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8th February 2024

The Mayor and Council
Westland District Council
36 Weld Street
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Dear Mayor Lash and Councillors,

Submission to the Westland District Council Long Term and Annual Plans

Heritage West Coast would like to present this submission to the Westland District Council's Annual and Long Term Plans for funding support of \$25,000 pa for the next three years towards a shared Heritage Development Manager for the West Coast. Similar requests are being made to the Buller and Grey District Councils, coupled with funding applications to Lottery Community, gaming trusts and local grant funding trusts.

The purpose of the role is to continue the work Heritage West Coast is currently undertaking across the region under our one-year funded Ministry of Culture and Heritage Capability Building project. This project has seen Heritage West Coast gain funding to engage a Project Manager to undertake the following projects:

- The development of district strategies and updating the current regional heritage strategy. This aims to develop the foundation for a collective approach to addressing what is important to all the stakeholders in heritage, including the Councils. It also incorporates developing more robust iwi engagement.
- Creating a regional heritage website. This is missing, not only for the heritage groups, but especially for tourism promotion. While the regional *Footprints* brochure containing all the heritage sites across the region was created many years ago and reprinted many times, nothing now shows the visitor, the journey of rich attractions to lead them to explore places from the northern Buller to south of Haast. The heritage groups haven't had the resources to achieve this until now. The current project has funding for the website and content creation that includes photo and video imagery.
- Providing training in the sector. This includes governance and ensuring our groups are well managed and up to date with the changes coming in the charities sector, as well as strategic planning, marketing, and access around sites.
- Supporting educational institutions on the localised curriculum and career opportunities for students. This recent move in our schools provides one of the most significant opportunities to encourage more young people to develop an interest in and participate in heritage at a much younger age. This is much needed as many involved in groups are aging. It creates the opportunity for a new, more youthful look at how heritage is managed and developed. One could also expect an increased interest from this generation in seeking out the stunning places where many of our stories are told.

- Finally, Heritage West Coast has some financial resourcing to provide professional assistance with specific project work within each district.

Having been able to start on these critical projects, Heritage West Coast would like to see this continue and is already looking ahead to when this funded project is concluded at the end of June 2024. We are aware of the funding limitations on each of the Councils and, as mentioned above, are therefore proposing this as a regional role with the costs shared across the Councils and other funders.

The requested investment is small yet has the opportunity to provide significant ongoing benefits to the Westland District and collectively across the region. This includes capitalising on funding opportunities currently being missed. The draft Westland District heritage strategy requires more consultation before it can be completed, however, survey work, individual discussions with those involved in the sector and the first consultation meeting highlighted the following areas where support was needed and that the resources of a dedicated person/s could assist:

- Having a resource/person to facilitate entities and individuals working collaboratively, including with the Council, learning about each other's projects, and sharing staff and personnel resourcing across the sector. Looking for ways to bundle the various expertise and time to focus on communication outreach, funding bids, projects, promotion and planning rather than working in a siloed fashion or competing against each other.
- Assisting heritage groups with their project planning and funding.
- Exploring how heritage assets can be better protected and the long-term preservation of our taonga items and unique documents. Many of these are currently stored incorrectly in local homes and garages or away from the West Coast. There is a need for awareness, training and storage solutions.
- Ensuring new and existing generations of volunteers and heritage practitioners are trained with the correct preservation skills in order to protect the district's heritage. This is now being investigated alongside representatives of the Department of Conservation, Heritage New Zealand, Development West Coast, Heritage West Coast, and Tai Poutini Polytech. Aspirational scope includes developing a regional or nationwide training academy for preserving heritage structures, e.g., Longford Academy in Tasmania.
- Arranging further training and coaching for the heritage sector in good governance, storytelling, fundraising, and heritage planning.
- Encouraging and inspiring more young people to become actively involved in heritage through exploring opportunities with the new curriculum and linking heritage groups and projects with school classes where appropriate. Then, finding ways to connect with youth in longer-term or future affiliations outside the classroom environment.
- Seeking other sources of younger volunteers, i.e., recently retired residents, new residents, and immigrant communities and present them with appealing and manageable tasks they'll enjoy completing. This may include recruiting volunteers at regular and heritage related events.
- Further developing the website and online content that promotes our local heritage sector within the wider regional attractions and proactively marketing heritage sites and

attractions to visitors and the visitor industry. This includes working with Development West Coast Tourism and others promoting the region.

- Creating a digital hub for general resources and information, resources of the type that can assist educators in teaching the local heritage curriculum, and information that helps guide heritage groups through areas of bureaucratic planning and process.
- Finding funding avenues for employing a full-time Heritage Advocate/ Navigator, who can work on behalf of the prominent heritage sector volunteer base and guide them in planning, decision making, and accessing resources, including funding.

The heritage sector appears to sit under the radar, well below sport and recreation. Yet, at least \$70 million of capital investment is currently going into significant projects across the Coast. These include the new multi-million dollar Pounamu Pathway cultural attractions in Greymouth, Westport, Hokitika and Haast; the new \$41 million Visitor Centre with its cultural experience at Punakaiki; the Reefton Powerhouse experience understood to be an \$8 million project; the restoration of buildings at Waiuta; the Runanga Miners' Hall restoration project and seeking of UNESCO World Heritage Status for miners' halls where over \$1 million has been invested; the Greymouth riverside Cowan and Sheldon Cranes restoration and Virtual Reality project (again another investment understood to be over \$1 million), four new experiences at Shantytown based on the Grey Coal Fields, kayaking, West Coast adventure sports and environmental sustainability and green energies (the value as yet unknown); your own new museum experience in the newly strengthened Carnegie Building, the restoration of the Government Buildings and new attractions planned at the Westland Industrial Heritage Park.

How this landscape of attractions plays out amongst the visitor market is unknown. It presents questions around whether all products will be robust attractors and visitors will include them all within their itineraries or whether some will have less appeal and not be visited to the same level.

What is paramount is that the region's strength in cultural and heritage tourism will be elevated significantly and likely to sit up alongside our prestigious natural environment. This will create much-needed opportunities, not only for our main centres but also for many of our small towns and outlying areas. Like the other districts, for Westland, with good product development and marketing support, it provides the opportunity to attract more visitors through the district to the many heritage attractions that sit within places like Ross, Kumara, Hari Hari and Haast. At least 14 groups and an extensive number of sites identified in the work being undertaken by Heritage West Coast make up the Westland District's product offering. These are highlighted on the attached map, which also presents the regional picture of the heritage resources and activities with which Heritage West Coast is affiliated. While a tremendous amount is happening, it is mainly undertaken by volunteers with limited resources and support. Having a paid resource working on this and bringing all the parties together will help the Westland District play a more significant role and be actively involved in this regional work.

Heritage West Coast would like to thank the Westland District Council for considering this submission, which we would like to speak to at your submissions meeting.

Kind Regards,



Jackie Gurden
Chairperson

Regional & National Stakeholders:

Heritage New Zealand
 Te Papa Tongarewa
 Development West Coast
 Heritage West Coast Inc.
 West Coast Recollect
 New Zealand Rail Heritage
 Department of Conservation
 Te Runanga o Ngati Wae Wae
 Te Runanga o Makaanhio
 Buller District Council
 Grey District Council
 Westland District Council
 Ministry of Culture & Heritage

Ross Goldfields Information & Heritage Centre
 Ross Chinese Memorial Garden
 St. Patricks Church Restoration Project
 Westland Region Environment Network Incorporated Society

Te Kopikopiko: Tohu Whenua
 Pounamu Pathway Haast

Greymouth Heritage Trust
 Sheldon & Cowan Wharf Cranes Project
 Coal River Park and Q Wagons
 Greymouth Signal Box Maintenance
 Greymouth Heritage Building Advocacy
 Historic Mining Area of the Southern Paparoas
 Pounamu Pathway Mawhera

Punakaiki Visitor Centre Project
 Blackball Regeneration Project
 Blackball Museum of Working Class History
 Runanga Miner's Hall Trust
 Brunner Mine: Tohu Whenua

Museum of Kawatiri
 Repatriation of Koivi Tangata (NZRRN)
 Kawatiri Coastal Trail
 Westport Genealogy & History Group
 Westport Railway Preservation Society
 Carnegie Cultural Heritage Centre
 Charleston Waitakere Community Group

Karamea Museum

Hokitika Port & Commercial: Tohu Whenua
 Westland Industrial Heritage Park Development
 Heritage Hokitika Inc.
 Hokitika Museum
 Seddon House Development
 Hokitika Regent Theatre
 Friends of St. Mary's Church

Oira Heritage Volunteers

Shantytown Heritage Park/ Museum
 Shantytown Archival and Experience Development
 West Coast Gem & Mineral Club
 Masonic Lodge & Freemasons Society

Kotuku Heritage Trust
 Kotuku School for Social Change
 Moana Heritage Trust

Denniston: Tohu Whenua
 Denniston Heritage Trust
 Millerton and Plateau Protection Society
 Millerton Hall Board
 Northern Buller Museum
 The Lyric Theatre Granity Inc.
 Inangahua Earthquake Museum
 Reefton: Tohu Whenua
 Blacks Point Museum
 Reefton Information Centre
 Reefton School of Mines
 Reefton Powerhouse Charitable Trust
 Reefton Revitalisation Project

Waiuta: Tohu Whenua
 Friends of Waiuta Inc.
 Waiuta Police Cottage Restoration
 Book Reprint: Friends in Chains

Custom House Project
 Charles Douglas Digitisation Project
 Three Mile Community: Book
 150 Years of Connectivity Project
 Stafford Literary Society Inc.
 Okitiki Building Development
 Pounamu Pathway Hokitika



Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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HOKITIKA

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not wish to speak to my submission

Council Headquarters

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Comments

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

The Regent Theatre funding needs to re-enter the Annual Plan. The Regent Theatre is providing excellent and valuable service to the community.

Kind regards,
Lisa Reinhardt

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Please select one of the following:

I do not wish to speak to my submission

Council Headquarters

Option 2: Strengthen and refurbish the current location.

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Option 4: Preserving our assets (balanced)

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Option 1: Repair the pool structure.

Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Option 2: Council continues to rate for Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Comments

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Option 1: Council ceases the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.

Comments

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

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n/a

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I do not wish to speak to my submission

Council Headquarters

Option 2: Strengthen and refurbish the current location.

Comments

Best thing is to stay accessible to the community and ratepayers ... although I acknowledge climate change has the potential to not be kind to Hokitika Town adjacent to the river & sea

Land Transport levels of service

Option 5: Improving Level of Service (enhanced asset preservation)

Comments

Maintain what we have. Deferred maintenance or reduced maintenance will come back to bite us (ratepayers) in the future.

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Option 1: Repair the pool structure.

Comments

This is a well used and highly valued community asset. Again, deferring maintenance will result in a higher cost to ratepayers in the future

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Comments

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

Funding should remain for those community volunteer groups that support or provide or maintain assets for community use. This could remain at the same level

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

DON'T defer maintenance on roads or community assets ..

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Hokitika

Organisation

N/A

Please select one of the following:

I would like to speak to Council about my submission through a remote option (Zoom link or telephone)

Council Headquarters

Option 2: Strengthen and refurbish the current location.

Comments

Utilise the new building for expansion and other council run facilities/businesses rather than moving headquarters.

Land Transport levels of service

Option 5: Improving Level of Service (enhanced asset preservation)

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Option 1: Repair the pool structure.

Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Comments

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

I think ceasing funding to the regent theatre is a bizarre move, not only is it a purpose built building that would be useless and empty if closed down but it also houses the community theatre, ballet recitals and other presentations and school prize givings. If any thing it should be more heavily funded to increase the use of performers and shows travelling down to the town to make it a lively theatre. If you find sport you should fund theatre.

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

Emma Rae

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ROSS

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not wish to speak to my submission

Council Headquarters

Comments

None of the above

Land Transport levels of service

Option 1: Status quo

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Option 1: Repair the pool structure.

Comments

Take the 300thousand from the hoki pool refurbishment & give to the ross community we have had nothing in the 20 years I have lived here always promises but nothing happens the pool should have been checked out by your engineers every year

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Option 1: Council ceases to rate for Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Comments

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Option 1: Council ceases the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.

Comments

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

Get your act together & put the money into each community not just Hokitika pur footpaths have been promised to be done for years just have loose seal on them all washes into the stormwater drains when it rains pot holes everywhere

Emma Rae

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Organisation

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I do not wish to speak to my submission

Council Headquarters

Comments

None of the above

Land Transport levels of service

Option 1: Status quo

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Option 1: Repair the pool structure.

Comments

If maintenance was done yearly this would not be a problem council own this structure should maintain it take money from hoki pool allocation and their rate payers did not pay over 1 million dollars for their upgrades

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Option 1: Council ceases to rate for Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Comments

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Option 1: Council ceases the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.

Comments

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

Ross has been waiting for new footpaths for years over 8months ago council came with a plan to do this nothing happened need concrete ones on main Street as chip too dangerous very slippery

Emma Rae

From: Loraine Haworth
Sent: Thursday, 4 April 2024 2:21 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: FW: Objection 2024 25 Annual Plan Westland District Council.

Hello

Please find an objection to the Annual Plan in the email below.

Kind regards

Loraine Haworth | Customer Service Officer
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What do you think?

Tell us what you think of our proposed Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025

Submissions open 9am Tuesday 2 April

Submissions close 12pm Friday 3 May



From: Rex and Anthea Keenan [REDACTED]
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To: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Objection 2024 25 Annual Plan Westland District Council.

From: Rex and Anthea Keenan [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 11:51 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Objection 2024 25 Annual Plan Westland District Council.

OBJECTION TO CHANGING LONG TERM PLANS WITHOUT SPECIAL CONSULTATION PROCESS

No to such High RATE increase when unwise spending

TO be Truthful – Westland ratepayers and residents NEED to be given opportunity to score Council staff on their performance. Not for Council to do their own, but for ratepayers and residents to do so. How are ratepayers of Westland feeling about this Council and their workings?. So critique this Vision and decide what is actual!.

Council Vision being:

- "By investing in our people, caring for the environment, respecting the Mana Whenua cultural heritage, and enabling investment, growth, and development we will enrich our district and the people that reside here. Our aspirations, values and role. Active leadership, Council works with integrity and honesty building the respect and confidence of the community, Togetherness, Building strong relationships and partnerships with stakeholders, encouraging citizens to play an active role within their communities for success, Future proofing, Safeguarding our unique natural environment and cultural heritage to support communities' resilience in the face of social, economic, and environmental challenges.

Community Wellbeing Outcomes:

To promote our District's social, economic, environmental, and cultural wellbeing, Council is focused on:

- Sustainable environment
- Diverse economy
- Embracing our culture
- Live and play
- Resilient infrastructure"

We object to Westland District Council draft Annual Plan (as we have objected untold times) the way in which it has been forced out to ratepayers by way of workshop or behind closed doors decision making – even Trusts or Council Companies are doing likewise – lack of transparency & inclusion of rate/tax payers. There being little or no debate or certainly no time for ratepayers to have a say, lack of public section speaking, when works already started. You hastily approved this Draft Plan when alterations should well have been made before coming out with such increases!.

