

## Candidate responses to the following questions from Tahunanui community:

1. Do you support the Southern Link?
2. Do you support having multiple cycle network links through Tahunanui?
3. Do you support appropriate development in Tahunanui in accordance with the Tahunanui Structure Plan?
4. Do you support the Modellers' Pond upgrade project?
5. How do deprivation levels and social isolation in Tahunanui affect this community, and what could make a difference?

<b>Mayoral candidates (alphabetical by surname)</b>					
	Q1.	Q2.	Q3.	Q4.	Q5.
O'Brien, Graeme	*	*	*	*	<p>*See detailed comments below.</p> <p>Q5. These and other social issues have traditionally been central government business however it has become apparent during this election that due to the ongoing lack of support from central government people are turning to their local government for solutions to problems in our communities. If council is to start addressing these complex social issues it would need serious debate on the new role council is being asked to take to meet essential needs of the community and how this could be funded and sustained. My concern is that some might use this issue to promote yet another expensive, under used community/sports centre rather than putting resources into established centres &amp; social networks.</p>

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Osmaston, Richard	No*	Yes	Yes*	Yes*	*see detailed comments below. Q5. Severely. And they're only going to get worse. We are experiencing the final meltdown of the effects of the suicidal monetary system. The only solution is to embrace the Money Free, Resource Based Economy, which ensures health, prosperity, justice and sustainability for all.
Rainey, Pete	*	Yes	Yes	Yes	*See detailed comments below Q5. The level of deprivation and social isolation is a growing concern in tahunanui is a concern for all of us. A stronger effort to support an effective community cluster based round the tahunanui community centre will make a difference. This needs dialogue, planning and a shared approach to resourcing.
Reese, Rachel	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	I'll need to talk to this one, but having a council that knows about, cares and supports the community is a good start. The Community Centre also plays a critical role, as does the school and business community.

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	Q1.	Q2.	Q3.	Q4.	Q5.
Acland, Luke	*	*	*	Yes *	*See detailed comments, below. Q5. There's no easy answer and I don't pretend to be an expert or have the answers. I believe one simple thing that's within Council's ability is completing the Rocks Road shared pathway - linking City to sea. I'm sure many families would use that route as a day out exercise and then spend time at Tahunanui in the community and at cafes and shops. I know this is not 'the answer' but it is something that Council can do and will, I think, decrease isolation in a tangible way and increase activity for small business. Historical infill housing and motel conversions are problematic and Council needs to address these matters as we review the Nelson Plan. I'm committed to Council producing a Youth Strategy to guide policy. This has been absent in the past.
Alder, Stephen	*	*	*	*	*See detailed comments below Q5. Deprivation levels and social isolation create a variety of health risks and quality of life issues for those caught in this space. This can show itself in poor health and education outcomes for children and so the cycle continues. People make poor life choices when they don't feel they have options or a say in what happens in the world around them. So, ensuring that the Tahunanui community has services and activities available that are responsive to these needs is important. Good transport services, local shops, and community activities that welcome all help enhance community wellbeing. Attracting and retaining businesses to the area will also help. Finding ways to include all Tahunanui residents in what is happening in this unique part of the city is the way forward.

Barker, Ian	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	The state highway affects the community as does the lack of progress on the Structure plan.
Batt, Cindy	*	Yes	*	*	*See detailed comments below. Q5. Once again I must reiterate that inclusion of minority groups in governance can only assist with informing council and the wider demographic as to how to address poverty, isolation and social disfunction. Consultation and collaboration with groups that need assistance is an obvious one, but not at a level whereby they feel talked at or directed to an option. It is time to listen to people's needs and facilitate pathways for change. I also think that central government has a responsibility to be aware of these social silos within communities throughout NZ. They have aided in creating them so on the same hand they have an equal responsibility to address change and implement solutions.
Brand, Trudie	Yes *	Yes *	*	Yes *	Unable to attend. *See detailed comments below. Q5. When there are communities in our society that are marginalized or unable to participate to a number of factors it has a huge impact on everyone that lives here. This is why one of top issues focuses on Community Engagement. I feel that it is important to take a considered approach for now and the long term. As a council we must listen to the residents and ratepayers to enable us to build effective interpersonal and inclusive relationships. This will allow the community and council to work together to bring a joint focus on the issues and develop appropriate solutions. By engaging with and inviting conversations with the community on how to progress issues the council will provide an open door to connection, understanding and an enriched decision making process in the region.

