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# ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

## Open Minutes Attachments

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Meeting Date: Thursday 12 December 2024

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Time: 9.30am – 4.36pm (including Public Excluded)

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Venue: Large Exhibition Hall  
War Memorial Centre  
Marine Parade  
Napier

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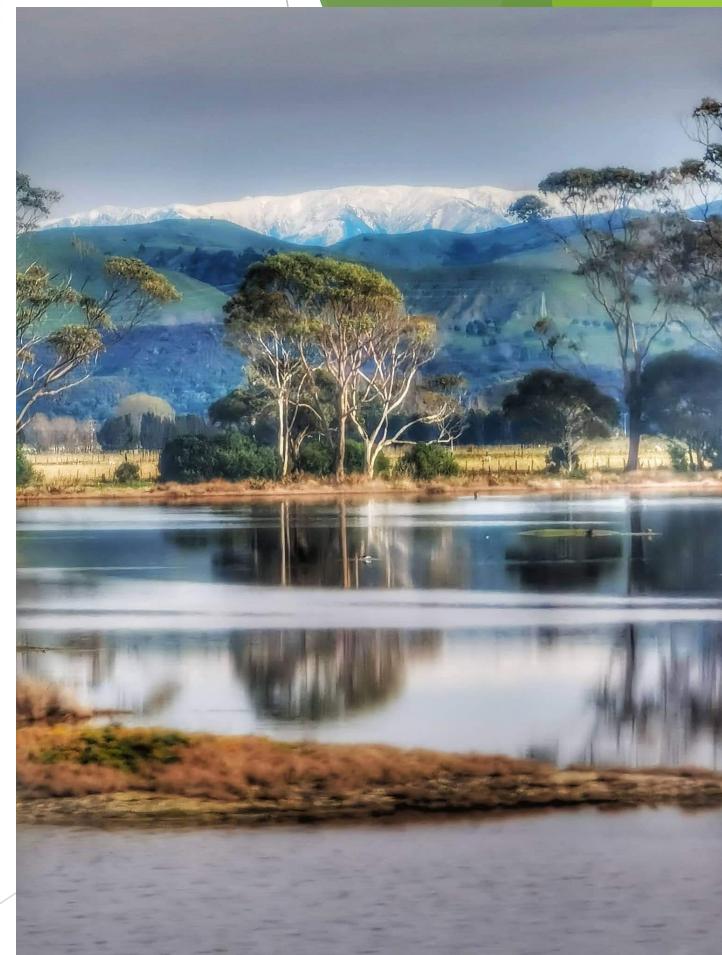
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# 1981-2024 Ahuriri Estuary Protection Society Inc.

Presentation to Napier City Council re  
proposed Hawke's Bay Expressway  
Fast-track extension from  
Prebensen Drive to Watchman Road





# What We Do

- Monthly Litter clean-ups
- eDNA water testing
- Biodiversity restoration projects
- Protection of nesting native birds
- Protection of 'at-risk' native plants
- Writing submissions to Councils and DOC
- Education
  - Welcome and farewell the Godwits
  - Public speakers
  - Annual events
- Networking and collaborating with:
  - Local Councils
  - Mana whenua
  - DOC
  - Ahuriri Tributaries Catchment Group
  - Biodiversity Hawke's Bay
  - Forest & Bird
  - Many more







# Status of Ahuriri Estuary

In the Deed of Settlement with Ahuriri Hapū (2022), “The Crown recognizes the role of Ahuriri Hapū as Kaitiaki, and will establish a permanent statutory committee, Te Komiti Muriwai o te Whanga,

*to promote **protection and enhancement** of the environmental,*

economic, social, spiritual, historical and cultural values of Ahuriri Estuary.” (NZ Govt, 2022)

(The statutory organizations on this joint Komiti are Mana Ahuriri Trust, NCC, HDC, HBRC, and DOC.)





# Status of Ahuriri Estuary

- Nationally Significant Wildlife Refuge (NCC 2023)
- Significant Natural Area (NCC draft District Plan 2020)
- Significant Conservation Area – HBRC Coastal Environmental Plan (2014)
- Wetland of Ecological and Representative Importance (DOC. 1996.)
- Site of Special Wildlife Interest (HBRC 2023)
- Site of ecological, cultural, and recreational significance (TANK 2007)
- Wetlands of National Importance to Fisheries (1987)
- Biodiversity Hot-Spot (HBRC 2018)
- **Estuaries of this type and value are rare in the lower North Island**



# What Lives There?

## **77 species of birds**

- Endemic – found only in NZ
- Native
- Migratory
- Introduced

## **29 species of fish**

- important contribution to marine fisheries
- feeding ground, nursery or breeding ground for young, ocean-going fish
- 6 commercially valuable species are common

## **33 species of macroinvertebrates**

- the food for the fish and birds
- includes cockles, pipis, thin wedge-shell, mud snail, whelk, crabs, chitons, barnacles, and worms



# Ongoing Issues

- **Sediment, nutrients and toxins**
  - from the hills, farms, lifestyle blocks, roading networks and urban development sites – a most pressing chronic and continuing issue
  - Lack of sediment & erosion controls in the catchment
  - Universally high phosphorous and zinc levels
- **Presence of Invasive species**
  - Rampant Tubeworm growth affecting water flow and growing into urban waterways
- **Heavy metal pollution** from the industrial and commercial areas
- **Untreated stormwater**
  - From 70% of the area of Napier (the rest directly to the ocean)
- **Intermittent sewage releases** after heavy or persistent rain.