Council has taken itself into a position of high debt loadings (hard core debt), with continued finance costs now nearing to \$1.4 mil p.a. Ludicrous for a small rating base Council for just 6500 rateable properties (or \$5 mil finance costs p.a. West Coast Councils!). Then also while monies are spent unwisely, poorly consulted and or lack of due diligence (with only certain people involved) and on recreational projects i.e. Cass Square Playground, Hokitika Pool \$5.6 mil (\$800k consultants), Wilderness trail, Council companies and without special consultation for altering the Long Term plan (section 93 LGA or 82 LGA and applying Significance and Engagement). To apply tranche monies and spending it elsewhere and not funding depreciation for three waters, depleting funds held for that purpose, then now having to claw back via high rating!. All while, when there is NEED for sewerage systems fixes or renewals i.e. Franz Josef well known by Regional Council and this Council for years & also Hokitika ponds consents.

After Council purchasing 41 Weld St building with lack of secured plan and already named Pakiwaitara, debt loading, going to take our Museum/Library etc there when grant funds applied for Carnegie Building Museum and rates depreciation for those buildings!. Yet now after Carnegie restored still no Museum or plan proper, but change of purpose for Pakiwaitara (or extra cost fixes to building)!. We always said get the Library out of the leased building – how

much now spent in LEASE costs? Council have been advised several times about breaches of the local government act, but worse than that is denials and coverups, trying to gag us or exclude us. Note: I have also endured lack of equality within the justice systems – as tax payers we have every right to call out injustices of government entities.

Council mandated and went along with coercion mass injections, which we were discriminated against. People have been harmed, yet this is denied!. REMINDER in respect to our forebears: WE had uncles died WW2 for our democratic rights, not for us to be mistreated the way this Council has (or likely breach of Nuremburg Code). Pleased government did realise mandates illegal and now reiterate “free speech laws” (thanks to Freedom Groups). WE acknowledge our foundation law, common law, divine law, our bill of rights brought here by our forebears. Respect our grounding foundations (not to be denied by those who make an Oath of Allegiance), as you all have now led us to as Chris Luxton announced “a fragile position”! We can see why and this small Council! Is an example of the blame game culture, dividing community, but using over reach of power! Over powering we have had to cope with - which the very reason FOR “the Magna Carta” (which we endured denial even of our Divine Law in the local Court system !) New Zealand government systems have run amok, our foundational law & constitution meddled. Remember our well known traditional Good Friday and Easter, YOU must respect OUR PIONEER SETTLER traditions and our foundations by OATH – otherwise why take leave on our tax/paid dollars?.

Remember I was on Council albeit long enough to see local government implemented processes, all the overly administrative costs, risks of rivers/sewerage pond filtration galleries on Waiho known to staff were left which has occasioned court cases by several ratepayers here due to Council on other agendas. There was a list made 2014 by a Local Government Fix It employed to assist Westland “poor financials”- it is still relevant for today but ignored!.. There is lack of accountability and respect by those in Council roles who are also in denial of what is happening, but continue on local government uneconomic pathway with a blame culture, lack of auditing, lack of conscience. Then try to blame us for speaking out. I stood for Mayoralty 2016, but then 2019 election year of course you trespassed me out, reversed by Ombudsman calling and your kangaroo court. We object. We Ratepayers & Residents Group have been calling governmental mis/mal/non feasance out for years here NO to wasting rate/tax paid monies, NO to poor consultation, NO to meddling with heritage and especially NO to denials of our foundational law - by Oath. No to CCOs carrying out works without it being in Statement of Intents. Excuse our continued expression of being so frustrated (but understandably so) with your extravagant and excessive administrative workings, which no other business could tolerate.

Council failed to oblige or remember the conditions of it’s own open stormwater/ effluent drain (improper drainage) passing through our Kaniere property from Dents Road and the issues with flooding. It is not on your plan – yet an earlier one Dents Road flooding was a Capital Works project – you rated us all here for (as one example). Yet untold times you and staff state that “ rates not drawn down until works done”, yet those capital works have disappeared & works not done, while forging on to other fanciful projects, some done unbudgeted or a shift of funds!. Where are the Asset Management Plans? How can you budget without those plans? Who permitted for other projects to be done? Note: Improper draining into ours & others property, unable to flow when river high. Council must urge Regional Council that rivers need cleaning out so creeks drain out. The Kaniere Sewerage scheme linked to Hokitika Scheme early 2000 after health problems at Kaniere. We all paid the connection fee and pay sewerage rating to fix the issue. Is the scheme suitable now with the extra building gone through?

Previous Council lifted the sewerage pan rate up 63% to over \$400 per pan rate (since reduced but). We objected for the community groups and Churches with multiple toilet pans, having to fundraise for that increase. BUT last year Council staff, due to supposedly funds held, decided austerity depreciation to reduce rates (its a sticking plaster for a well known issue overly administration/debt loadings which have increased). If funds held why not offset the debt for a period of time to reduce finance costs!, but do not cover up the issue of overly administrated Council/s and government entities. Then there is no charging for all the campervans unloading their sewerage out at the ponds, or those busloads using public toilets in the vicinity!. To go to austerity depreciation last annual plan, when we objected as same was done during ex Mayor Pugh Council time, when there are and was then such obvious Sewerage Ponds issues as a priority, rates had to be caught up again! But no reduction of overheads.

WE with information are excluded, shut down, even out of Council's facebook page. Council discriminated by having Iwi reps appointed and paid for on a separate sewerage committee, which just WHAT is that plan? Why Iwi and not those with sewerage system skill!. It's discrimination & racial preference!. Then cycleway & walking committees & other select preference groups! Into projects of high cost Mountain Jade/Cenotaph/Cass square fencing/ Hokitika pool/playground/cycletrail extensions! – with monies going to a Trust (not transparent!). Bringing a police force in while Wildfoods festival – what cost to tax payers? Now 30 – 50% rate increases proposed due to workshop decision making is hard to fathom – WHY did you do that within your workshops to come out with this plan.

With DOC, IWI, DWC, even education systems and layers of bureaucrats paid by tax or debt, these systems infiltrated with what seems nonsense, poor economics, staff sitting at lengthy meetings, discrimination and lack of respect for all the works forebears paid for. This has been determined time & time again, meddling with our heritage, lack of common sense. COUNCIL have mistreated the very people who stood up strongly for proper sewerage scheme in the first place, due to improper drainage, health risks, here from Kanieri! AND yet also those alongside the Waiho River at Franz Josef. Surely now ensure that township sewerage schemes, Kanieri Stormwater / overflow drain is clean, filtered properly, just as the river gravels should be removed.

Council has failed to carry out essential works, priorities to protect properties and health. Our people and especially younger/or newer ratepayers need to be well informed, not with “red herrings’ or “diverting attention” such as “playgrounds out of town contractors” or with such unfairness and or denials, but with facts and utmost priorities first. We had the Local Government Commission here for cost effective efficiency – yet it seems that 2015 application (Peter Salter & myself along with near 400 signatories) and all their advices have been shunned, or government have acted against the very make up of the One Plan and Resource Management Act has caused another lot of over spending of rate/tax monies (when the three district plans could have amalgamated updated to ensure regulatory compliance guiding for ease of consent permission) along with so many staff sitting at meetings.

Health Care & well being of communities is a priority, not mass injecting & discrimination, nor sewerage in drains, lakes and rivers i.e. the very river where part of our water supply is drawn, which then has to be treated ! Inform our ratepayers of what Council are treating water with? This Council (with only 6600 rateable properties Otira to Jacksons Bay/Makarora) should have stayed with Core Business Functions – i.e. 3 Waters, roading, essentials like Cemeteries, but has evolved into such self interest greed & egos, employment schemes, or lack of common sense, DEBT loading, corporates and money grabbing.

WE object and have very good reason to do so, witnessing & observing the absolute waste and lack of accountability of tax paid entities – too many for New Zealand which is also DEBT loaded monies gone to corporates entities, leaving this Country recessional. We do not wish to speak at your meeting, as have done so many times.

Without prejudice this is said again signalled to MPs.

Rex Keenan

:Anthea -Rose : Keenan

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Organisation

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Council Headquarters

Option 2: Strengthen and refurbish the current location.

Comments

My preferred option is whichever of the three of these options is cheapest. As you have not presented any costing, im going with the status quo but only if your current building will cost less than the other two options to make safe.

Land Transport levels of service

Option 1: Status quo

Comments

I'm not up to speed on what land transport service includes, thusly choose the status quo.

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Option 2: Do not budget to repair the pool structure.

Comments

I think for now we need to turn inward and not do anything else for a few years, then revisit this. it's a short drive to hoki to use our fancy new pool.

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Option 1: Council ceases to rate for Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Comments

You guys need to save money. This will help.

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Option 1: Council ceases the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.

Comments

We cant afford this either. Those who cannot stay in business without it probably needed to be doing more themselves to self-promote without ratepayers subsidising their advertising.

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

I think it was a good idea to say no where you could to save money. Please do better to save money inside council.

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

Do some internal housekeeping and look at what roles can be culled. When was the last time you guys had an internal restructure? Stop spending hundreds of dollars on catering during civil defence watch events etc.

Emma Rae

From: Chrissy Miller
Sent: Monday, 8 April 2024 4:22 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: FW: Improper drainage
Attachments: 20240408_152357.jpg; 20240408_152033.jpg; 20240408_151930.jpg; 20240408_153405.jpg

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From: Anthea Keenan [REDACTED]
Date: 8/04/24 16:15 (GMT+12:00)

To: council@westlanddc.govt, info@wrcrc.govt.nz

Subject: Improper drainage

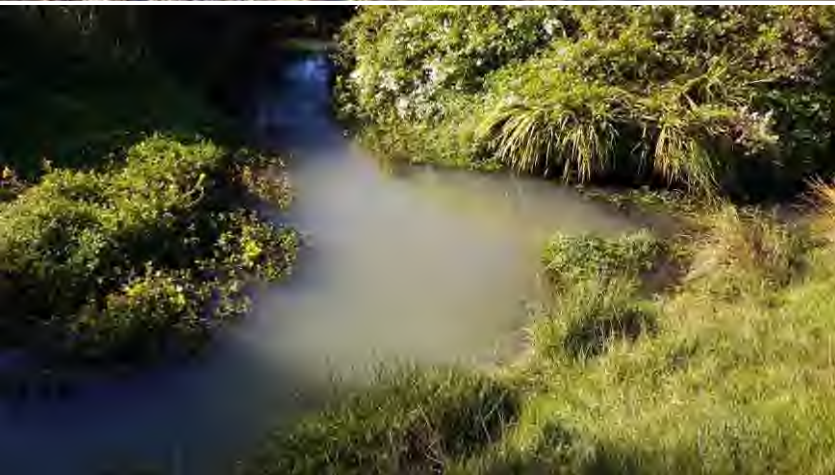
Objection and complaint: see attached taken today 8th April 2024.

Further to objections to high rate increases and increased values QV also asked to check.. Check your drain from Dents road into our property now full of sediment, not cleaned out. This was Councils effluent flow drain, also had oil and paint tipped in years back. This is a ongoing sludge drain due to Council's=pic 1. Check drainage coming from tailings into Shanendoah creek - pic 2 and 3 check sediment flow from Shanendoah to Hokitika river - pic 4. Shanendoah, which was usually nice clear flow in) has sediment now back flow into Council storm/effluent drain.

Nice piece of land to enjoy the whitebait spawning, trout and eels. Not for effluent, oil, paint, other improper drainage on ours. Clean it up.

Rex and Anthea Keenan

Sent from Samsung tablet



Emma Rae

From: Loraine Haworth
Sent: Thursday, 11 April 2024 1:28 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: FW: toilets

Hello

Please find submission to Annual Plan in email below

Kind regards

Loraine Haworth | Customer Service Officer
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Tell us what you think of our proposed Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025

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From: Sylvia Ross [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 11 April 2024 10:40 am
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Subject: toilets

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Mayor Westland District Council

Dear Mrs. Lash,

I was very sorry to learn your council intends to close the toilets by the Carnegie

Museum. They are the only ones central the public can use ,unless we buy a coffee or food whether we want it or not.

You intend to keep the toilets at the beach front end of Weld lane open. If an elderly person is in rather a hurry to use a toilet, these are rather out of the way. Any time I have gone there,there has been a number of folk waiting due to the tourists in the area.

The Tancred street toilets are popular too with tourists and locals alike but not to the same extent as the beach front ones.

Savings could be made at these toilets by turning the hot water off as it is too hot to use, Heard bus folk saying this and found this out myself.

With the museum opening in the future these toilets are going to be needed all the more. Please keep them open. Would a donation box there be a help to cover costs?

Thanks if you and council will give this request your full consideration.

Yours sincerely

Sylvia Ross

P/S My friends agree with me and request the toilets to remain open.

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Organisation

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Council Headquarters

Option 2: Strengthen and refurbish the current location.

Comments

The rate payers need to see a detailed report of the problems with the existing building, then a quote on the cost of repairs before any work is agreed to. A quote that is final and can't blow out to millions of dollars over the initial quote. We are all sick of the extra costs of all projects that have been done recently.

Land Transport levels of service

Option 1: Status quo

Comments

This needs to be looked at though and make sure our town verges and footpaths are kept tidy and usable. We need anyone driving into town to see a tidy town not an overgrown mess with uneven and broken footpaths.

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Option 2: Do not budget to repair the pool structure.

Comments

At this time there is no money to do this. How many months of the year does it get used? and it appears that people are still using it, what are the repairs that are needed?

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Option 1: Council ceases to rate for Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Comments

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Option 1: Council ceases the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.

Comments

I think these promotions should be done by the Hokitika I-site. Many businesses pay thousands of dollars to the I-site every year to promote the town and their businesses. This would also cut back on some of the staffing costs for council.

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

I think the Regent Theater needs to be funded as a lot of work has gone into restoration of the building. There are many volunteers that work hard to keep the doors open. Give Hayley another year to see how she can improve turnover. We need a Theater in the town for live shows etc. The Lions Club should be supported as they do a lot to help out in the Community helping the elderly and anyone else that is in need. Who would put on the Community Christmas Lunch every year for all the lonely people in our town. The toilets at Lazer Park need to be kept.

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

The toilets by the Museum and Grey Power rooms need to be kept open as they are in the township where tourists that are traveling on busses need to be able to get to on foot quickly as they don't have long in town. Are you wanting the busses to drive to the Tiphead or Cass Square for their toilet stop and then drive straight out of town? The tourists spend money in town over that half hour stop, but if the driver has to wait at the toilets further out of town for 40 to 50 people to go to the bathroom there is the half hour used up. So no spending in the shops. The Racecourse development needs to be shelved and the new bridge for the cycle way also until such time as there is funding to go ahead with these projects. The rate payers can't afford to pay for these. Also all council wages rises need to be frozen at the current levels or staff reduced until we are in a more financial situation to afford them.

We have to all live within our means and not keep borrowing. If rates keep going up the way they are people will start leaving town, it just isn't sustainable for most households.

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Organisation

Please select one of the following:

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Council Headquarters

Option 3: New build at the airport.

Comments

Future proofing the Council Building by building up at the airport, on higher ground, makes sense. The building will be fully compliant with earthquake standards and will be at the airport which makes sense from an Emergency Management perspective. The Pakiwaitara building should be sold and the library should be moved to the council building so that rental is not being paid on the library building. Of course, the Council building needs to be brought up to standards first.

Land Transport levels of service

Option 4: Preserving our assets (balanced)

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Option 1: Repair the pool structure.

Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Option 1: Council ceases to rate for Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Comments

The glaciers are becoming a non-entity and the area needs to market itself in other ways. I don't really understand what the Country Tourism and Community development roles do.

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Option 1: Council ceases the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.

Comments

I do not know what these roles do.

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

I think that the theatre and toilets should be given funding. Coming from the USA, where there are few public toilets, I was impressed when I first came to this country that every town had a public toilet. For the small fee that every rate payer is charged, I think that it is worth that fee.