Bryant, Heather	Yes *	?*	Yes *	Yes *	Unable to attend. *See detailed comments below. Q5. Deprivation levels and social isolation issues are obviously not just unique to Tahunanui and, similarly to other communities, a range of solutions is needed to help resolve these, particularly increased housing opportunities and attention to social, community and emergency housing. Council needs to work closely with local social services organisations to enhance social outcomes.
Copeland, Ruth	No	Yes	Yes	Yes *	Move the commercial Hub, prioritise community/council partnerships. Continue to support community initiatives, and strengthen community leaders. Victory is a good model.
Cornelissen, Rosina	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	I was surprised to find out about the level of deprivation in the Tahunanui community. The community centre is a positive step and its endeavours are to be encouraged. The area could do with some serious investment, development and promotion. I look forward to the redevelopment of the Ocean Lodge site and thought the proposed development of The Car Company site was a good fit with the area had some of the issues surrounding it been able to be resolved.
Courtney, Mel	Yes *	Yes *	*	Yes *	*See detailed responses below. Q5. They weaken the community and left unremedied it will begin to decline. Deprivation and social isolation in the community impacts people's health, financial problems arise (not being able to afford food and clothing or difficulty paying bills). Problems develop in the area such unsafe streets, noise etc. Local facilities start to decrease. To make a difference - provide better health resource in the community, including material and social resources, such as services, job opportunities and social support. Create/plan community events. Share skills! Volunteers to teach classes at the community centre. Arrange a clean-up day in the community. Organize

					free, public nutrition awareness campaign. Reach out and get to know your neighbours campaign etc. Organize free, public nutrition awareness campaign. Reach out and get to know your neighbours campaign etc.
Dahlberg, Bill	*	*	*	*	*See detailed responses below. Q5. I would note it is not just one thing, though there is a drop off in activity over the winter months. This is similar to most of our region in winter, though I think more impact from being by the beach. I see a lot of positives, Tahunanui School has great staff and nice facilities, being on the flat, beach being close, a great camping ground, and the development work being done at NatureLand by Meg and Mike Rutledge is making that a destination place. There could be more done to support the growth of business. So I would see one of the main action items to make a difference is providing support the quality people who are trying to make a difference.
Daikee, Glen	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes *	*Q4. Yes, however a more innovative and affordable approach is possible. Q5. The negative effects of isolation and deprivation are wide ranging and often heart breaking. One way I see council making a difference is by listening and supporting community providers. We need to a start treating issues like these seriously. Some individuals' wants may have to be put aside to help others' needs. I want to set aside 1% to form a trust to generate income to support social services and empower people in the region.
Daly, Sunny	No	No	Yes	Yes	It effects the busnises because it is a very small community and especially in winter there isn't a lot to do in the community. I think having more public transport to and from tahunanui especially in winter will help bring more people to the area. I also think having a small supermarket will help.

Davy, Eric	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	By making sure that the previous approved plans are actioned for completion. Acknowledgement that Tahunanui is the tourist hub of Nelson with accommodation, holiday resorts, beach activities and recreation activities as an attraction. Improving on these facilities will bring the growth to the area and acknowledgement that this is not the forgotten suburb of NN.
Douglas, Kindra	No*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	<p>*See detailed responses below.</p> <p>Q5. Deprivation levels and social isolation are the bane of ALL our lives. They contribute to disconnection, lack of empathy, blaming and shaming, and disempowerment and the vicious cycle of deprivation. The establishment of a quality facility and all that can then be activated in the blue hall beside/and part of the existing Tahunanui Community Centre is absolutely vital as a link to contribute to improved wellbeing. A relatively small investment could reap divides unparalleled for the years to come. While the Dept. of Internal Affairs funded project is hosted at the community centre over the next two years, now is the time to seize this opportunity and Council need to get behind their development as soon as possible. I believe I bring a unique range of skills and experience and the voice, especially from the community sector in which I have been embedded since I came to Nelson and my skill in making sound decisions reflecting responses which are better for everyone, that make me a trustworthy candidate. A robust housing strategy delivering some significant alternatives to the current provisions, enhanced community connections in higher deprivation areas, more active travel options, living wage for all, are my key themes to bring to the council table. However it's my skill in the way people work together, my prudent financial management, strategic governance, openness, transparency and honest communication which will provide genuine reliability and confidence to any council team.</p>

