are educational and leisure opportunities for the whole community to

enjoy. We protect, enhance and celebrate Nelson's human heritage and historic sites.

Our Council provides leadership and fosters partnerships, a regional perspective, and community engagement

Our leaders understand our community, are confident in our future, know how to drive success and to work with others to tackle the big issues facing Nelson. Council leaders are strongly connected to our people and mindful of the full range of community views and of the generations that follow. Residents have the opportunity to participate in major decisions and information is easy to access. We support and mentor our young people to be our leaders of the future.

Our region is supported by an innovative and sustainable economy

Nelson is a business-friendly city and the commercial centre of Te Tau Ihu, the top of the South Island. Economic activity is sensitive to the environment, heritage and people of Nelson. We are skilled and adaptable and we see the benefits of high-value industries and businesses. We enjoy a range of employment, education and training opportunities and take pride in being a city where youth can live, learn and work. Innovation and achievement are recognised and celebrated by our community.