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

Not any feedback on the Draft Annual plan, just a question: with Hokitika and surrounding areas not having an adequate amount of houses for people to live in, why is it so difficult to get a house built? The consents departments seem obstructive and a bit out of touch with reality. Calling a water tank or a berm a dwelling seems pretty far fetched to me, as a commoner.

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Council Headquarters

Comments

Why are we even bothering with the building, sell it and put the money toward improving the present Council offices. It is a waste of money to improve a building with such a poor design.

Land Transport levels of service

Option 3: Do the minimum (service level review)

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Option 1: Repair the pool structure.

Comments

A swimming pool in district is a necessary item in the modern world it is a safe way to get exercise for all ages.

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Comments

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Option 2: Council continues to collect the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.

Comments

You must keep the Regent Theatre, so many people have volunteered hours of their time and money to get it to the level it is now. It does not cost that much to keep it going for the benefit it gives the community.

You must keep the public toilets near the Carnegie building. I use them frequently and I do not want to have to go to Cass Square when I need to use the loo, if you take them away the library and supermarket will be inundated with people needing a toilet. Everytime I go to them, there are tourists and other people using them. What a stupid thing to do to remove a much used and needed facility. The \$5000 to maintain is nothing compared to the money being wasted on other things like the new toilets in Cass Square. How can 2 toilets cost more than a 4 bedroom home.

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

Use some common sense and listen to what the Ratepayers are saying in the newspaper and on the street. It is very difficult for many of us to work our way through this on line plan and not all of us can flit into town all the time.



Mayor and Councilor's

Submission to Long Term Plan

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Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

We understand that budgets are tight, and that cost cutting is the order of the day. We agree with cost cutting, which is operational, but this should not be confused with **wise intergenerational investment in your town and city centers, suburban centers and parks and recreational facilities.**

Towns, cities and suburbs are judged by their centers.

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Stopping investing in such public spaces is a false economy. The investment has a long-term life over several generations so should be paid for by intergenerational loan which reduces the short-term effect on rates increases. The effect on rates is very modest, particularly when compared with the benefits to the community and local economy.

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Selwyn District Council – Rolleston Town Library – Kai Table



Invercargill City Council – City Streets Upgrades Stage I – Custom Benches



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 Contractor: Livingstone Building
 Architect: Adam Mason Landscape Architects Ltd.
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Location: Wanganui, New Zealand
 Council: Wanganui City Council
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- *Planters
- *Drinking Fountains
- *Portable Grandstands
- *Commercial BBQ's

- *Commercial Table Tennis Tables
- *Outdoor Shelters



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or by going to one of our websites -

www.urbaneffects.co.nz.

<https://logicstreetscene.co.nz/>

Thank you for your time in reading our submission, we look forward to being of service to you in the future.

Kind regards,

The Team at Urban Effects

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Hokitika

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

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Council Headquarters

Option 3: New build at the airport.

Comments

Stop paying rent at library, build cost effective, purpose built council headquarters at airport, move library into existing council building.

Land Transport levels of service

Option 1: Status quo

Comments

What does land transport levels of service mean??

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Option 1: Repair the pool structure.

Comments

Fairs fair, Hokitika pool upgrade happened.

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Option 1: Council ceases to rate for Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Comments

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Option 1: Council ceases the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.

Comments

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

Please make building permit and resource consent processes easier for the user. Feels like these should be easier and more straight forward.

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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Geoff Evans

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Council Headquarters

Option 2: Strengthen and refurbish the current location.

Comments

By removing top floor this will reduce the seismic requirements for building code reducing the overall cost of refurbishment. Council needs to reduce staffing numbers hence less room needed. Totally object to the proposal of new premises and should look at an amalgamation with another West Coast Council.

Land Transport levels of service

Option 1: Status quo

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Option 2: Do not budget to repair the pool structure.

Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Option 1: Council ceases to rate for Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Comments

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Option 1: Council ceases the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.

Comments**Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?**

Continue status quo.

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

Place a total pause on all spending other than essentials (Day To Day Requirements)

All projects that are nice have stopped. Just because some funds have been made available from the Government It does not mean that it has to be spent especially where the rate payers have to fund the completion.

Emma Rae

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Township

Hokitika

Organisation

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I do not wish to speak to my submission

Council Headquarters

Option 2: Strengthen and refurbish the current location.

Comments

Council must quickly make this decision (without expensive outside consultants) and reduce debt by getting rid of the Pakiwaitara building.

Land Transport levels of service

Option 4: Preserving our assets (balanced)

Comments

Ensure adequate maintenance and work is carried out, and future work well planned for to ensure that no further damage or deterioration occurs.

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Option 1: Repair the pool structure.

Comments

Ensure work is well planned and costed so no "surprises" Future upkeep to be well planned so that this situation does not happen again. Encourage community involvement in works/upgrades.

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Comments

I don't know enough about this to comment.

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

The small amount of proposed cutbacks will not make a huge difference to councils overall budget. While some rationalisation of public toilets makes sense (closure of Tancred Street and Cass Square Pavillion makes sense), the small cost to assist with public access to other toilets seems petty. The Regent Theatre is a widely used asset for the community and should continue to be funded.

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

I would like to see the council have less use of outside consultants in all departments, and where it is necessary to use them, ensure they obtain a reasonable fixed price to avoid blowouts in costs. As a local business owner I would like to see council stick to its budgets, and live within its means, as the rest of us have to. I personally believe the council should stop all work and expenditure on the Race Course land (leave as a greenspace), prioritise opening the museum without further ratepayer cost (no fancy new exhibits), sell the Pakiwaitara building, and stop the ongoing expensive reviews of the CCO's. And it wouldn't hurt to be more encouraging to development and new businesses.

Emma Rae

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Organisation

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Council Headquarters

Comments

Revisit the concept of renting Seddon House once upgraded. This will keep staff reachable to the community. Sell (or rent out to a third party) the Pakiwaitara building. Sell or rent out the current Council headquarters

Land Transport levels of service

Option 4: Preserving our assets (balanced)

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Option 1: Repair the pool structure.

Comments

Repair the structure funded from the Reserves Fund. I'm more than happy to pay additional rates of \$34.96 for depreciation 26/27

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Comments

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

Ensure the Regent Theatre remains funded. This is an essential service for the local and wider Westland community

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

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Township

N/a

Organisation

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Needs to be maintained - this provides a feel-good face for Council

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Lease it for grazing or some form of passive recreation. The money saved can then sustain Councils community obligations such as the Regent Theatre and public toilets.

Stick to the basics in your planning and projected spending.

Emma Rae

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Name: Shirley Gardiner
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I would like to speak to my submission: No

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Nga mihi



Shirley Gardiner

Emma Rae

From: Jane Brownie [REDACTED]
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Name: Jane Brownie

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Phone no. [REDACTED]

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Extras comments:

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It is a very important part of our community and I fear without this funding a really important hub of our community would be lost.

For communities to be healthy they need a central place to gather to experience the arts and to celebrate milestones together. In a time where a lot of personal contact is being lost and replaced with things digital, the importance of a place to come together is even more important so I urge the council to reconsider taking the funding away.

Jane Brownie

Emma Rae

From: Vicki Klemm [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 21 April 2024 8:16 am
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Thank you,
Vicki Klemm

Emma Rae

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Michelle Bethell

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Township

Hokitika

Organisation

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Council Headquarters

Option 2: Strengthen and refurbish the current location.

Comments

and SELL the building mentioned in Option 1 above

Land Transport levels of service

Option 4: Preserving our assets (balanced)

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Option 1: Repair the pool structure.

Comments

repair it but with the aid of local builders, etc - there must be local companies who would be prepared to help out free of charge which is good for the community and good for their own reputations, and will not impact on rates

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Comments

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Option 1: Council ceases the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.

Comments

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

Do not withdraw grant funding for the Regent Theatre.

The Theatre is a valuable community asset, enjoyed by most. It is also a very useful space for community meetings (and should be being used by Council to hold meetings where rate payers can speak to you, rather than being squeezed into a room in the existing Council building). It is run largely by volunteers and I don't agree with the CEO's comments that the Theatre hasn't provided a proper business proposal. The Theatre is more than a business - it is a part of our community.

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

Rates Increase: I am horrified at the "proposed" (whenever something is "proposed" by Council, we all know that it is already a done deal) rates hike of just over 34% for the Hokitika residential area. How on earth do you expect homeowners (especially pensioners and others on small fixed incomes) to possibly afford your rates? And how much will they increase next year, and the next year, and so on? You have just completed the 3 yearly valuation of properties, making a 34% increase in rates a very large increase per property. Our own property has apparently increased in value by over \$200,000, giving us an increased rates bill of \$900 this coming year! How on earth do you think homeowners are going to be able to keep continuing to pay these exorbitant amounts?

A far fairer option would be that rates for the WHOLE of the district be increased by, say, a flat 15%, for example.

Public Toilets - it is a disgrace that you are closing the most used toilets in town!, i.e. the ones by the old museum and the one in the Grey Power building. Are you seriously expecting people, particularly tourists who have arrived by bus, or the elderly and parents with small children who are on foot in town, to have to walk hundreds of meters from the middle of town, across the State Highway, to get to Cass Square to find a public toilet? Please reverse this decision and renovate the toilets by the old museum, keep them cleaned and keep up the cleaning of the one in the Grey Power building. Retailers in town are soon going to get sick of people wanting to use the toilets in their shops when they can't find any public toilets, or can't make it to the ones in Cass Square.

General: Stop funding unnecessary projects! We did not need a new playground at \$1.2m, we did not need new toilets at Cass Square at a cost of \$600k (seriously?!) - why weren't the existing ones by the grandstand not removed instead? and sell the black and green building opposite Council chambers that was bought without ratepayers consent.

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Township

Ruatapu

Organisation

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Comments

Alter current location to fit reduced staff numbers, reducing budgets following the central government .

I consider the given options are restrictive and all options have not been considered I.E. A possible merger of senior staff or with another council to halve costs and staffing.

Portacoms used until finances enable a replacement etc.

To build at the airport will restrict access to the council for those older ratepayers that have no transportation, or is that the idea?

Sell the Pakiwaitara building another white elephant buy up that cost the ratepayer.

Land Transport levels of service

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council responsibility to service our assets that's what we pay our rates for not these pie in the sky ideas

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Council responsibility ,small community needs this asset for the good of the community that has little else because of isolation .Go back to basic council priorities they pay rates as well these small communities.

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Businesses should be stand alone as they are the only ones that make money from this promotion the general rate payer receives nothing ,word of mouth is the cheapest form of promotion.

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Community grant funding should only be funded when and if funds become available.

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

Immediate stop to all spending other than basics repairs ,maintenance, to consolidate
The council should not bankrupt ratepayer bank accounts ,socially irresponsible to expect ratepayers to back council to squander money on costly idealism's with such a small ratable base.

If current staff are unable to perform their roles as employed they shouldn't be there.

The use of consultants should be stopped as said staff should be able to do it.

The elected council members are there to direct the C.E,O. The CEO role is to direct his staff and manage them. The current CEO seems to have too much control over the council elected members ,I thought the CEO was there to do as the council directed decisions on projects and monetary, not the other way around! What happened to doing what rate payers want ? we have the right to say where our money is spent and how it is managed? Where is the transparency and consultation with the ratepayers whose money you are receiving!

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Name: Fraser & Anne Symon

Email: [REDACTED]

Organisation: Woodland Glen Lodge

Address: 96 Hau Hau Road

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Township: Hokitika

I would like to speak to my submission: Yes No

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Extras comments: Thank you 🙏

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Name: Joseph K Walker

Email: [REDACTED]

Organisation: the hokitika sandwich company

Address: 24 dents road, kaniere

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Township: Hokitika

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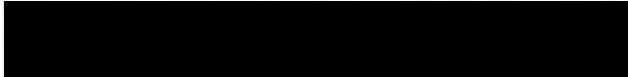
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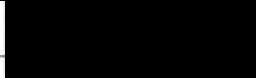
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Fox Glacier

Organisation

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Comments

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Westland District Annual Plan Submission

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Extra comments:

The community has invested too much in this valuable asset for it to be lost.

Emma Rae

From: Zak Neale [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 23 April 2024 9:07 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
Cc: [REDACTED]
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Extras comments:

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Extras comments:

This is an important community facility and is an integral part of our cool little town

Emma Rae

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Extras comments: The theatre is important for our community and this grant feels worthy of our support. Please do the right thing!

Sent from my iPad

Emma Rae

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Township

Haast

Organisation

N/A

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Council Headquarters

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Comments

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Comments

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- 1.) Provide for and give measurable and audited effect to the duties specified by s31(1)(b)(iii) of the RMA, to maintain indigenous biodiversity, and complete the mapping of Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) on Council and privately owned lands and waters as part of that duty.
- 2.) Register ongoing complaints about the taste and odour of the Haast water supply and arrange to meet the Haast community to explore the means to obtain Water Services Act (2021) sections 57 and 58 exemptions from the residual disinfection (chlorination) of that water supply on the basis of its scientifically monitored, recorded and longstanding purity and highly valued taste. Investigate whether other similar-sized rural NZ communities would seek a joint application for s57 and s58 exemptions to reduce associated costs. Investigate and propose options to apply successfully for s57 and 58 exemptions.

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Extras comments:

Emma Rae

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Hokitika

Organisation

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Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Comments

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Comments

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Option 2: Council continues to collect the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.

Comments

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- 1) I wish to see the funding for the Regent Theatre to continue as it is an important part of the Hokitika community. It is well supported by a large amount of voluntary labour as well and if the theatre were to fold it would be very expensive to be run from council.
- 2) I do not understand why we don't pay for hiring library books. I was quite happy to pay \$1 when it was in place.



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Extras comments:

AS YOU WILL BE AWARE, WESTLAND'S POPULATION, AS OF JUNE 2023, WAS 8,940 COVERING NEARLY 12,000 KM².

OF THE ENTIRE WEST COAST CONSERVANCY, OF WHICH WESTLAND FORMS THE MAJORITY, 84 PERCENT IS DOC ADMINISTERED AND AS SUCH SHOULD CONTRIBUTE THE LION'S SHARE TO OUR RELATIVELY SMALL RATING POOL TO SUPPORT PROJECTS SUCH AS THE PROVISION OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE, AKA HOKITIKAS REGENT, SINCE THERE IS NO TOWN HALL OR CINEMA IN WESTLAND. HOKITIKA IS THE JEWEL IN THE CROWN OF ALL THREE WEST COAST CENTRES, ALL OF WHICH HAVE AUDITORIUMS IN THE FORM OF THEATRES, CINEMAS ETC, & TO LOSE OUR REGENT, WHICH HAS BEEN THE HEART OF THE TOWN FOR NEARLY 100 YEARS, WOULD BE

Emma Rae

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Township

Fox Glacier

Organisation

Fox Glacier Community Centre

Please select one of the following:

I do not wish to speak to my submission

Council Headquarters

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Comments

Option 3 proposes: Council to continue to rate Fox Glacier community for a Fox Glacier Community Development Officer only.

Proposed rate of \$35 500 excl GST is the proposed rate being applied for. The total has been calculated, mindful of rate increases.

We will be requesting residents to make their own submission but we will also be submitting a petition / survey to gain community votes. The petition/survey will be submitted separately in due course.

Due to the difference in rating units between Fox & Franz it no longer seems tenable to have the Glacier Country Tourism taken out of these two villages at the pre existing agreement. (Glacier

Country Tourism Promotional Officer) Fox Glacier Community Development Society also supports Glacier Country Tourism promotion grps and their application for them receiving funds from the Tourism Promotional target rate levy.