Fulton, Kate	*	Yes	Yes	Yes *	*see detailed responses below. Q5. Goal Nine - “Everyone in our community has their essential needs met” of Nelson’s 2060 Vision outlines ways to address social isolation and deprivation. Social equity is key and council needs to continue to support and encourage community-led initiatives which result in stronger communities. Successes Council has supported include Burrell Park Community Gardens, Tahunanui Community Centre, Natureland and the Modellers’ Pond. Community gardens also encourage people to grow more of their own food. Low quality housing in Tahunanui needs to be remedied. Council can help by supporting the planning for and provision of affordable healthy housing. <a href="http://nelson.govt.nz/assets/Our-council/Downloads/Nelson-2060-FINAL.pdf">http://nelson.govt.nz/assets/Our-council/Downloads/Nelson-2060-FINAL.pdf</a>
Gardener, Kevin	Yes	*	*	Yes	*Q2 Depends on the planning *Q3 I support appropriate development in Tahunanui, the “ Tahunanui Structure Plan” is now 8 years old and needs revisiting *Q4. with constructive consultation to get the best outcome for all parties Q5. Badly and there is a need for more social and advisory agencies to be based in Tahunanui
Kavanagh, Robbie	Yes	Yes	?	Yes *	*Q4. Totally Council funded. Q5. I'll need to engage the Tahunanui community more on that and have a bloody good think about it.
Lawrey, Matt	*	Yes	Yes *	Yes *	*see detailed comments below. Q5. Obviously they have a negative impact. One thing that is making a difference is the Tahunanui Community Centre. The more the rest of Tahunanui and the Council can get behind the centre, the better, in my opinion. I'm a volunteer at the Victory Community Centre and have seen over the years what a huge difference it has made to that part of town. I want the Tahunanui Community Centre to be every bit as successful and would

					support increasing its Council funding. I also want to see more property development in Tahunanui. The area already has a ton going for it but some of its housing stock lets it down. I want the Council to find ways to encourage developers to replace those lower quality houses with warm, dry homes.
Matheson, Paul	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	The expansion of the community centre to include the new building for community education and social contact is a massive step forward for Tahunanui.
McConville, Cynthia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Social deprivation leads to social exclusion - Tahunanui's Community Centre has a role to play here. Suggestions: a weekly free lunch for people who live alone, listening to them and identifying ways of meeting their needs. Workshops etc.that are relative.
McGurk, Brian	*	Yes *	Yes *	*	*See detailed comments below. Q5. Some of the housing stock is not of an acceptable standard. Support the idea of new housing developments with a proportion of those developments allocated for affordable housing. Also support a building WoF for rental housing.
Nees, Derek	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	*See detailed comments below. Q5. I could go on, but in a few words, Tahunanui has, since my early childhood in Takaka but staying with my Grand parents in Richmond for holidays, been a major attraction for kids, parents and grandparents alike and deserves a better level of attention than it is currently getting.
Noonan, Gaile	Yes	Yes	Yes	*	*Q4. Need to do something. Voted for the timeframe for funding to be extended to Feb. Q5. This is a city-wide issue and my preference would be to work with each community group to see what the different needs are.
OBrien, Graeme	*	*	*	*	*See detailed comments below, under Mayoral candidates.

