

NELSON CITY COUNCIL

SUBMISSION TO THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2016/17

**SUBMISSION FROM THE TAHUNANUI BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
INC.**

The Tahunanui Business Association Incorporated (TBA) is the organisation which represents the business interests of the Tahunanui Community.

The Tahunanui Business Association Incorporated submits that:

Tahunanui Structure Plan 2004

The Tahunanui Structure Plan 2004 was developed on the premise that the State Highway would be moved from its existing location to a new Southern Arterial Route.

We therefore strongly support the development of a new purpose-built route and the relocation of the State Highway to that new route.

This would then allow the Tahunanui Structure Plan to be implemented as planned for and approved by Council in 2004.

The relocation of the State Highway to a purpose-built route would reduce the number of heavy traffic vehicles currently using Tahunanui and Annesbrook Drives and putting pressure on the inadequate infrastructure.

Rocks Road walking and cycling (page 15)

TBA does not support this proposal and the spending of millions of dollars on a shared walk/cycle project **until** the Southern Arterial is built. While Rocks Road continues to carry more than 21 thousand vehicles per day and with a projected doubling of log truck numbers, combined with increased weights and lengths of trucks, this is not considered a safe or practical proposal.

In addition Rocks Road is not constructed to carry the volume of heavy trucks, let alone combined with increased cycle and pedestrian numbers. Nelson needs a purpose built link to the port before a walk/cycle way is progressed.

The latest data shows that congestion along this route has already increased so that it

severely affects the flow of traffic and is now more continuous than previously.

Modellers Pond (page 110)

Because the Modellers Pond is both a part of the Nelson community's recreational facilities and serves as a detention structure for a large proportion of the Tahunanui flats area stormwater, there are issues of water quality and maintenance.

The TBA supports the Modellers Association in requesting the immediate sealing of the base of the pond with concrete and replacement of the gate structure which controls the outlet of the Pond.

With the release of the recent Opus report on the Modellers Pond we believe the million dollars set aside for the project should be confirmed in an effort to protect this important community asset.

We do not support requiring the Modellers Association to fund raise such a large proportion of the funds for what is essentially a part of the city's stormwater infrastructure. The backtracking caused by the Council's recent resolution to cap its contribution to \$600,000 is contrary to the Long Term Plan.

Airport cycleway (page 54)

TBA supports the development of cycle linkages between the Waterfront and the Great Taste Trail and has made recommendations regarding routes.

A recreational and tourism cycle link around the Tahuna Beach Holiday Park and the back beach utilising rock protection in this area, and continuing around the Golf Course and Nelson Airport, has the support of TBA who strongly supports the provision of funding to construct this important cycleway.

This would also provide a route for the piping of irrigation water from Bells Island to the Tahunanui playing fields and Golf Course.

Tahunanui cycle network (page 106)

TBA strongly supports the provision of funding for multiple cycle links through Tahunanui to cater for the different genre of cyclists, including recreational and tourist

cyclists, school pupils, and commuter cyclists.

TBA strongly supports the development of a recreational and tourist cycle link between the Waterfront and the Great Taste Trail around the Holiday Park, Golf Course, and Nelson Airport.

TBA also strongly supports the development of a shared off-road cycle/pathway as a school and commuter cycle link via Muritai Street, Pascoe Street, and Merton Place to the planned junction development adjacent to the Mega Store complex and on to the existing Railway Reserve cycleway to Stoke.

This could utilise the large berm area on the eastern side of Pascoe Street to take cyclists off-road in this area and provide a more direct and safe link. The NCC staff preferred link is less direct and would require the removal of a large number of parking spaces.

Piping ditches programme (page 34)

Piping of the open drain between the Tahunanui Pharmacy and Tahunanui Medical Centre to increase safety and provide additional parking, should proceed urgently.

Tahunanui car park (page 106)

TBA has for many years promoted the development of a public rear parking area behind the Tahunanui Pharmacy and Medical Centre and strongly supports provision of funding for this in accordance with the Tahunanui Structure Plan, which also includes the provision of cross linkages and a safe refuge across Tahunanui Drive. All these items form part of the Council's Parking Strategy for the area.

Nightingale Memorial Library upgrade (page 49)

TBA supports the proposal to bring forward funding for the refurbishment of the Library building.

Disabled access to Tahunanui Beach (page 54)

TBA supports the provision of improved access for those with disabilities.

Pacific Building purchase (page 109)

TBA strongly supports the provision of funding for the purchase of adjoining properties to alleviate space constraints at the Tahunanui Community Centre and to enable the expansion of their work in the community.

Tahuna Reserve development plan (page 110)

TBA supports continuation of the path network within the Reserve as provided for with this funding.

The following items relate to plans previously adopted by Council and are as yet unresolved:

TAHUNANUI STRUCTURE PLAN

TBA submits that any policy work 'considering the future development of Tahunanui' should take into account and be in conjunction with the Tahunanui Structure Plan 2004, and include

- Piping the open drain between the Pharmacy and Medical Centre (see above)
- Development of a public rear parking area behind the Pharmacy and Medical Centre (see above)
- The provision of cross block walking linkages through the long block between Beach Road and Tahunanui Drive and Muritai Street
- The provision of a safety refuge on Tahunanui Drive near the intersection with Muritai Street which has been promoted and promised for many years
- Realigning the intersection of Tahunanui Drive and Muritai Street to provide safer entry/exit at this intersection
- Shifting the bus stop from in front of the Sands building to the southern side of the intersection in front of the car sales yard to provide safer bus movement and provide short term parking outside the Sands shops

TAHUNANUI RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

TBA supports the provision of funding for work on this Plan and submits that Nelson City Council reviews the priorities established and adopted in 2004 in the Tahunanui Reserve Management Plan and continue to progress the implementation of the Plan

- TBA supports the allocated of funds for the Modellers Pond and that work proceed as soon as possible (see above)
- That security in the vicinity of Natureland and the wider Beach area be improved with the installation of security cameras. Security in this area has deteriorated since removal of the Police office.
- That Council urgently carries out the planned research on controlling the increasing erosion of the western end of the beach in the Blind Channel area. We submit that Council should review its 'managed retreat' policy and look to controlling erosion at the Airport, Golf Course and Tahuna Beach Holiday Park.
- That the BMX club be assisted to upgrade the track to meet national standards and that any drainage issues at the track be dealt with as a part of the improvements planned at the Modellers Pond weir exit.

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