The old format would see Fox Rate payers paying considerably more than the Franz one. This the rate as it has been for the last 2 yrs.

Target rate per community for CDO 26,000. + GCTG 6,500.00 = Total = \$32,500 .00. Plus, GST of \$4,875.00 = \$37,375.00

For the last two years we have received the full amount 26,000. from Our Targeted Rate. In addition we received 6,500 from Tourism promotional target fund.

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

Glacier Country promotions needs a percentage of the Tourism Targeted rate, which is district wide, but 0% comes back to the Glacier Country area. This is a large proportion is taken from their area and all businesses and residents rely heavily on the existing on tourism for their income and livelihood. It would prudent for WDC to support our tourism promotional grp. Historically, the precedence set, that funds that were deducted from this account and was being distributed.

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Township

fox glacier

Organisation

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Comments

Land Transport levels of service

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About the Fox Community Development Officer (CDO): how important is the role of the CDO to the Fox Glacier community and why should this role be conserved?

The Fox Glacier CDO as a public servant facilitates various services to the which are of key importance to the livelihoods of the residents of the municipality, as well as that of the neighbouring municipalities of Karangarua, Jacob's Creek, Bruce Bay and Paringa. Among these services the some of the most outstanding are: the post office, the gym and the digital hub. It would be a mistake to remove the CDO's role as a facilitator of these services in order to lower annual rates by approximately \$20 as there are no other services like these within a one hour round trip, this trip would incur costs of \$20 per person, per trip.

The closest post office to Fox Glacier is located in Franz Josef, 24km away. If a resident of Fox Glacier wishes to post a letter or package, they would then need to make this trip each time that this need presents itself and consequently pay around \$20 per trip in fuel costs. If a local person needs to do this 20 times in one year it will cost them \$400 and 20 hours. This inevitably reduces the amount of money that such a person would have access thus reducing their well-being, which will ultimately affect the people who surround them, i.e the whole Fox Glacier community. It might sound crazy. Think of it this way. If 20 people had to make the trip to Franz Josef to use the postal service, a total of around \$8000 would be spent on transport between these people an 400 hours of free-time would be taken from the people of Fox Glacier and dedicated to travelling to reach a postal service which was once in Fox Glacier. If and additional 20 people were required to travel to 10 times a year to Franz Josef in order to use the post service, another \$2000 would be spent, bringing the total of this hypothetical situation to \$10,000. This is a high figure. Keep the post office local and save the village money.

The same applies to the gym. The nearest gym is in Franz Josef, so again, \$10 per trip. The gym at the Fox Glacier community centre has approximately 250 members. Supposing that each gym member at the Fox Glacier community centre uses the gym at least once, and suddenly finds themselves needing to Franz Josef for the gym, there will be a total cost of \$2500 per week. Supposing that these members use the gym once a week for 40 weeks of the year then \$100,000 dollars will be spent by the local community of transport. Does it still seem like a good idea to remove the CDO? No, keep the CDO. In addition, the gym membership fees creates revenue which can then be reinvested in the public through services. Therefore, the CDO pays for itself. If the gym is inaccessible, residents may stop exercising regularly which would reduce the general health of the population.

I use the digital hub. Every time I come in the community centre to use it there are others making the most of the service. The idea that there is a place where one can come to get work done while travelling through the area. The digital hub can also be used by locals, such as myself. This service allows us to print necessary documents for work or personal use. As Fox Glacier is such a remote area, a digital hub is a necessity for the members of the local and transient community. If local people who do not have access to a printer or scanner need to do so we would then have to travel to Franz Josef to do so. This implies another expense of \$20 per trip. Yes, such a trip to Franz Josef could be combined with another need to visit this neighbouring town. However, if someone needs to print or scan and has no other reason to go to Franz Josef other than to do so, then the printing and scanning becomes pricy.

In summary, the role of the CDO is essential to the Fox Glacier community members as it

provides services to this isolated village which would otherwise require travel on behalf of the people living at or passing through Fox Glacier, which would cost \$20 per trip to Franz Josef. The post office is an essential service for any town and it's removal would cost the residents of Fox Glacier dearly in time and money. More taxing still would be the unavailability of the gym in Fox Glacier, as hundreds of resident, as time, money and physical and mental well-being would be lowered by its removal. The digital hub is also a highly useful service which adds strength to the village. All in all, keep the CDO position in Fox Glacier, allow the village to prosper. If an average of \$20 is added to the rates per annum, it is much less than what will be paid in fuel costs and losses of well-being among the community per annum.

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Organisation

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Please select one of the following:

I do not wish to speak to my submission

Council Headquarters

Option 2: Strengthen and refurbish the current location.

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Option 3: Do the minimum (service level review)

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Comments

Have not made a selection here as this is a decision for the Ross Community.

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Comments

Have not not made a selection here as this is for the Glacier Community to decide.

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Option 1: Council ceases the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.

Comments

This one I feel very strongly about as I have previously been a member of Destination Hokitika (DH) for two years and paid a subscription. I made a decision not to continue membership as this

organisation was focussed entirely on Hokitika town and not interested in any rural area other than to secure funding from businesses such as mine (located rurally). I was also disappointed in the conduct of the meetings and the in-house arguments over, as I saw it, minor agendas; and discussions around dragging in more accommodation (AirBnb) providers to contribute. Unfortunately, I have been automatically a member as I have had to pay the Hokitika Area Promotions Rate (so it seems DH were double dipping).

As confirmation of part of my above comments, I quote DH: "Since Destination Hokitika (DH) changed its constitution to focus purely on town promotion,..."

I also take exception to the following claims by DH: "Destination Hokitika provides exceptional value for spend and leverage of this money. We distribute 35,000 maps locally and 40,000 brochures around the country and represent Hokitika at shows. Last year our social media work reached over 300,000 people and over 80,000 people engaged with our content for the first time. It is true that other regions on the West Coast survive without a comparative entity but the work undertaken is one of the reasons Hokitika has recovered faster post Covid than many other places".

As far as my accommodation business is concerned, I am well aware that the only reasons we continue to receive overseas guests through our overseas agents is firstly that our location is a convenient stop-over in an otherwise long drive between other tourist destinations (eg. the Glaciers to the South and Kaikoura on the East Coast), and secondly, by continuing to provide the best possible service to guests. DH has absolutely nothing to do with the recovery of my family business post Covid yet I am required to contribute to this organisation through my rates. On the other hand, I constantly provide information to guests on places to visit and dine in and around Hokitika but I do not expect ratepayers to fund me for my promotions work.

If DH wishes to continue its distribution of maps and brochures and being actively engaged in Social Media (not particularly riveting stuff or "exceptional value" especially when advertisers contribute to the cost of maps etc.) that's fine but I should not be required to pay for this. Making ratepayers pay is not my definition of a "volunteer" organisation. DH should be funded by subscriptions only. If other Hokitika businesses support continuing funding DH through rates then remove Rural areas from this rate as, by their own constitution, they are focussed solely on Hokitika town.

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Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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I do not wish to speak to my submission

Council Headquarters

Option 2: Strengthen and refurbish the current location.

Comments

Note central govt review of EQ building code requirements. Hopefully some common sense comes out of that.

Land Transport levels of service

Option 4: Preserving our assets (balanced)

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Comments

no comment

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Comments

no comment

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

no comment

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community grants should be maintained. Was it \$160,000? Just reduce senior management salaries 5% to cover this. Might even have some left over.

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Emma Rae

From: Lez Morgan [REDACTED]
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Subject: Consultation

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Here's my submission to the Draft Annual Plan 2024.

Currently Westland District council is beset with a substantial number of issues that have long term fiscal consequences for the region's ratepayers. Hopefully you will read this submission and accept that fiscal prudence has to be applied to the council with immediate effect for the benefit of the council and the ratepayer.

Council Staffing.

There needs to be a complete halt to any further recruitment with immediate effect. Followed by a period of 5 years or a reduction of staff by 25% through natural loss.

If after 5 years staffing levels remain above 75% of today's number then recruitment does NOT commence until the 75% figure is reached.

This will enable the council to reduce staffing and long term costs in a proactive and cost effective manner.

Council Employees remuneration.

All wages are frozen at current rates for 5 years. NO exceptions.

CEO's wages to be reduced by 4% a year for 5 years.

Staff earning \$120,000 and above wages are reduced by 3.5% per annum for the next 5 years.

Staff earning between \$100,000-\$119,999 wages are reduced by 2.5% per annum for the next 5 years.

Council should with immediate effect extend its opening hours to include ALL staff on site every other Saturday between the hours of 08.00-14.00. This will enable staff to complete tasks outstanding and give ratepayers better access to council outside the normal Monday-Friday hours. Hours to be paid at 1.25% of standard rate.

Council should investigate and eventually implement a staff Community Day. ALL staff should on ONE Saturday a year work for a community project. Staff unable due to health/disabilities should donate ONE days pay to community projects in lieu of work.

Councillors.

Council should implement a reduction of councillors by one in the Northern and Hokitika Wards.

This will free up government funded wages to make at least ONE councillor per ward a FULL time paid councillor. Having 8 part time councillors in the 21st century is unacceptable.

This will enable council to function in a more professional manner and give ratepayers better access to a full time employed councillor whose sole duty is council business.

Rates.

Council should cap the rating increases for the next 5 years at 5% plus inflation. This should enable the council to work within a sensible budget whilst taking into account the cost of living crisis of 2024 and ratepayers below inflation wage increases. Council needs to be more cognizant that Westland has the lowest median wages in New Zealand. Unfortunately nobody in Westland has yet found the magic money tree that grows money!

Consultants.

ALL consultancy contracts should cease immediately. These are a huge fiscal drain for an extremely poor return for the ratepayers. Council should ensure that NO consultants are contracted for a period of 10 years. Council should review its recruitment processes that have allowed council to employ staff that obviously aren't capable of the task of running council in an effective and efficient manner. Every dollar paid to a consultancy is a dollar out of the community, invest in your communities not external companies!

Racecourse Project.

This project is a huge fiscal drain on the ratepayers which is unlikely to reach a profitable conclusion for Westland District Council.

The project has been mired in controversy with claims of secrecy and lack of council consultation being a regular occurrence, as well as the millions of dollars being paid to the consultants. Ratepayer funds that actually could have been spent within Westland communities.

I would request that the council wraps up this project with immediate effect and dismisses the consultants forthwith. This project isn't cost effective and is a drain of council employees time which would be better spent on the community of Westland.

I fully accept that council projects an ongoing cost of \$80,000 per annum in maintenance for the Racecourse., which is far more acceptable.

I also request that the council ensures that Riding for the Disabled has FULL access to the Racecourse for GRAZING its horses. This should be set down as "in perpetuity" by council.

Ross Swimming Pool

This project should be fully funded by council. There should NOT be any targeted rates set. Hokitika had its pool renovated at great cost as a community pool, so should Ross. The pools open for every ratepayer and non ratepayer so council should pay the full cost, regardless.

I would expect this project to be fast tracked by council and fully completed before this council triennium is completed.

Community Group Funding.

The four community groups (Regent Theatre, Destination Hokitika, Lions Club and Grey Power) should have their funding reinstated forthwith, and any outstanding funding paid with immediate effect. These community groups are the region's life blood and the council should be more inclusive when dealing with them. Council should also give a fiscal allowance to local charities in relation to the use of the local recycling facilities. Perhaps a 50% discount per visit.

Hokitika Museum.

This project has gone on for far too long. From the millions of dollars yet to be spent are the council trying to create the new Te Papa!?

This project should be halted until full review is taken as to its continued viability. I would suggest the project brought to a swift conclusion that opens the building within the next six months, all "blue Sky" expensive "nice to haves" and ideology driven researchers are dismissed and the museum actually

reflects Westlands rich and varied history, and that includes the Gold Dredge. Ratepayers should be granted free access and tourists charged a fair entry of \$10.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission. I hope Westland District Council acts with the best interest of its ratepayers when it comes to the Draft annual Plan 2024.

Yours Sincerely

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Option 3: New build at the airport.

Comments

\$5-\$10m cost is expensive. But always cheaper to build new than repair old buildings.
A Shed like the RDA kitted out with offices and and meeting rooms is all that is required and a place to store CD gear.
Get local businesses to design and quote for each part and make a community project.

Land Transport levels of service

Option 4: Preserving our assets (balanced)

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Option 1: Repair the pool structure.

Comments

Community Assets need to be maintained to an acceptable level.

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Comments

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Option 2: Council continues to collect the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.

Comments

Hokitika area, Households and businesses benefit via employment during the promotion of events and the area. infact many cafes, bars and accomodation are not paying their fair share in regard to cycle trail maintenance for the benefits that they recieve.

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

Keep the current levels of service. dont cut funding

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?


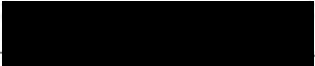
Due to the zoning of Hokitika Primary School with the Northern Boundary being Waimea Creek. Then Households between Kapitia Creek and Waimea Creek are affected as they currently pay Hokitika Community Rates. These households need to pay Kumara Community Rates as that is the rating district that they will be related to for schooling.

It makes no sense to be required to send children to school in Kumara and travel that way and then have to pay Hokitika community rates when those services wont be used in hokitika just like a person residing just on the north side of Kapitia Creek.



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Westland District Annual Plan Submission

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Extras comments:

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Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Comments

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

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Racecourse- Ensure RDA has guaranteed sufficient grazing available

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Extras comments:

I like many others spent nearly 5 years full time reinstating the Regent Theatre to comply with N.Z. Building Standards using over 30 years experience as a Building Projects Manager to ensure Hokitika has a viable Community Centre.

DO NOT DESTROY THIS ASSET.

WHAT WOULD COUNCIL REPLACE IT WITH?

*Stiles
30/04/2024*

Emma Rae

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Council Headquarters

Option 2: Strengthen and refurbish the current location.

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Option 1: Repair the pool structure.

Comments

It is so important to have a Community Swimming pool. As I live in Fox Glacier we are extremely lucky to be able to have access to the school pool during the Summer. Living 2 1/2 hours away from the town pool, I cannot take my children to swimming lessons. The amount of drownings a year in NZ is far too many and yet access to swimming pools are becoming harder and harder to get to. If it is already there why take it away/not repair it :(

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Comments

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Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

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Organisation

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Option 2: Strengthen and refurbish the current location.

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Option 2: Council continues to rate for Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Comments

Community Development Office Rolls:

- We request that this fund is continued and funding for it be increased to \$35000pa for each of the Fox Glacier and Franz Josef CDO rolls.
- That the struck rate is re named Franz CDO and Fox CDO and for it to be shown as a separate line item on the rates invoices.
- That the \$35500 to be collected separately for each township and for it to be struck at a flat rate for each rating unit.

- That this funding to be secured for a 3-year period.
 - That when reviewed an inflationary factor, in line with wage rates, be included in the review.
- Glacier Country Tourism Group Inc Administrator:
- We support the Glacier Country administrator roll to be funded from the Tourism Promotions Levy for the 24-25 period.

If funding for the Glacier Country Tourism Group's position is not available from the Tourism Promotions Rate for the 24-25 period, then this position continues to be funded to \$15 000pa using the existing rating model.

- The Glacier Country Tourism Officer Position rate strike be shared evenly across all Franz and Fox Rate payers using the existing tiered formula where Commercial properties pay more than Rural and Residential.

- That the funding is reviewed for the 25-26 Annual plan. (One year of funding)

- That this rate be shown on the rates invoice as a separate item line.