Rutledge, Mike	Yes	Yes	Yes *	*	<p>*Q3. Yes although I think given this document is now 12 years old and never been followed it is time we dusted it off and reviewed it and update as appropriate. Tahunanui deserves a well considered structure plan that promotes development along the seaside village concept. That plan actually needs to be followed!</p> <p>*Q4. I do support development of the modelers pond as a modern community asset. I do not support the modelers having to try to raise \$600000 to make it happen.</p> <p>Q5. In fill housing and lack of a development plan for Tahunanui is a serious concern that will turn into a major problem for the city if not addressed. I am encouraged to see the Tahunanui Community Center moving in to the blue building and I think it is essential Council assists to ensure this facility is developed and resourced to maximize the benefit to the community. Providing much better links between the central city and Tahunanui is also very important to me and will assist with the isolation felt by some in Tahunanui.</p>
Shaw, Derek	*	Yes	Yes	Yes	<p>*Awaiting the outcome of the current NZTA Study.</p> <p>Q5 They could led to an unmet demand for social and health services and perhaps also transport services if such services are not provided locally and people need to travel elsewhere to access such services. Perhaps it would be useful for a local social needs assessment to be undertaken if one hasn't been undertaken previously or very recently, as it could help with advocating to central government and council for new and/or greater services to meet the current needs.</p>
Skinner, Tim	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	I will expand on this in my presentation on Tuesday.

Walker, Stuart Keith	Yes	Yes	*	Yes	*Q3. I am not aware of the Tahunanui Structure Plan. I do support development in keeping with the seaside suburb. i.e. height restrictions on apartments etc. Q4. And with no levy on the Modellers Society, as it is a Council infrastructure cause to the algae problem. As I do not reside in this area, I cannot make a considered comment on this subject (Q5).
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## Detailed responses: Mayoral candidates

### Graeme O'Brien –

1. I cannot support the link for a number of reasons that I feel have not been suitably addressed, some are, reducing peak hour traffic by alternative means, such as park and ride bus services for commuters, better school cycle & walk links, schools to look at how they can lessen their impact on peak times. Air and noise pollution issues, the cost of Rocks Rd up keep on the ratepayer, the projected traffic numbers etc. We must look at how best to decrease the traffic as much as possible and utilise the infrastructure we have so that Nelsons water front can be made more enjoyable and safe for residents and visitors.
2. Cycle networks that are well used and enable people to access their neighbourhood more easily and for commuting can only bring a benefit to the community and city.
3. I have not to date had the need to study the Tahunanui Structure Plan in the detail that is needed however the core principles I stand by if elected of democracy, accountability, transparency and the need for real public consultation would guarantee good outcomes for the community. The Tahunanui Special Housing Area issue is a good example of these core principles not being adhered to by council.
4. From the information that I have heard from the Modellers Pond association through the Nelson Residents Association outlining the work the members have done, the unique facility, the amount of use the model railway gets and the potential of the area in the future, I believe the Modellers Pond could be an even better asset for the city. However I am greatly concerned by the estimated price that council has put on upgrading the pond and feel that this needs to be addressed.

### **Richard Osmaston –**

1. Not at all. Building more roads for more cars is ludicrous. We will soon be sharing self-driving electric cars. Probably before this road could even be built.
2. Absolutely !
3. Yes. Provided it is totally and truly sustainable. Taking into account all the recently learned limitations fundamental to our existence and survival. Eg, Climate change, Technological Unemployment, Inequality, Resource fragility and Stress.
4. Yes. The pond has huge social value for so many.

### **Pete Rainey -**

1. We don't know what the southern link is until the NZTA investigation is completed. To say you support it is irresponsible at this time. What we do know is that even if it goes ahead it is years away. I support any moves to reduce congestion right now.
4. Yes - if they can raise their proportion of the necessary funds in the new extended timeframe.

