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## build update [14 New Homes in Stoke](#)

In the next 12 months, Habitat Nelson will build 14 homes on a large section at 623 Main Road in Stoke – 12 townhouses will be home ownerships and 2 social rentals. There will be 2 one-, 6 two- and 6 three-bedroom homes which will provide decent and affordable housing for low to moderate income families through Habitat's rent-to-buy scheme - the Progressive Home Ownership (PHO) Programme. A townhouse community is being developed with the benefits of shared spaces and support in a central location surrounded by a good range of family facilities (playground, barbecue area, a shared workshop and garden with bike and car parking).

Habitat Nelson has received over \$3m share of a \$13.8 million interest-free government loan to Habitat for Humanity New Zealand. This 15-year loan from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (MHUD) will enable 12 families to benefit from the home-ownership model.

We received building consent in mid-January and the site has been prepared for the building process - topsoil is cleared and levelled, surveyors measured the pads and they were formatted.

The deadline for applications for home ownership was 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – we received 88 applications and our Family Selection Team is now reviewing them and will select 12 lucky families by the end of March 2022!





## Partnership with NMIT

Through the 2021 partnership with Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology (NMIT), three homes for whānau in need are being built in the Nelson region. NMIT's pre-trade students have been busy last year at the Richmond campus building spacious and modern, albeit affordable houses that Habitat Nelson will relocate, providing decent homes to three lucky families through its housing programmes. *"The finishing touches are being added, and the Habitat for Humanity houses built by carpentry pre-trade students are ready to be shifted to their new location, with the last items to be completed once the homes are located onsite,"* says Wayne Jackson, CEO of NMIT. *"It was the biggest project the construction staff had undertaken."* Traditionally the students have built one house, but in 2021 they took on three, three-bedroom houses for Habitat Nelson. *"While that presented a challenge with additional materials and space required, there was also a larger cohort of 48 students available to complete the project,"* Wayne mentions.

The location is not yet finalised but will be announced early this year. *"We are working hard to secure a place where we can move these houses and start the process of looking for whānau that need a roof over their head that they can call home,"* confirms Nick Clarke, General Manager of Habitat for Humanity Nelson.

# habitat nelson update

## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Habitat Nelson

Habitat for Humanity (Nelson) was established in 1996 by Julian Shields, a Nelson local. Since then, it has helped 26 families to purchase their own home in Nelson, Riwaka and Motueka. During this time a large amount of expertise was provided by local trades and builders, including the NZ Army, Australian Volunteers, Canadian Volunteers and American Global Village volunteers. Julian was on site of his last and Habitat Nelson's 24<sup>th</sup> house, at the age of 78.

“ **Habitat for Humanity isn't somebody 'up there' helping somebody 'down there', rather it's reaching out a hand and saying 'let's work together'.** ”

The former US President Jimmy Carter, one of the high-profile supporters of Habitat for Humanity.



## 2021 in review

There are 2 active partner families in the PHO programme (currently starting their 5-year renting journey) and 4 families that purchased their homes from Habitat Nelson in 2021. As well as the home ownership houses, there are 5 active social rentals – including an emergency house which is managed by the Salvation Army Nelson.)

## Plans 2022-2026

In the last year, demand for the current PHO programme has increased 10-fold. Families want to get out of the vicious circle of expensive rentals with insecure tenure and create a stable home they can call their own. Planning is underway for 30 new homes with more in the pipeline. As well as the 14 homes at 623 Main Rd Stoke, 8 more homes are planned at 617 Main Rd, 5 in Richmond and 3 homes were built off-site by NMIT students, waiting to be transferred to their new sites.



## habitat hub

Since moving into our new home at 166 Tahunanui Drive a great community of like-minded non-profit organisations has been created. They are not just tenants, we are communicating and cooperating closely nearly every day – helping young adults from The Buzz to develop working skills at our *nook*. Café, or by helping to fill Foodbank's boxes.

Event planners are welcome to book the Mosaic Room for conferences and similar functions as well as the smaller Buzz and Board rooms which are available for hire.

## Events

There are regular events taking place at the Habitat Hub – find them on social media to learn more.

- ☑ Repair Café at Nook - every Tuesday, 9am - 12pm
- ☑ Community and Whanau Meetings – every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 12pm – 1:30pm
- ☑ Wellby Talking Café – every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 10am - 11:30am
- ☑ Tots and Toys Playgroup – every Friday, 10am – 11:30am





# every one

deserves a decent  
place to live.

## nook. café update

### Playground and Outside Area

A great playground space for children and an outside sitting area has been created next to the *nook*. Café's entrance. There are lots of donated toys, slides and trikes that will keep any kid very busy. Next to the playground, artificial grass has been laid, stained wooden tables and benches have been placed and two lemon trees and one olive tree (all edible) have been included. Shade will be available during the scorching summer sun.

### Lunch Menu

In between navigating the busy period with covid levels and traffic light system of 2021, Greg has hired a new chef. Rosemarie Manktelow is a specialist in vegetarian and vegan meals and likes to use seasonal ingredients. Nutritious, but affordable is her goal.

We just created a fresh new lunch menu available from Tuesday to Friday 11am to 2pm. Greg adds, "Rosemarie is an excellent chef who creates interesting and modern dishes."

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