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

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Organisation

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Council Headquarters

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Comments

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

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I haven't had time to look at the annual plan, but wanted to express my concern about the extreme degree to which rates (= spending) have escalated over the last 20 years, and continue to do so.

I strongly agreed with comments in a letter to the Hokitika Guardian on Monday (29th April, by Les Morgan I think) regarding a new management position that was to be established. It is shocking to me that this could have gotten so far in light of the previous resolution about new positions, and without this decision even being run past councillors!

While I have confidence in our Mayor and some of our councillors, it seems like the CEO is doing his own thing, with little regard to the concerns of both citizens and councillors. I feel like he's out of touch with everyday people and the hardship that's caused by all this spending on things that aren't core functions.

I don't agree with the corporate style culture that's been adopted by councils over the years, or the high flying salaries that come with this. I don't agree that it's necessary to offer exorbitant salaries to get the best people - I actually think this sometimes achieves the opposite, and I don't have to look far to find a case in point, being Vivek Goel. I'd rather have staff and managers that genuinely care about our region and want to be here, rather than those seeking to further their corporate careers and earnings.

In general, I avoid council matters because I honestly find it upsetting. I don't think residents should have to be watchdogs to ensure that council serves our best interests - most of us have better things to do. I look forward to the day when I feel confident that WDC staff, managers and councillors are genuinely committed to our collective best interests (rather than their own), and that our money is being used with a strong sense of responsibility to use it as efficiently as possible for the best outcomes for all.

I do have hope that day will come, and it's encouraging to see people like Paul Madgwick and Patrick Phelps asking some hard questions, as I feel there needs to be a lot more accountability for both decisions and spending. I'm pleased that membership of LGNZ has been paused, and it seems to me that there is a LOT more budgetary trimming that needs to be done yet, with ongoing public involvement, transparency and scrutiny.

Please pass on my comments to the relevant people, I'm aware that they don't specifically relate to the Annual Plan, but wanted to take this opportunity to voice my concerns, as well as my hopes for the future. Thank you

Emma Rae

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Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

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Comments

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Comments

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I forgot to say why is council seemingly continuing to implement 3 Waters? I understood it had been ditched? I don't support continuing with this agenda

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Hokitika

Organisation

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Council Headquarters

Option 2: Strengthen and refurbish the current location.

Comments

The library layout and accessibility are excellent. Those features would need to be retained should it be moved over to the current council building.

High ceilings in parts of the current building must surely mean the offices are hard to heat. Some efficiencies in heating would need to be found, perhaps with lowered ceilings.

Land Transport levels of service

Option 5: Improving Level of Service (enhanced asset preservation)

Comments

What alternatives are there to bitumen?

Consider providing more walking and cycling more often, reducing vehicle use.

Extend slower speed zones for reduced wear - and better safety plus greater likelihood of walking and cycling.

Do not allow any assets to be lost that are valued by any part of the community.

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Option 1: Repair the pool structure.

Comments

Great community asset.

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Option 2: Council continues to rate for Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Comments

As a former resident of Fox Glacier, I believe these roles are invaluable to those communities and I believe they should be supported by the district council - and therefore through rates.

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Option 2: Council continues to collect the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.

Comments

I am not a commercial rate payer, but again I believe it is a council role to promote tourism (including via the tourism rate) and therefore provide this support through the rates.

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

I support the funding listed as continuing in 2024/25.

I also support funding for the Regent Theatre. The efforts of the theatre board have been unstinting and phenomenal for years. The mere fact of the continuation to operate and the presentation to such a high standard should serve as a business case. They have ensured the provision of our town hall facility, which is the heart of our main town. It serves a much wider community and deserves this annual funding without debate and wasting of much energy and volunteer effort. Please get behind this team and this facility without any more hesitation. Please secure their future with an appropriate - perhaps index linked - annual grant.

I support funding to provide toilets at Lazar Park and the very popular playground.

If funding is required to maintain previous levels of Christmas lights, I support that.

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

I also support funding to remain a paid up member of the LGA, perhaps in a shared membership with the other three West Coast councils so that WDC can continue to benefit from the resources, training and advice available.

I want to see the Carnegie Building open without further delays.

I want to see decisions made and actions taken on the racecourse that will reflect the community's needs, wishes and concerns with minimal further consultancy costs.

Investment in the WCWT continues to draw visitors to the trail area, supporting a prosperous district. It also provides local recreational and safe commuter use in places.

I understand the need to rationalise the number of toilets provided and maintained but suggest that the Drummond Hall toilets provide a useful facility for town centre visitors and should be retained and maintained to a high standard.

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Council Headquarters

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Comments

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

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I believe that WDC should continue to provide funding for the Regent Theatre in Hokitika. This is an important community facility which enriches our lives from a social and cultural perspective. While I do not live within the WDC area, I often travel from Greymouth to see movies, shows and

events at this Hokitika theatre. For a region with a small population base we are well served with cultural and arts events and the theatre should continue to be supported so that our lives can be enhanced, our knowledge increased and our appreciation for the world beyond the West Coast and New Zealand can be brought to our doorstep through film and other entertainment.

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Funding for community facilities and public space is critical for the wellbeing of every community so that current and future generations can thrive here.

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Council Headquarters

Option 2: Strengthen and refurbish the current location.

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

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Comments

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Emma Rae

From: Ann Bradley [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 1 May 2024 7:36 am
To: Consultation Submissions
Cc: [REDACTED] Charley; Rob Daniel
Subject: Regent Theatre - Draft Annual Plan

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I'm writing on behalf of Heritage Hokitika to express our concern for the future of Hokitika's historic Regent Theatre.

This iconic building has always been considered as a town hall as well as an entertainment venue.

I urge Westland District Council to consider the impact of withdrawing funding in the long term plan and to think about what the future would hold for the Regent if that should happen.

The building needs to be kept open and used to keep it alive. Its place in our community and as a part of our historic streetscape is vital.

Yours sincerely,

Ann Bradley
Chair - Heritage Hokitika
Sent from my iPhone

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Westland District Annual Plan Submission

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Extras comments:

I agree this should be funded by Council. The Theatre is a great asset to Hokitika and would leave a big hole in the town should it have to close. I have lots of wonderful memories of this theatre and recognise all the work that has been done over the years by volunteers to keep it going. There is no way it could be self funded and needs help from the town as it is a Council Asset. I totally agree to funding this.

Share your Feedback – Annual Plan 2024/2025

Submissions close 12pm Friday 3 May 2024 (no late submissions will be accepted)

Submissions hearing Wednesday 15 May 2024

We would like to know your thoughts on the proposals in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025.

Please **scan and email** this form to the Council. **Email:** consult@westlanddc.govt.nz

You can also **call** us with your submission and use the form to help you.

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I would like to speak to Council about my submission At the meeting in the Council Chambers
 Through a remote option (Zoom link or telephone)

I do not wish to speak to my submission

*Required

Council Headquarters

Option 1: Strengthen and refurbish the Pakiwaitara building for use as Council offices.

Option 2: Strengthen and refurbish the current location.

Option 3: New build at the airport.

Please provide any comments:

More pages can be attached if necessary.

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

- Option 1:** Council ceases the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.
- Option 2:** Council continues to collect the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.

Please provide any comments:

More pages can be attached if necessary.

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

More pages can be attached if necessary.

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

WESTLAND RACECOURSE LAND

ON ANOTHER PAGE

More pages can be attached if necessary.

A brief summary of the Westland Racecourse land and money which was gifted to the Westland District Council and was signed on the 18th February 2020 in a Memorandum of Understanding document by Julie Taggart President of the Westland Racing Club and Simon Bastion C.E. of the Westland District Council. In the MOU document under number 3 – it stated WDC will honour the agreement between WRC and Riding for Disabled { RDA } to make land available for RDA'S new indoor riding facility
Under number 4 - WDC will take over the lease ownership for the Boys Brigade Building.
Under number 6 – Honour the agreement with the A & P show requirements.

Nowhere in the signed MOU document did it mentioned a housing development ?

In November 2022 the Westland District Council was successful with their application to the Government "Infrastructure Acceleration Fund "to the value of \$3.5 million dollars. In the WDC press release on the 17th November 2022,it stated around 110 new homes, which is expected to include more affordable housing and public homes for the elder people

To date more that \$450,000 has been spend on consultants before a sod has been turned on the Westland Racecourse development and in this years draft annual plan, council has budgeted another \$512,000 to continue a master plan- - whoa what a rip off.

In the MOU signed document under number 13 -2 To improve, remove or demolish any building or structures not required for future use :when is the Tote building going to be pulled down ??

As the Westland Racing Club are very disappointed by the lack of no action after 4 years.

My suggestion is that the working group of Cr Gillett as well as Cr Reilly Burden and Westland Mayor Helen Lash and WDC staff members have another meeting with the 3 parties :

No 1 RDA ---- Jane Neale

No 2 Westland Boys Brigade – John Mitchell

No 3 Westland A & P show - Tom Belton.

And go over what has been decided to date.

Get a MOU signed with the above 3 parties on WDC offer of land use

Once the "Infrastructure Acceleration Funds " of \$3.5 has been used to put in the infrastructure for the section to be built on and titles available----put them out to tender for the local real estate companies to sell the section on your behalf ,as WDC has not the skills to sell the land.

Hokitika is crying out for land to be built on.

By doing the above in- house by Mayor- Councillors and WDC staff would save the ratepayer and Westland District shareholder the \$512,000 which you have budgeted.

One question I would like to ask is there a timeline on this Westland Racecourse land use ?

Regards – Mike Keenan 

Emma Rae

From: Louise Morgan [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 1 May 2024 1:42 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Draft Annual Plan 25/25 Consultation Submission - Louise Morgan

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Dear WDC,

This is my submission for the draft Annual Plan 2024/25.

1. STOP SPENDING RATEPAYER MONEY ON UNNECESSARY THINGS eg additional playgrounds built by craft companies in Auckland. RETURN TO CORE COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES AND LIVING WITHIN YOUR MEANS.
2. Mountain Jade Building - do not spend another cent on this building. Sell it and get rid of it.
3. Consultants - IMMEDIATELY stop employing external or local consultants - far too costly and already huge amounts of ratepayer money has been spent on consultants to date for very little to show for it.
4. Stop advertising and employing any more council staff - the wage bill is already expensive.
5. Who is employed to update the social media accounts? Getting information at 4 or 5pm on a Friday is not good enough and shows lack of care and real empathy towards the ratepayers. Seeing posts about WDC staff taking part in ideology driven posts can be irksome. Less time focusing on staff having a health walk with a group photo at the beach and more information about what staff are working on within the council to support ratepayers would be more appropriate. Ratepayers do not care what staff do in their break time, it is what they do in their paid employment that matters.
6. Councillors - reduce by 1 each ward and make full time positions. Inappropriate to have part timers in this large region.
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9. Museum - the costs for the conceptualised rebuild to the interiors of this space sound like expensive fancy pants ideas. We are Hokitika, not Te Papa. I do not want to see any more staff employed at the Museum. This costs ratepayers enough already and it is not even open and hasn't been for years. The

museum costs need to be minimal and hurry up and open the ruddy thing. Charge fair prices and stop trying to drive locals away.

10. Ross Pool - repair it and sort it out. Do not levy the Ross residents.

11. Library - whilst i commend a move away from the current building due to the expensive rental cost for this building i am fed up hearing about the move of this facility to somewhere else because it never happens.

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13. Reinstate the payments to the Regent Theatre, The Lions Club, Grey Power, Destination Hokitika annually.

Good luck team WDC. You really do need it. I DO NOT wish to speak.

Louise Morgan

Emma Rae

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Franz Josef Glacier

Organisation

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Council Headquarters

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Comments

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Comments

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Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

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Organisation

Bella Vista Franz Josef Glacier

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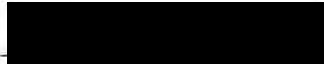
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Extras comments:

It will be a great shame if this facility is closed. The community have put a lot of time + commitment in upgrading + maintaining the Regent Theatre - the ratepayers have financially contributed over the years also.

Emma Rae

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Franz Josef

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Extras comments:

What makes Hokitika unique is that its streetscape still reflects some of its history through its buildings of differing period architectural styles. The iconic Art Deco style Regent Theatre is one of these and almost by default has become Hokitika's Town Hall since its current restoration & upgrading from 2007. It provides many community cultural & entertainment uses large & small. To be able to do this with a small staff and many volunteers it still requires some ongoing Council financial support.

History notes that the original Town Hall, a classically designed structure by W.B. Armson in 1869 was sold off and demolished in 1947. In later decades a replacement on the same site was intended but did not proceed.

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Teletwanni SLP

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Extras comments:

I feel it is so important to keep the theatre going. It is a tourist attraction as well as an important feature of our town. Our guests love it, and are so impressed with it.

Westland District Annual Plan Submission



Name: Glenis Waugh

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Extras comments:

We lose a lot if we lose the Regent Theatre.

Glenis M. Waugh.

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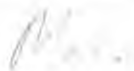
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Submissions hearing Wednesday 15 May 2024

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Name* Ann Scott Organisation (if applicable) Chairperson Fox Glacier Community Development

Email* [REDACTED] Address 51 Cook flat Road

Telephone [REDACTED] Township* FoxGlacier

I would like to speak to Council about my submission At the meeting in the Council Chambers
 Through a remote option (Zoom link or telephone)

I do not wish to speak to my submission

**Required*

Council Headquarters

- Option 1:** Strengthen and refurbish the Pakiwaitara building for use as Council offices.
- Option 2:** Strengthen and refurbish the current location.
- Option 3:** New build at the airport.

Please provide any comments:

NA

More pages can be attached if necessary.

Land Transport levels of service

- Option 1:** Status quo.
- Option 2:** Inflation adjustment
- Option 3:** Do the minimum (service level review)
- Option 4:** Preserving our assets (balanced)
- Option 5:** Improving Level of Service (enhanced asset preservation)

Please provide any comments:

More pages can be attached if necessary.

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

- Option 1:** Repair the pool structure.
- Option 2:** Do not budget to repair the pool structure.

Please provide any comments:

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Franz Josef/Waiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

- Option 1:** Council ceases to rate for Glacier Country Tourism and Community Development roles.
- Option 2:** Council continues to rate for Glacier Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Please provide any comments:

Option are with attached signed letter

More pages can be attached if necessary.

Regarding Funding of the Fox & Franz Josef Community Development Officers (CDO) & Glacier Country Tourism Groups Administrator



1st May 2024

Dear ratepayers and community members,

Thanks to those that attended the recent meetings to discuss the upcoming Westland District Council (WDC) Draft annual plan. It was good to have some robust discussions and hear new views. The focus of the meetings naturally focused on the Westland Districts council's statement that they wish to stop collecting rates to fund the Community Development Officer and Glacier Country Promotions positions as part of their 24-25 Annual plan.

Eighteen plus years ago the Chairs of the three groups gained community support to raise a local rate to employ administrators for the three groups. The income from this position is known as Glacier Country Community Development Funding. This highly valued funding has enabled the employment of a part time administrator for each group and reduced the volunteer hours needed to operate these groups. WDC have collected, on the behalf rate payers of Fox and Franz \$65 000+ GST pa with Commercial, Residential and Rural rate payers each paying in a different amount to this fund.

To date the rate collected has been split between the groups. \$26000 being available for each Community Development Officer rolls and \$13 000 available for the Glacier Country Tourism Group (GCTG) position.

Over the past 2 years the CDO rolls have received a 'top up' from the Tourism Promotions Rate, as a stop gap to ensure that the level of service can be continued until this review.