## Detailed responses: Council candidates

### Luke Acland –

1. I want to see NZTA's investigation through. I'm interested in: 1) what NZTA will recommend; 2) if NZTA recommends to the Government construction of the Southern Link, then I'm keen to know whether the Government will undertake to construct it (issue a Notice of Requirement); and 3) if the Government undertakes to construct it, I want to see if the Environment Court (which is where the Notice of Requirement will end up) will uphold a designation for a Southern Link under Parts 2 and 8 of the Resource Management Act.
2. I'm keen on cycle links and networks primarily for encouraging kids cycling to school but also to encouraging active transport and cycle tourism generally.
3. I support appropriate development in accordance with the Nelson Plan rules (i.e. not rushed through special housing areas without the Resource Management Act's consent process). The Tahunanui Structure Plan is about 12 years old now. There needs to be a new community strategy built with the community.
4. Yes I'm committed to the plan we've got.

### Stephen Alder -

1. I support the completion of the Southern Link Investigation, and if elected as a Councillor would expect to support any recommendations from it that the Council may be asked to vote on behalf of the community.
2. Most definitely, and also ensuring that they connect to a cycle network throughout the City.
3. Yes, and this needs to be acted on given the Tahunanui Enhancement Study it was derived from was first done back on 2002.
4. I support the position the Council is currently taking on this project and it is good to see more time has been given to the Nelson Society of Modellers to raise more funds.

### **Cindy Batt –**

1. As a member of the Victory community and based on the data I have seen to date, I would need to be convinced that the Southern Link is necessary and that the current proposal is the best option.
2. Yes, not only will it help to ease traffic congestion, but promote healthier lifestyle to name just a couple.
3. I am not completely familiar with the Tahunanui structure plan, but would encourage sustainable and community development in Tahunanui.
4. I think years ago when the pond was able to naturally drain it was a lot cleaner and healthier, this should never have been changed. I cannot say at this stage without further investigation if I support or not.

### **Trudie Brand –**

1. Yes in conjunction with other initiatives such as improved public transportation, cycle paths and walkways in combination with intensification of existing council and private land for inner city living that considers the potential impacts of natural disasters.
2. As stated above I do support improved cycle paths and walkways alongside other initiatives.
3. I am not sure if I have seen an up to date version of this - as the one I have seen is no longer current and hasn't taken into the development that has been supported by council - i.e. Ocean Lodge etc.
4. Yes - please see my submission to council at the 8th September 2016 public forum - this can be viewed on their website.

### **Heather Bryant –**

1. I'm fully supportive of the current investigations being undertaken by NZ Transport Agency and recognise that all transport options need to be fully developed and explored to assist current and long-term traffic management issues. Until the investigations have been completed and mitigation measures and linkage/design issues are known then I'm unable to give unequivocal support for the Southern Link. Independent of this there needs to be work done on improving cycle and walking opportunities along Rocks Rd
2. I'm not sure exactly what is meant by the term "multiple cycle networks through Tahunanui". Certainly we need to retain what is currently there and personally I feel the more extensive the cycle network is, the greater the opportunities for locals, commuters and visitors alike, the better it is.

3. Yes, I support the appropriate development in Tahunanui in accordance with the Tahunanui Structure Plan. (Looking at the date of this I'm wondering if there are any plans/need to review this document?)
4. The current Council has committed to a plan of action for the Modellers Pond and this will need to be carried through.

### **Ruth Copeland -**

1. No, not as the new state highway. The future of mobility has us traveling in a very different way, creating different transport needs. Perhaps the railway reserve will someday be a electric freight or public transport corridor. Even if it was decided yes by NZTA, it will be 10 years before the build. Transport will be different by then.
4. (Modellers' Pond) For now, Yes, but not at all cost

### **Mel Courtney -**

1. Yes, Nelson must have an efficient road network to take advantage of our growing city and region. Tahunanui residence have carried more than their fair share of traffic volumes for far too long.
2. Yes, I would like to see the cycle network, detour through the Tahunanui Beach Holiday Park and around the perimeter of the Airport, to join up again with cycleway south to Richmond.
3. This is a somewhat dated document/plan, going back several years, it has been superseded in part by later studies eg. Nelson Centres Study of 2012. I would prefer to have an updated document to consider and then consult with Tahunanui residence and businesses.
4. Yes, and the up grade to be fully paid for by Council - as it is council infrastructure, used as a settling pond for stormwater.