## Learnings from the past

**The last expressway-build 20 years ago filled in at least two thirds of the estuary width, which greatly compromised water flow to the Upper Estuary and water clarity.**



**Full Span historic Embankment Bridge**



**Filled-in Expressway with 3 culverts**



**A full span bridge was recommended but not built.**



## OurConcerns

- Two new lanes added to the west disturb The Scrapes (NCC's Westshore Wildlife Reserve). The Scrapes were built specifically for roosting wading birds at high tide, e.g. the godwit.
- Adding lanes will cause significant restriction to natural water flow in the main channel and Upper Estuary.
- Construction will create increasing sediment, vibration and disturbance from piling, and increase runoff from bridge structures of hydrocarbons, heavy metals, etc.
- On the east (NCC land) - a restoration project is underway for 'At Risk/Uncommon' native plant *Thyridia repens*





## We would like to see

- Napier City Council **advocate for the estuary**, in alignment with:
  - The Deed of Settlement with Ahuriri Hapu (2022)
  - Napier City Stormwater Bylaw 2020
  - Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity (ECO) chapter of the Proposed District Plan
  - National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPS-IB)
  - National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020
  - Ahuriri Estuary and Coastal Edge Masterplan 2017
  - Commitments made in the 2021-31 Long Term Plan
- Seek information on the level of **need** of the expressway extension **versus** the need to **protect and enhance** Ahuriri Estuary
- Ensure, (if bridging the estuary), that robust compliance measures be adhered to



## We would like to see

- **No Expressway Extension** between Prebensen Drive and Watchman Road
- Recognition that the **traffic statistics don't warrant it**
  - Daily traffic north of Prebensen Drive is much less than elsewhere on the Expressway and has not been observed as congested.
- Protection of the estuary for **climate change resilience, flood protection and carbon sequestration** (fulfilling our contribution to climate change commitments)
- Acknowledgement that protection of the estuary is bigger than just wildlife preservation and the physical site – it's for human and cultural well-being
- **Natural landscape values must be protected**



# Questions & Comments



- Bi-monthly Meetings
- New members
- Linking with other community groups

# Napier's POSITIVE AGEING STRATEGY

ACTION PLAN

2023-2026






# AGE-FRIENDLY NAPIER SURVEY

Napier's Positive Ageing Strategy Advisory Group is working with the Office for Seniors, Te Pūkenga, and The Hague University in the Netherlands to assess the age-friendliness of Napier.

**We invite Napier residents aged 65+ to complete this survey to contribute your experience of living in Napier.**

Complete the survey at [napier.govt.nz](http://napier.govt.nz), or scan the QR code below.

You can also collect a paper copy from the Napier City Council Customer Service Centre, or at Napier



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**Age friendly**  
Aotearoa New Zealand

## Age Friendly Napier Survey

**Is Napier Age-Friendly?**  
Napier's Positive Ageing Strategy Advisory Group is working with the Office for Seniors, Te Pūkenga, and The Hague University in the Netherlands to assess Napier City's age-friendliness.

We invite **Napier residents aged 65 and over** to complete this survey to contribute your experience of living in Napier. Findings from the survey will inform Napier City Council's age-friendly plan.

The survey takes about 10-15 minutes to complete.  
Your responses are completely anonymous and participation is entirely voluntary.

This project has been approved by the Te Pūkenga Wintec Ethics Committee, reference number WTLR12180424.

Any questions about this survey can be directed to Napier City Council's Age Friendly Advisor, [communityservices@napier.govt.nz](mailto:communityservices@napier.govt.nz), 06 835 7579.  
Thank you for your time.

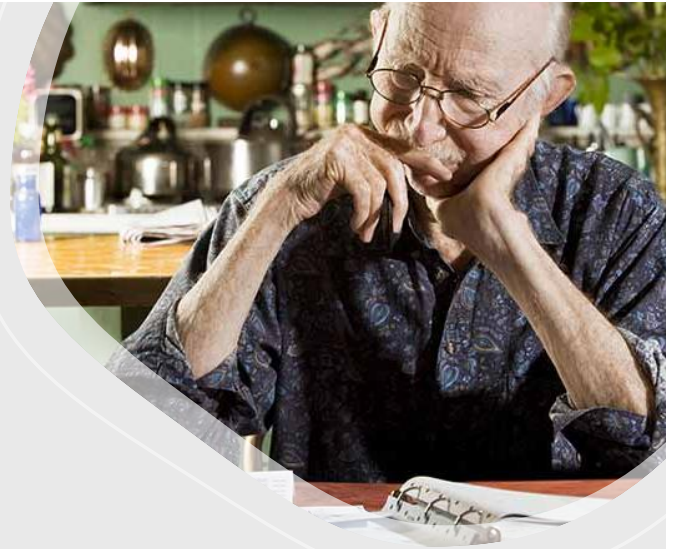
**I have read and understood the above information.**  
By selecting 'Yes' below I indicate my willingness to voluntarily take part in this survey.

☐ Yes, I wish to take part in this survey. → Please answer all of the survey questions.

☐ No, I do not wish to take part in this survey. → Thank you for your time. Please do not complete the survey.



## Key Findings



- Housing
- Mobility
- Financial Stability

## Next Steps in assessing how Age Friendly Napier is.....

- Professor Stephen Neville - Research platforms are gerontology, age friendly communities, marginalised populations & health workforce development.
- Should we redo the survey annually to measure progress?



## Age Friendly Logo



## Age Friendly Shops







# Emergency Preparedness

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## Silver screen Series





## IDOP – International Day of Older Persons





# Stay Safe Driving

# 2025

- **Action Plan review**
- **Age Friendly Shops**  
(Grey Power)
- **Intergeneration Project**  
(PASAG)
- **Technology**  
(NCC)
- **Radio sessions**  
(PASAG)