It has become standard for WDC to suggest the removal of this locally raised rate at each annual plan review. Most of our district's rates are set to go up. We as individuals and groups need to direct WDC now through their Annual Plan consultation process on aspects of their Draft Annual Plan 2024/25 including the funding for our community positions.

A better way of funding the positions:

The Glacier Country Tourism Group will request for funding for the Tourism Officer position to be removed from this Fox and Franz rate strike. Instead funding it from the district wide funded Tourism Promotions Rate. Presently this rate supports the work of the I site in Hoki and the Westland Wilderness Trail.

With this 'business focused' roll funded by the wider district it removes that direct cost from the local ratepayers. It also removes the historical need for charging commercial / tourism focused properties, more from this locally funded rate.

Future CDO Funding Levels:

The original level of funding was set some 17+ years ago and has not been adjusted for wage inflation. To maintain the existing level of service (around 20 hrs per CDO) both Fox and Franz Josef community groups needs \$35 500 pa, an increase of \$9500 pa.

Consultation:

The Glacier Country Tourism Group and the Franz Josef Community Council called special meetings to discuss, and Fox Inc discussed the topic as part of general business at their last meeting. We, Ann, Janell, Mike and Adam as chairs have worked together and can now say that the below is the preferred feedback we would like our communities to give WDC through the Annual District Plan submission process.

Community Struck Rate 24/25

A community levied flat rate per property that generates \$35500 pa for each community.

That this rate is struck to change from the existing Commercial, Rural, Residential tiered model to being equally shared across each townships rate payers.

For the two townships to be separate for this rate strike.

- We request that the funding is guaranteed for three years at which point community consultation is requested again.
- If the fund is to continue at the next review that an inflationary factor based on WDC best practice, is applied to enable the fund to keep up with wage inflation.
- That the charge be shown on the rates invoice as a separate item line.

In the Annual Plan consultation document WDC indicated that there are...

329 rate payers in Franz, so approx. \$107.90 or \$8.99 per month for each rated property.
 177 rate payers in Fox, so approx. \$200.54 or \$16.00 per month for each rated property.

Glacier Country Tourism Office Position

For this position to be funded through the Tourism Promotions Rate. Glacier Country Tourism Group’s management team to work directly with WDC to secure this funding. Glacier Country Tourism Group will be in touch directly with their members requesting support for this change to occur.

In order to represent us the Westland District Council need feedback on their Annual Plan. It can be viewed here <https://www.westlanddc.govt.nz/have-your-say/current-consultations/draft-annual-plan-2024-2025/>

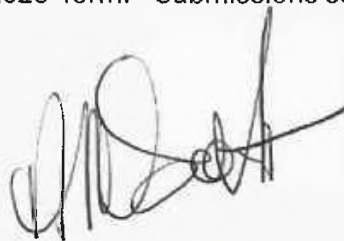
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On the next page we have written a statement that you are welcome to use in your submission regarding the question related to Glacier Country Community Development Funding. We thank you for your time to consider our request for continued support.

We urge you to submit your feedback / direction to WDC through the WDC supplied ‘Share your Feedback – Annual Plan 2024/2025’ form. Submissions close by midday Friday, May 3rd.

Regards

Adam Haugh Chair FJCC
 Ann Scott Chair Fox Inc
 Janelle Shaw Co Chair GCTG
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Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

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Comments

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Submission on the Westland District Council Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025

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Email: [REDACTED]

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Telephone: [REDACTED]

Township: Hokitika

I would like to speak to my submission: No

1. Toilet facilities

The public toilets on the southern end of Tancred Street are crucial to be kept open.

There is hardly a day in our galleries where not someone is asking for the nearest public toilets.

Also, the easy access and parking makes them an ideal stop for tour group busses; and thanks to the proximity of these toilets to the town centre the tour groups usually also get time to wander through town to shop and eat.

We talked to an experienced tour guide who works for a variety of tour companies and he said that if those toilets would close, the busses would NOT stop in Hokitika.

It is self-evident that this would negatively affect many of the businesses in the CBD.

The minimal saving by closing them is highly disproportionate to the looming losses.

Furthermore, in the light of the bus parking plans it appears to be short-sighted to close this public facility.

2. Destination Hokitika and the Tourism Rate

I support the funding of Destination Hokitika, but would wish for more transparency in relation to the Tourism Promotions Rate.

As far as I understand a business rated for property of \$1M-\$3M pays \$191.63 for a promotions rate to Destination Hokitika and \$1,680.16 for a "Tourism Promotions Rate." WDC is consulting over the \$191.63 rate and ignoring a rate several times larger for which ratepayers have no visibility of the spend.

3. Regent Theatre

Hokitika's Regent Theatre is a proxy for a Town Hall for Hokitika. The building has been saved with a huge voluntary effort and sponsorship from the community. Without the Regent Theatre, Hokitika would be left with no equivalent venue hence it is important to secure the theatre's future.

WDC pays far less for the provision of a town hall than most districts in New Zealand. Given the huge volunteer effort and the minimal spend per ratepayer, I am in support of our Town Hall.

4. Summary:

- I do **not** support the closure of the public toilets at the southern end of Tancred Street
- I support the funding of DH.
- I support a full consultation before the next long term plan around the larger Tourism Promotions Rate.
- I support the grant to the Regent Theatre

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Council Headquarters

Comments

Non just question as it sounds like both building need to have structural work done so i guess it is which one gets done first , then are they over capitalised,if the Pakiwaitara is first then what happens to the building 36 Weld street as i am guessing it would not be able to be sold as is ? no mention of what the Debt repayments would mean for rate payers ?

Land Transport levels of service

Option 2: Inflation adjustment

Comments

Great you give us option where we can see the cost per rate payer

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Comments

NA

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Comments

Option 3

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Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

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Yes the Glacier Promotions grant from the Tourisms Rate needs to still be in place but now paid to Glacier Country Tourism Group as a lot of funds come out of Fox And Franz Josef Glacier into this Targeted rate , with zero coming back .

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

Yes Were does Westroads Ltd getting funding from for the Managment of the maintenance of the West Coast Wilderness Trail ? If it comes from the Tourism Rate which my understanding that this target rate is for tourism promotions ,Not Repairs Maintenance, also why is the (Tourism West Coast Grant) still listed in the Tourism Promotion Rate .

Last comment do we need an i site as it appears some councils are doing away with them?

Submission on the Westland District Council Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025

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Township: Hokitika

I would like to speak to my submission: No

Toilet facilities

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I talked to an experienced tour guide who works for a variety of tour companies and he said that if those toilets would close, the busses would not stop in Hokitika.

This would certainly have a negative impact on many of the businesses in the CBD.

It is a paltry sum that supports the provision of this vital public amenity.

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Council Headquarters

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Option 2: Council continues to rate for Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Comments

This is vital for the growth of Franz Josef

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

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Land Transport levels of service

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Comments

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Franz Josef Glacier

Organisation

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Council Headquarters

Option 1: Strengthen and refurbish the Pakiwaitara building for use as Council offices.

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Option 4: Preserving our assets (balanced)

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Comments

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Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Option 2: Council continues to collect the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.

Comments

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No

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

No

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Organisation

Orange sheep campervan park

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Council Headquarters

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Option 4: Preserving our assets (balanced)

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Option 1: Repair the pool structure.

Comments

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Comments

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

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Council Headquarters

Option 2: Strengthen and refurbish the current location.

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

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Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Comments

Option 3 proposes: Council to continue to rate Fox Glacier community for a Fox Glacier Community Development Officer only.

Proposed rate of \$35 500 excl GST is the proposed rate being applied for. The total has been calculated, mindful of rate increases.

Due to the difference in rating units between Fox & Franz it no longer seems tenable to have the Glacier Country Tourism taken out of these two villages at the pre-existing agreement. (Glacier Country Tourism Promotional Officer) Fox Glacier Community Development Society also

supports Glacier Country Tourism promotion grps and their application for them receiving funds from the Tourism Promotional target rate levy.

The old format would see Fox Rate payers paying considerably more than the Franz one.

This the rate as it has been for the last 2 yrs.

Target rate per community for CDO 26,000. + GCTG 6,500.00 = Total = \$32,500 .00. Plus, GST of \$4,875.00 = \$37,375.00

For the last two years we have received the full amount 26,000. from Our Targeted Rate. In addition we received 6,500 from Tourism promotional target fund.

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

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Glacier Country promotions needs a percentage of the Tourism Targeted rate, which is district wide, but 0% comes back to the Glacier Country area. This is a large proportion is taken from their area and all businesses and residents rely heavily on the existing on tourism for their income and livelihood. It would prudent for WDC to support our tourism promotional grp. Historically, the precedence set, that funds that were deducted from this account and was being distributed.

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Option 2: Strengthen and refurbish the current location.

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Comments

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Option 1: Council ceases the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.

Comments

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

I would like to see the grant for the Hokitika Regent Theatre continued. The theatre is a valuable community asset as it functions as our town hall, regularly used by schools and community

groups. It is important Council continue to provide the agreed financial support to maintain this asset.

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

I would like to see the Hokitika racecourse project parked. Further subdivision does not seem to be necessary at this point in time with several private developments already in progress, and population projections indicating a decrease rather than an increase. Initiating a subdivision is not council business. The proposed associated recreational development is not an urgent requirement for the community. The proposed expenditure is significant at c. 0.5 million.

I would like Council to reduce spending on the West Coast Wilderness Trail. Proposed capital and operational expenditure add up to over 1 million. I would like to see the proposed capital projects delayed and only undertaken if (most of) the required funding can be sourced from NZCT. I would like to see operational expenditure reviewed, including whether the \$60k grant for the Wilderness Trail Trust provides value for money to rate payers.

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Comments

You should defer doing anything. The government is allowing an additional 4 years for earthquake prone buildings to be strengthened. Given the other cost pressures on council budget, council should defer this work to give a more reasonable rate increase. When other cost pressures are more neutral council should press ahead with option 2.

Land Transport levels of service

Option 5: Improving Level of Service (enhanced asset preservation)

Comments

Council spending is only 39% borne by the ratepayer, but they will get 100% of the benefit of improvements. The increase is relatively minor.

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Comments

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Option 2: Council continues to collect the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.

Comments

When this rate was brought in, businesses were surveyed and the vast majority supported this. Tourism NZ brings visitors to NZ. Tourism WC bring visitors to the West Coast and we need Destination Hokitika to continue to do its work bringing visitors to Hokitika. Going back to the way it was done in the past will reduce the promotion of and hence visitors to Hokitika. Many areas of Hokitika will suffer as a result, not just tourism businesses. It will affect Service Stations, Supermarkets, Tradies that work for these businesses. The impact on employment will mean less ratepayers to spread the costs of council over than would be the case with the Status Quo.

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

Councils attack on community groups to save a few bucks while spending lavish amounts on other projects is reprehensible. The long term plan is there for a reason and these things should be addressed 3 yearly as part of that review. The community groups who do so much for nothing deserve the certainty of funding i.e. they shouldn't have to fight for their existence every year. They all do things at significantly less cost than if done by council.

Could council run the Theatre for \$62,000. Could council run any toilets for \$10,000. It would seem doubtful given how much they spend on other toilets.

As far as the Lazar Park toilets go, I remember my kids having to pee in the bush there as there weren't toilet available. What is the comparison of the cost for the toilets here compared to the total annual costs of the Cass Square toilets including depreciation. My guess is Lions are subsidising the provision of toilets to the public and they should be applauded for this. The same could be said of the Pensioner room toilets, but I would want to ascertain the amount of use of these.

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

With the large projected rise in rates council should defer work on the Racecourse so that the rate rise is reasonable. Another option would be to sell some of the land to a developer and use those funds to fund any planning for other areas.

Costs of this project should not be borne by ratepayers.

This land was an extremely generous gift. It should be bringing rates down not adding to them.

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Council Headquarters

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

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Glacier Country Tourism Group Inc Administrator:

We support the Glacier Country Tourism Groups request for full funding through the Tourism Promotions Levy.

That the funding for that role is confirmed for three years.

That this investment in locally managed tourism promotion is shown as a separate line item in the Tourism Promotions Levy.

Targeting marketing and promotional campaigns directly to the markets where we can grow market share and increase length of stay. We plan to work with trade partners both in NZ and overseas, aligning with DWC as the RTO, leveraging their overseas work, and further develop our strategic partnerships.

Continuing our strategy to focus on the natural environment, walks, nature-based activities, the DOC estate, moving away from our reliance on the Glaciers. This was started in 2020 with the Must Do Activities and Best Walks brochure, which have proven exceptionally popular and highlight the unique attractions and experiences of the region.

Further promoting our sustainability strategy within Glacier Country and working towards achieving our carbon-zero goals as a community.

Supporting the development of new visitor experiences and enhancing the reasons to set up a tourism business and to live and work in Glacier Country. We are desperately short of new volunteers for our fire and ambulance services, for example.

We will further help all local businesses to deliver world-class visitor experiences, and align further with Qualmark, which operates a quality model on a national basis.

Fund website management, social media, and print distribution. Research shows that our target international visitors like to have maps and guides when they visit our region.

Continue to employ a part-time administrator (approx. 15 hrs/week) responsible for marketing and campaign coordination, including budget, expenditure, ROI, and reporting. Manage member communication and the weekly newsletter. Managing all aspects of the town maps from updating member details, design, production, printing, and distribution. Assisting the Co-Chairs to help lead the organization. Manage all monthly meetings, AGM and any special meetings and all general enquiries and manage Glacier Country’s Facebook and Instagram accounts.

This is the only paid position with Glacier Country Tourism Group, with all other committee members providing their time voluntarily.

Without funding support, GCTG will be unable to maintain this essential role and traction which has been developed and maintained over many years will be lost to the detriment of Glacier Country.

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

For two decades, our business has thrived thanks to the support of GCTG and the Community Development officer, a strong advocate for both our enterprise and the wider community. Despite operating only half the year, we diligently pay commercial rates, ensuring our fair contribution to essential services. As a committed member of GCTG's voluntary committee, I can attest to the invaluable role played by Claire, and also that of Sabine whose tireless efforts drive our team's high-quality marketing and community initiatives. We are concerned about the council's proposal, which appears to undermine our community's progress.

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

Emma Rae

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Township

Franz Josef

Organisation

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I would like to speak to Council about my submission through a remote option (Zoom link or telephone)

Council Headquarters

Option 3: New build at the airport.

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Option 5: Improving Level of Service (enhanced asset preservation)

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Option 1: Repair the pool structure.

Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Option 2: Council continues to rate for Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Comments

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Option 2: Council continues to collect the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.

Comments

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Council Headquarters

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Comments

I would like to know why the council decided to exclude funding for the Fox Glacier Community Development officer when this was a requested rate by the glacier communities.

Where does the council have the mandate to remove this targeted rate for our communities.

Who asked for the targeted rate to be removed. When where the communities advised of the proposed removal, and what was the consultation method.

Looking forward to having these questions answered please.

I would like to see a third option

Council to continues to rate Fox Glacier community for a Fox Glacier Community Development Officer only.

Proposed rate of \$35 500 excl GST is the proposed rate being applied for. The total has been calculated, mindful of rate increases.

Looking forward to your responses to my questions

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Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

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Organisation

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Council Headquarters

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Option 2: Council continues to rate for Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Comments

We request for Option 2:

Council continues to rate for Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Community Development Office Rolls:

- We request that this fund is continued and funding for it be increased to \$35,000pa for each of the Fox Glacier and Franz Josef CDO rolls.
- That the struck rate is re-named Franz CDO and Fox CDO and for it to be shown as a separate

line item on the rates invoices.