### **Bill Dahlberg -**

1. YES. I will work constructively to progress the southern arterial link as part of developing our roading network and making central Nelson more accessible.
2. Yes, if that means a safe cycling access along rocks road and Tahuna Drive where main traffic flows. Yes also to continue the connection of Tahunanui to the cycle way out through to Stoke, Richmond and on to the Great Taste Trail.

3. I have to admit I was a little underwhelmed by what I read and it seemed outdated. My family has been visiting Tahuna Beach since our children were very little and now the grandchildren enjoy their visits to the same places, we notice there have been great progress. Yes to continue enhancements and improvements without changing the delightful nature of the beach area. Yes to supporting the updating of the business area. As a Rata Foundation Trustee I was part of the Tahunanui School pool upgrade as a major project and appreciate what that has added to the community.
4. Yes, myself and our grandchildren love that space down by the modellers pond, the trains and NatureLand. As a Rata Foundation Trustee we have just reviewed a 'large project' application for the Modellers Pond group. It has moved to the next stage and the group have been asked to supply more information, I would like to see that be successful.

### **Kindra Douglas -**

1. In principle NO. A valuable green, active transport corridor of this nature has immeasurable high value for our city, in its own right. Until such time as the current NZTA investigation is complete and we examine all the scientific and evaluative evidence, which I am assuming will include again health and environmental impact, social disruption and dislocation and a raft of cost effective recommendations for the alleviation of occasional congestion which drivers experience, then there is no way of knowing what could be or would prudently be possible or feasible. And even then I would take the truly conservative stance and first say - keep calm and do no harm.
2. Any further investment in active transport modes will always get my vote. I fully support improved options for Tahunanui.
3. In principle yes, I think there are some very innovative recommendations and designs to enhance this area. As an area which has distinct geographical elements - hills and flats community by Tahunanui Drive, there are very real issues to overcome. I am concerned to see that the new Special Housing Area planned for this virtual waterfront area is such high rise and so many apartments and which begin I understand for 1 bedroom units at \$449K. This makes them unaffordable and is NOT the kind of development for which SHA were designed. I am appalled that it likely to be approved and will only add to unaffordability. I do not know all the details, but overall this kind of development will not enhance this unique area or provide affordable homes for Nelson families.
4. In principle yes. I have used the modellers pond, model railway area, parks and seaside areas with great delight and pleasure over the years. I consider them all high value recreational areas which deserve quality maintenance. I have not seen any cost benefit analysis of what is being proposed, or the final figures on costs.

## Kate Fulton –

1. Repeated Southern Link investigations result in priority shared pathways and cycle network links in Tahunanui and along Rocks Rd being repeatedly deferred. The Rocks Road Walking and Cycling Project remains a priority, because it will improve the amenity value and connectivity to Tahunanui so greatly. It has been through consultation, has funding and unanimous support from council to complete.
2. A multiple cycle network which provides safer and healthier connectivity is vitally important for the children and community of Tahunanui. It is particularly important that there is a shared pathway along Tahunanui Drive and Muritai Street. Increasing the safety and amenity value of these streets will encourage more children to travel to school on bike or foot. It will also allow the Rocks Rd shared path to connect to the Railway Reserve networks. Further, there needs to be a direct and safe link to Nayland College so that high school students can bike easily and safely to school. They will take the most direct route so it needs to be planned very carefully. A longer leisure route long Beach Rd to connect with the airport and Great Taste Trail is important for recreational cyclists. There is a 2014 Opus report investigating the options and their pros and cons: <http://nelson.govt.nz/assets/Services/Downloads/transport/cycling-information/Tahunanui-Cycle-Network-InvestigationDelivery-1.pdf>
3. The Tahunanui Structure Plan was developed in 2004, with a particular focus on improving the 'heart' of Tahunanui at the Tahunanui Drive, Bisley Ave, Muritai Street and Beach Rd intersections. The two lane roundabout was removed and traffic lights put in to improve traffic flow along the arterial route and add amenity value for the community. It would be beneficial to compare traffic flow for both systems and whether the community does feel that the amenity value of the area is improved with lights rather than a roundabout. The Plan is now 12 years old so there are other parts which should also be reviewed. For example, should the 'heart' of Tahunanui remain at these intersections? Tahunanui School, Tahunanui Community Centre and Burrell Park Community Gardens on Muritai Street connect closely to the back of the approved Ocean Lodge SHA development, which will include a supermarket. Perhaps this is a more community spirited 'heart' than the 'heart' in the existing Structure Plan? The essence of the Plan is very positive and it's important that Tahunanui is developed with a strong vision in mind. Ensuring such a vision aligns with Nelson's overarching Vision 2060 is important. <http://nelson.govt.nz/assets/Building-Planning/Downloads/Tahunanui-Structure-Plan-568948.pdf>
4. An upgraded Modellers' Pond has the potential to benefit the Tahunanui Community in many different ways. Like Natureland, it is of historical significance to many, providing memories of days gone by, which contrast with the fast pace of modern life. It provides a gathering space for people to connect, improving health and wellbeing. It's an inclusive leisure activity, which many enjoy watching, so has