- That the \$35,500 to be collected separately for each township and for it to be struck at a flat rate for each rating unit.
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Fox Glacier

Organisation

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Council Headquarters

Option 2: Strengthen and refurbish the current location.

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Option 1: Repair the pool structure.

Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Comments

Option 3 proposes: Council to continues to rate Fox Glacier community for a Fox Glacier Community Development Officer only.

Proposed rate of \$35 500 excl GST is the proposed rate being applied for. The total has been calculated, mindful of rate increases.

Due to the difference in rating units between Fox & Franz it no longer seems tenable to have the Glacier Country Tourism taken out of these two villages at the pre existing agreement. (Glacier Country Tourism Promotional Officer) Fox Glacier Community Development Society also

supports Glacier Country Tourism promotion grps and their application for them receiving funds from the Tourism Promotional target rate levy.

The old format would see Fox Rate payers paying considerably more than the Franz one.

This the rate as it has been for the last 2 yrs.

Target rate per community for CDO 26,000. + GCTG 6,500.00 = Total = \$32,500 .00. Plus, GST of \$4,875.00 = \$37,375.00

For the last two years we have received the full amount 26,000. from Our Targeted Rate. In addition we received 6,500 from Tourism promotional target fund.

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

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Glacier Country promotions needs a percentage of the Tourism Targeted rate, which is district wide, but 0% comes back to the Glacier Country area. This is a large proportion is taken from their area and all businesses and residents rely heavily on the existing on tourism for their income and livelihood. It would prudent for WDC to support our tourism promotional grp. Historically, the precedence set, that funds that were deducted from this account and was being distributed.

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

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Westland District Annual Plan Submission

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Do you wish to present your submission to the Council in person (15 May), either in person or by remote option? No

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I support the continued community use of the Regent as our "Town Hall" for cinema, live performances, community meetings and events, and as a historic heritage feature in the heart of Hokitika.

Since the WCCI started work on the restoration of the building in 2007, the community and various funding agencies have made a huge investment in time and money to develop this iconic facility. The town now has a facility that has been earthquake strengthened, operates state of the art projection facilities, and a robust supporting IT infrastructure. It also has a dedicated team of staff, volunteers, and customers who support the operation. It is an important recreational and community facility for tourists, and locals. It is a training ground for emerging local talent – both on and off the stage. It is one of a small number of entertainment facilities available in the town. If we were to lose this resource through lack of Council support, it is unlikely we will ever have a similar facility available again in this region. People will have to travel to Greymouth for larger scale events and cinema. All the momentum and effort that has gone into getting the facility to it's current state will be wasted.

Hokitika's Regent Theatre is important to the town and the wider Westland Community. It is no less important than the Museum, Library, Swimming pool and recreational grounds that the Council currently supports and subsidises. It is part of the cultural fabric of the town. I urge Council to get wholeheartedly behind securing the theatre's future.

Emma Rae

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Westland District Annual Plan Submission

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Extras comments:

As a town that relies on tourism, Hokitika has virtually NO indoor activities for visitors, especially on a rainy day.

Apart from shopping, cafes, the Kiwi house, jade/ bone carving there is nothing. The Heritage Park is well out of the CBD so isn't as accessible.

Not all people want to get on the cycle trails .

The Regent Theatre is a great option for winter/summer or a rainy day. For children and adults alike.

It constantly has visitors from 'away' who love to see the old style of the theatre as a lot of movie theatres around the world are now jammed in huge ugly malls .

Please help our beautiful Regent Theatre with a heart beat of its own. Thankyou.

Emma Rae

From: [REDACTED]
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WDC DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSION 2024 / 2025

To prepare my submission to the WDC Draft Annual Plan for 2024/25, I've been attempting to form an understanding of the document, navigate the WDC website, and get a grasp of WC Community Rating Zone rationale, and how it reflects rates for the Kokatahi & Kowhitirangi Districts.

For the past couple of weeks I've endeavoured to get clarity for points raised with WDC staff Craig Stanton and Lynley Truman. To be honest, I'm really not much further ahead now, than when I made the initial approach on 18th April 2024.

Craig has provided reference maps for **nine** WDC Community Rating Zones, and referred me to the 2023/2024 Rating Policy to endeavour to get the information sought. In response to my query about the sample rates for the Kokatahi Kowhitirangi districts for 2024/2025.

Lynley Truman advised that "DAP sample rates cannot be illustrated for all districts of WDC" ...?

I make the following observations from perusing the WDC Draft Annual Plan for 2024/2025 and raise the following points, and seek explanations of points raised :-

- **Pages 71, 72 & 73 of WDC DAP 2024/2025** describes the targeted rates for **all ten** Community Rating Zones within the Westland District – **including the Kokatahi Kowhitirangi District.**
- **Page 77** provides details of **nine** Community Rating Zones. It **excludes any reference whatsoever for the Kokatahi Kowhitirangi CRZ?WHY? please explain.**
- Unlike the other **nine** community rating zones, the Kokatahi Kowhitirangi Community Rating Zone does not feature as a **separate mapped** WDC Community Rating Zone ...**WHY? – please explain.**
- The Kokatahi Kowhitirangi Community Rating Zone is the only WDC CRZ, to be also **captured within the Hokitika Community Rating Zone** **WHY? – please explain.**
- Several years ago the Kokatahi Kowhitirangi Community Committee initiated the formation of the Kokatahi Kowhitirangi Community Rating Zone, extending from Nesses Creek around to Geologist Creek, at the south end of Lake Kaniere. They created the rating zone to help fund the two local community halls, Squash Court, Fire Party and other community amenities and activities.
- **There appears to be an anomaly within the WDC DAP 2024- 2025, (and indeed also for several previous years),** whereby the Kokatahi & Kowhitirangi Districts have also been captured within the Hokitika Community Rating Zone, despite the Kokatahi Kowhitirangi districts having their own Community Rating Zone..... **What date did WDC commence the “double dip” of Community Rating Zones for the Kokatahi Kowhitirangi districts ?**
- Is this situation transparent, fair and equitable to this group of ratepayers - if so, **WHY? - please explain.**

- The WDC DAP 2024/25 proposed Hokitika Community Rating Zone rates for **rural, and rural residential ratepayers** is an excessive **\$769** per rateable property, in comparison to the proposed **Hokitika residential rate of \$1,026.-**
- The WDC DAP 2024/25 indicates that the **Kokatahi Kowhitirangi Districts will also pay the Kokatahi Kowhitirangi CRZ rates of \$261**
- Based upon the \$'s charged in the 2023/2024 rating year, the combined value of **the two separate Community Rating Zone charges**, makes the Kokatahi Kowhitirangi districts the highest Community Rating Zone districts within the entire Westland District... and furthermore, should my interpretation be correct, then they will again "top the polls" as the highest Community Rating Zone for 2024/2025 rating year.....**please explain the rationale for this situation.**
- Hokitika residents enjoy access to the town services & amenities at their doorstep, whilst their "rural cousins" encounter associated travel costs and distances of upwards of 30kms in some instances.
- If accessibility to Hokitika CRZ amenities is the driver for also charging the Kokatahi Kowhitirangi Districts the Hokitika Rural Community Rate then the Ross CRZ ratepayers also enjoy equal access to the Hokitika town amenities, in the same manner as that of the Kokatahi Kowhitirangi ratepayers.
- Unlike the Kokatahi Kowhitirangi CRZ ratepayers, the Ross CRZ ratepayers are **NOT** also captured within the HCRZ. – **WHY? Please explain.**

• [REDACTED] Rates Assessment as at 1 July 2023, for the 2023/2024 Rating Year, together with my understanding of the proposed 2024/25 CRZ rates.

Rates Assessment as at 1 July 2023 for the 2023/2024 Rating Year – [REDACTED] - CRZ Rates:

Uniform Annual General Charge	fixed \$	719.30
Kokatahi Community Rate	Land Value	354.90
Kokatahi Community Rate	fixed	
\$ 116.00)		470.90
Non Commercial Tourism Promotions Rate	fixed \$	12.73
Rural General Rate	Capital value	9,198.74
Hokitika Rural Community Rate	fixed	
\$ 599.82		599.82

Total Annual Rates Assessment at 1 July 2023 for 2023 / 2024 year 11,001.49 1,070.72

Hokitika Residential Community Rate 2023/24 Rating Year 799.76

Proposed 2024/ 25 Kokatahi Community Rating Zone Rates:

Kokatahi Community Rate	\$261
Hokitika Rural Community Rate 2024/25	\$769

Total Proposed Community Rates: Kokatahi Kowhitirangi Districts: \$1,030

Hokitika Residential Community Rate 2024/25 Rating Year \$1,026

- **Pg 80 of DAP 2024/2025** provides sample rates for the **NINE mapped Community Rating Zones.**
- **Staff advise Kokatahi Kowhitirangi ratepayer sample rates** are contained within the Hokitika Community Rating Zone samples **under rural and/or rural residential categories** – they are **NOT listed under the separate Kokatahi Kowhitirangi Community Rating Zone** as is the case for all **nine** other CRZ's? **WHY ? Please explain**
- How many rateable properties captured within the Kokatahi Kowhitirangi CRZ, are also captured within, and charged, the Rural Hokitika Community Rating Zone rates?

- What's the total revenue of Hokitika Community Rates collected within the Kokatahi Kowhitirangi Community Rating Zone in the 2023/2024 Rating year to 30th June 2024?
- How much (if any), of the total Hokitika CRZ rates expended to date, has been expended within the Kokatahi Kowhitirangi Community Rating Zone?
- **Roading:** the Hokitika Gorge is clearly the "jewel in the crown" for tourism to the Hokitika area.
- Kokatahi Kowhitirangi ratepayers expectations of basic, routine roading network maintenance within the area, is noticeably deficient. It definitely has not kept pace with the substantial increase in tourism traffic utilizing that roading network. There are multiple areas of pot holes, broken and eroded carriageway verges, slumping of the carriage way etc. etc. – **DO WDC Roothing Contractors** only attend to maintenance following roading service requests from ratepayers, OR, is regular surveillance undertaken? How often?
- **Funding Withdrawal for Community and Voluntary Amenities & Services:** Within the 2024/2025 Draft Annual Plan, the WDC response to the very difficult economic and financial times being experienced locally is disconnected and disappointing to say the least.
- I understand that the regulation demands of Central Government add to the challenges of local Government, however the proposed axing of funding assistance to several voluntary and community based services and amenities is difficult to understand, whilst within WDC, the "eye watering" \$\$\$ amounts expended on consultants fees, increasing council staff numbers, over budget operating expenses etc. etc continues to explode. WDC are well overdue to "quit the extravagance", "stick to the knitting" and make it their business to only undertake and deliver core council functions and services.
- **Elected Members:** The need for the elected WDC Mayor and Councillors to step up, and collectively participate in the democratic decision making process for the benefit of all WDC ratepayers has never been so important as it is today in these extremely difficult financial times. Council employees are paid by ratepayers, are engaged to implement the decisions as directed by the elected WDC Mayor and Councillors, for the benefits of all ratepayers within the Westland District – sadly, the reverse situation now appears to be very much the new normal with council staff "calling the shots"?\
- **Regent Theatre:** Hokitika and Westland District are very fortunate indeed to have this outstanding, centrally located, multipurpose venue, thanks to many years, and, thousands of hours of tireless work by dedicated volunteers. Some WDC staff could learn a thing or two, about work ethics from these volunteers. They ought to be bending over backwards to assist this organisation with the complexities of WDC funding requirements. This voluntary organisation did not deserve this weeks negative Press. Demonstrate goodwill, remove negative barriers, be proactive and helpful to ensure Westland can continue to enjoy the benefits of all amazing community volunteers, and this venue in particular, for decades to come.
- **Toilets** – the proposal to close, and/or cease funding some toilet facilities within the Hokitika CBD and immediate area, is at best "bewildering", at worst "madness". It defies belief that WDC propose to close access to a number of really good, strategic and assessable facilities within, and adjacent to, the CBD. **"when you've gotta go, you've gotta to go". For god sake spare a thought for the "day to day" toileting challenges that many individuals face – be they locals or visitors alike, on foot, in private vehicles, or coach loads of travelling public – our natural body functions determine that, no matter who, what or where you are - we all require toilet facilities!**
 - The **Tancred Street public toilets** adjacent to the Hokitika Museum for instance may not be the latest "whizz bang , "million \$\$, state of the art toilets", however they are perfectly functional and easily assessable for all users, within an area of town with handy, good parking options.
 - **Laser Park Hall, Playground & Community Gardens** are a great asset for all users of the facilities. Children well and truly utilise the playground facility.
 - What sort of an example are WDC setting for these children, do you really intend to force toileting, somewhere within the immediate surrounds, or, behind every bush? Sadly, that's the inevitable scenario should these toilet facilities be closed due the withdrawal of WDC funding.

- **Parking** – recent months has seen an explosion of motorhomes visiting our area and demonstrating a clear need for suitable parking for these vehicles. Motor homes angle parking within the streets of the Hokitika CBD is a challenging situation for other road users .
- **Suitable signage** near the roundabout entrance to the CBD, directing these large vehicles to areas that adequately meet their parking needs would certainly help to mitigate the parking issues these vehicles pose .
 - i.e. **Stafford and Tancred Streets** adjacent to the Catholic Church and St Mary’s Primary School, riverside by Mitre 10.
 - **Railway Terrace** was always a good option for these vehicles however that area appears to now be claimed as the unofficial Medical Centre and WDC Staff Carpark?
Staff can surely find plentiful carparking on Weld Street, east of Fitzherbert Street. Come on Staff, set a good example for the town - you ought to be capable of just a block or two walk to work?

I’m happy to speak to my submission in due course.

Regards

Kay Godfrey



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Comments

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Comments

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Due to the zoning of Hokitika Primary School with the Northern Boundary being Waimea Creek. Then Households between Kapitia Creek and Waimea Creek are

affected as they currently pay Hokitika Community Rates. These households need to pay Kumara Community Rates as that is the rating district that they will be related to for schooling.

It makes no sense to be required to send children to school in Kumara and travel that way and then have to pay Hokitika community rates when those services wont be used in Hokitika just like a person residing just on the north side of Kapitia Creek.

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Extras comments:

It is self evident that the Regent needs support to remain as our Town Hall. The savings made to Hokitika and Westland over its near 100 year existence are beyond measure - it would have to be the most cost efficient town hall in New Zealand. Look at what we have rather than what we dream to have (Racecourse Development) when spending our rate money.

Emma Rae

From: Marijke van der Hel [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 2 May 2024 9:08 am
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Westland District Annual Plan Submission 2024/25

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Westland District Annual Plan Submission

Name: Maria van der Hel

Postal address: 191 Stafford Rd, Awatuna

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone no. [REDACTED]

If you are completing this form on behalf of others, please name the group or organisation: n/a

Do you wish to present your submission to the Council in person (15 May), either in person or by remote option? No

My submission is as follows:

I support the inclusion in the Annual Plan for Council to make provision to help keep Hokitika's Regent Theatre open by reinstating the \$62,000+CPI grant (an average annual rates levy of only about \$18/yr for each Hokitika ratepayer, and \$3/yr elsewhere).

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Extras comments:

Kind regards,

Maria van der Hel

FRANZ JOSEF 1-5-'24

Annual Draft Plan submission W.D.C. '24

Dear Sir / Madam.

Rate increase does not stand up, what do ratepayers on the Waiho Rd. getting for it?

Nothing now, because W.D.C. want us gone, and no consultation with it.