the potential to bring people from diverse backgrounds and of many different ages together. For example, grandparents have an opportunity to share this nostalgia with their grandchildren.

### **Matt Lawrey –**

1. I have yet to be convinced that the Southern Link is the right way forward for Nelson. I would love to get the logging trucks out of Tahunanui and off the waterfront and I am frustrated that more consideration has not been given to barges as proposed by Nelsust (you find a link to a PDF on the idea here <http://www.nelsust.co.nz>). I also suspect it's unlikely that the Government is going to spend \$150 - \$200M on a new highway to make it a little bit easier for people who live miles from town to drive into town at the same time as everyone else in their cars by themselves. People need to realise that the \$50 million figure that is regularly quoted is a fantasy. The recent work on the Quarantine Rd roundabout cost \$2.2 million. We're not going to get a new highway for \$50M.
3. Probably but times change and I would need to have another look at it. I'll do this by Tuesday's meeting.
4. I support the resolution of Council; the city puts in \$600,000, the modellers/the community puts in the rest.

### **Brian McGurk –**

1. Content to allow NZTA to conduct the investigation into the “southern link”. However, we should be making the optimal use of our existing network and implementing other initiatives such as improving our public transport system, addressing the issue of single occupant vehicles, dealing with some of the choke point such as the intersection Bisley/Rocks Road and so on.
2. Yes. Big supporter of expanding our cycling and walking network and providing safe active transport options including a shared pathway linking Tahunanui to the city centre.
3. Yes but the structure plan is overdue for a review and NCC then needs to prioritise the projects and allocate a budget.
4. I have difficulty in thinking that spending \$1.2 million plus \$45,000 annually is good use of limited rate payer funds.

### **Derek Nees -**

OK, so my understanding of issues particular to Tahunanui is that there is the ongoing problem of community severance caused by SH6 going through the middle of the suburb. It took forever to get the lane markings changed at the lights 3 years ago – as the then Pres of local Road

Transport Assn, I lobbied NZTA to get that done.

Q3. The Modeller Pond issue continues to fester, and I believe successive councils have fobbed this off and have recently lumbered the Modeller Assn with an unfair portion of the funding to fix the issue – it is a major attraction for tourists to the area.

Q4. The Tahunanui Structure Plan has been sitting on a shelf for too long and needs to be re-developed and brought up to date then put into action – a lot of this centres around moving SH6

### **Derek Shaw -**

1. I'm awaiting the outcome of the current study by NZTA.

2. Yes – they will be very useful to enable local residents and visitors to access the Great Taste Trail and the city centre via a new shared pathway around the waterfront and will also provide safe routes to schools, the beach, holiday park, airport, sports grounds and other community facilities and destinations.

3. Generally yes, providing it takes account of other possible developments such as on the Ocean Lodge site, good urban design principles, adequately mitigates hazard risks, including those that may result from climate change, and there is considerable public support.

4. Yes - a bit surprised the pond hasn't been sorted by now.