Anything gets done in Holidika, and all the fancy stuff. Swimming pool - Childrens play ground, and expenses for the Race course?

Holidika Wild pool, damage to the Sport fields, where out sides can play too.

Staff cost, do everything on line, but I still see no savings in that department either.

Unless council start first show leadership, building leaking stop bands, leaking sewage ponds is not new.

Getting raking districts do pick up more council stuffs up. Does not wash either.

Get back to basis, and cut expenses, some are not needed.

That's what I think about it, I have to budget and make sure I get it all in line.

A KenneWaiho Rd. Rd.
FRANZ JOSEFDo Not get to the Hearing.

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- 2 MAY 2024

BY: AM

Emma Rae

From: noreply@westlanddc.govt.nz
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rob jewell

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Telephone

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Address

44 main road

Township

fox glacier

Organisation

fox glacier guiding

Please select one of the following:

I do not wish to speak to my submission

Council Headquarters

Option 1: Strengthen and refurbish the Pakiwaitara building for use as Council offices.

Comments

This is the least amount of cost to rate payers.

Land Transport levels of service

Option 5: Improving Level of Service (enhanced asset preservation)

Comments

Road infrastructure is critical for the whole region and must continue to have a high level of investment to ensure protection of these important assets.

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Option 2: Council continues to rate for Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Comments

Community Development Rolls:

- I request that this fund is continued and funding for it be increased to \$35,000pa for each of the Fox Glacier and Franz Josef CDO rolls.

- That the struck rate is re-named Franz CDO and Fox CDO and for these names to be shown as a

separate line item on future rates invoices.

- That the \$35,500 to be collected separately for each township and for it to be struck at a flat rate for each rating unit.
- That this funding to be secured for a minimum 3-year period.
- When the rate is reviewed an inflationary factor, in line with current wage rates, must be included in the review.

Glacier Country Tourism Group Inc Administrator:

- I support the Glacier Country Tourism Groups request for full funding through the Tourism Promotions Levy.
- That the funding for that roll is confirmed for a minimum 3-year period.
- That this investment in locally managed tourism promotion (GCTG) is shown as a separate line item in the Tourism Promotions Levy.

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

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Steve Thompson

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Address

226 REVELL STREET

Township

HOKITIKA

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not wish to speak to my submission

Council Headquarters

Option 2: Strengthen and refurbish the current location.

Comments

+Sell or Lease Pakiwaitara building.

Land Transport levels of service

Option 1: Status quo

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Option 1: Repair the pool structure.

Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Option 2: Council continues to rate for Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Comments

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Option 2: Council continues to collect the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.

Comments

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

West Coast Wilderness Cycle Trail. Undertake review of Trail Trust role and responsibilities. What is the benefit this organisation serves. Defer Totata bridge upgrade until external funding is secured. Look at options to exit all WDC liabilities for this facility.

Jade House. Sell this liability.

Support Regent Theatre funding as in addition to entertainment it serves as our Town Hall.

Emma Rae

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Address

Brian Waugh Lane, Hokitika Airport
PO Box 100

Township

Hokitika

Organisation

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I do not wish to speak to my submission

Council Headquarters

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Comments

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Comments

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

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The Heritage Park is celebrating its 25th year during the term of the new annual plan. The Park was established in 1999 after approval and the granting of a lease by the Westland District Council so the park could be developed as a community facility with an emphasis on celebrating our regions industrial past. Over the past 25 years the park has expanded and has become a popular attraction within our district that now highlights a large number of exhibits including the nationally significant Big Engine Shed and the popular family attraction - the Mudfish Bush Railway that runs through a significant national area of forest and wetland. Other popular assets (on the WDC asset register) that have been developed include the Fire Museum, Livery and Boatshed, Steam shed, Heritage and Learning Centre and the recent Tracks and Wheels and about the be built Maritime Centre. The Park is now a significant community and Council asset and industrial museum recognised by Te Papa and run by enthusiastic volunteers as a Charitable Trust.

This submission recommends that Council examines the current administration of the Airport reserve land lease occupied by the park that was transferred from Council to Destination Westland. The current and future use of the park is clearly non commercial and very much recreation so it is timely to consider the most appropriated management model similar to that of the Hokitika Museum, Aquatic centre etc..

The current situation requires the park to seek approval from both Council as the administrating body of the reserve and its assets and its MOU as well as Destination Westland via a current lease that includes a number of conditions relating to commercial rentals, possible cancellation clauses etc. .

The desired outcome would be for the Heritage Park to be managed as a non commercial asset of Council managed either by lease or "controlled and managed" on behalf of the administering body as part of the existing MOU.

The Heritage Park would welcome the opportunity to explore the options available with Council staff during the coming year.

Submission to WDC Annual Plan 2024/25- Use of Pakiwaitara Building.

Poutini Muay Thai, Hokitika's not for profit kickboxing club appreciates WDC's generous support in providing a space within which to operate a gym in the rear, upstairs of the Pakiwaitara Building since February 2024. In considering the annual plan, Poutini Muay Thai requests that councillors continue to support the use of this gym space for the greater good of the community.

PMT are all-inclusive and welcoming, with attendance figures climbing week on week at present. With a minimum of 4 sessions per week, including popular junior sessions, each session attended by 20+ members, and a full capacity of 30 members per session. There are currently 3 coaches volunteering their time each session. Attendance is through Koha which goes towards the required equipment.

Members attending Poutini Muay Thai sessions not only work on their fitness and kickboxing skills- this club fosters a huge sense of community and whanaungatanga, members are keen to volunteer in the Hokitika community, the club fosters respect, empathy, discipline, determination, and resilience. There are already some inspiring success stories emerging from our members, which demonstrate the way our club helps members to make positive changes in their lives. (Giving up drinking/smoking, creating healthy habits which bring the family together, being more confident, being more community-minded, all working to support one-another)

The Poutini Muay Thai club sees the Pakiwaitara Building gym space as a community place, and as well as nurturing the kickboxing whanau, there is the potential to share expertise with others in the building such as MTFJ, and with local sports codes, and other clubs further down the track. PMT is gaining a positive following within the wider kickboxing community over in Christchurch and our members have positively represented Hokitika at numerous organised events. PMT has recently hosted some prestigious visiting coaches and is gaining positive recognition amongst the Christchurch clubs, which is great for Hokitika. We are a growing, well-supported club. Matt Te Paa is keen to further extend the use of the space in the future also, with intentions to also run BJJ, Boxing, Conditioning classes, potentially meaning the facility gets utilised 3x the current usage.

Why is the Pakiwaitara Building the optimum training space for Poutini Muay Thai?

- The central location is easily accessible, and means our junior members can walk in after school
- Kick-boxing requires large indoor space for physical training
- Kick-boxing specialist equipment needs to be left set up in the gym from session to session
- Premises need to be secure, for storage of gear
- The Pakiwaitara gym space has historically been used as a boxing gym some years ago. It is equipped with great ventilation, perfectly suitable for our needs
- The building is currently owned by WDC, and therefore is a community asset

Costs:

Currently PMT is using the gym space by kind permission of WDC. Our coaches and our club are passionate to remain as inclusive and open as possible, preferring to utilise the Koha system, rather than chase profit. We are passionate about making a difference to all those who choose it in our community, without cost being a barrier to participation.

Ponhii Muay Thai - Submission to be heard / spoken.

Contacts : Ryan Young (coach)

: Nick Snowdon (coach)

: Kerry Weston (secretary)

Poutini Muay Thai

Mission Statement: Muay Thai for all

At Poutini Muay Thai, Hokitika, our mission is to empower individuals of all ages through the art of Muay Thai, guided by the four pillars of Māori health and well-being: **Taha Tinana** (Physical Health), **Taha Wairua** (Spiritual Health), **Taha Whānau** (Family Health), and **Taha Hinengaro** (Mental Health). We strive to create a community where each member can grow stronger in body, mind, spirit, and family connections, honouring the balance and unity of these essential aspects of life

1. Empowerment Through Movement:

- We provide authentic Muay Thai training, emphasizing proper technique, discipline, and respect.
- Our curriculum caters to both children and adults, fostering physical fitness, agility, and strength.
- By mastering Muay Thai, participants gain confidence and a sense of accomplishment.

2. Inclusivity and Accessibility:

- We operate on a **koha donation** basis, ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder anyone from joining.
- Our doors are open to all, regardless of age, background, or experience level.
- We create a safe and supportive environment where everyone can thrive.
- Our teaching and learning interactions follow the concept of **ako**

3. Community Building:

- Beyond physical training, we instil values such as teamwork, perseverance, and self-control.
- Participants become part of the **Muay Thai whanau**, supporting one another on their journey.
- Together, we contribute positively to our local community by promoting health, camaraderie, personal growth and whanaungatanga.

Join us at Poutini Muay Thai as we kick, punch, and uplift each other toward a healthier, stronger, and more connected future community!

Poutini Muay Thai -2024

Tiny Taniwha session, with coach Ryan and coach Nick, Feb 2024

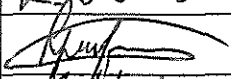
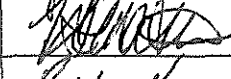
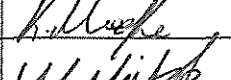
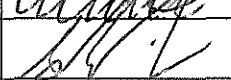
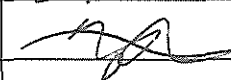





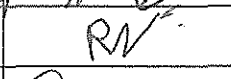

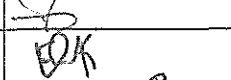



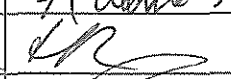






Senior Session, 25 April 2024, with visiting coach Nathan Standing of Titan Training Ground Chch, coach Matt Te Paa, coach Nick Snowden, coach Ryan Young.



Submission to Council Annual Plan 2024/25-Poutini Muay Thai

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KERRY WESTON	Hokitika.	K Weston.
RYAN YOUNG	Hokitika	
Nikita te Whata	Hokitika	
Richard Moeke	Hokitika	
Clk White	Hokitika	
Steve	Hoki	
NIKITA STEVENSON	RAPAHOE	
Elmo Young	HOKITIKA	
Nick S	Hoki.	
Sam Bennett	Hokitika	
David Smith	Hokitika	
Andrew Walfen	HOKITIKA	
Andrew Ohian	Hokitika	
Kdyl Burbidge	Hokitika	
Robbie Weston	Hokitika	
Carter Fitben	Greymouth	
Sharon Black	Greymouth	
Eamon O'Keefe	GREYMOUTH	
Tahn Hurwai	Hokitika.	
Mawa Carmell	Hokitika	
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Mick Fraser	Hokitika	

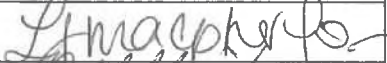




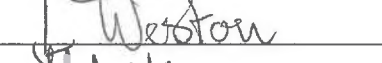


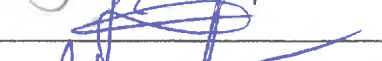

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NEL WESTON	HOKITIKA	N. Weston
Jason Horner	greymouth	[Signature]
River Snowden	HOKITIKA	River S
Melby E	Hokitika	[Signature]
Sheldon Lee	Hokitika	[Signature]
Kara Watkins	Dunollie	K Watkins
Tom Watkins	Dunollie	Watkins
Paddy Hanson	Hokitika	P Hanson
Anna-Maree Bell	HOKITIKA	Anna Bell
Jade Joo	greymouth	J Joo
Benjamin Lophy	Greymouth	[Signature]
Chick Fraser	Hokitika	[Signature]
Nick Snowden	Hokitika	[Signature]
Bruce Miller	Hokitika	B Miller
MARTIN SHERGAT	HOKITIKA	M Shergat
Sanica Beard	HOKITIKA	S Beard

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Lou Macpherson	Hokitika	
Hayley Kirby	Hokitika	
Dean Cummings	Hokitika	
Colleen Oliver	Hokitika	
Ray Oliver	Hokitika	
Laura Weston	Hokitika	
Frances Hawngaw	"	
BLINN WARD	HOKITIKA	
Jane Antrobus	Hokitika	
Andy Lancaster	Hokitika	

24 April 2024

To whom it may concern,

Re: Poutini Muay Thai

To Whom it May Concern

I am writing this letter to provide a reference for Poutini Muay Thai, a reputable Muay Thai club that has consistently demonstrated excellence in providing training and fostering a community of martial artists. Poutini Muay Thai has, in a very short period, established itself as a premier destination for individuals seeking to learn and train in the art of Muay Thai. Led by experienced instructors who are not only skilled practitioners but also dedicated teachers, the club offers a comprehensive curriculum suitable for practitioners of all levels, from beginners to advanced students.

One of the standout qualities of Poutini Muay Thai is its commitment to creating a supportive and inclusive environment for all members. Regardless of one's background or skill level, everyone is welcomed and encouraged to progress at their own pace. The instructors at Poutini Muay Thai possess a remarkable ability to tailor their instruction to the individual needs of each student, ensuring that everyone receives the guidance and attention necessary to excel in their training.

Furthermore, Poutini Muay Thai emphasizes the importance of discipline, respect, and sportsmanship, instilling these values in all of its members. Through rigorous training and positive reinforcement, students not only improve their physical fitness and martial arts skills but also develop essential life skills that transcend the boundaries of the gym.

In addition to its excellent training programs, Poutini Muay Thai actively participates in the broader martial arts community, regularly hosting seminars, workshops, with a view of attending competitions. These events not



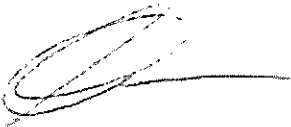
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only provide valuable learning opportunities for members but also contribute to the growth and promotion of Muay Thai as a sport and art form.

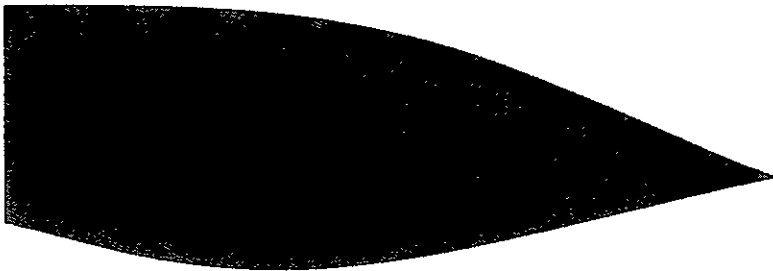
Overall, I have no hesitation in recommending Poutini Muay Thai to anyone seeking high-quality Muay Thai training in a supportive and welcoming environment. Whether you are a complete novice or an experienced martial artist, you will find immense value in the instruction, camaraderie, and culture fostered by this exceptional club.

Thank you for considering our support, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information or assistance.

Yours sincerely,



Wharerimu Iraia



Sheldon Lee
193 Revell St
Hokitika

Westland District Council
36 Weld Street
Hokitika 7810

WDC Annual Plan Submission – Poutini Muay Thai

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the Poutini Muay Thai's submission to continue its use of the Pakiwaitara Building as its primary training space. I have been involved in martial arts since I was 8 years old. Firstly, this was in a traditional style of Japanese Karate. I have travelled and trained periodically in Brazilian Ju jitsu, Muay Thai, MMA and boxing. We, as a community in Hokitika are lucky to have an already well-resourced and connected club here. Students of Poutini Muay Thai are training and competing with Christchurch based clubs - and this will surely increase as the Hokitika club continues to grow. There is so much value in the discipline, empathy, respect and perseverance that is developed through training in traditional martial arts. The development of these skills and values is no more evident than watching our rangitahi practice and train together. The skills learned here are transferrable to other sporting contexts, schooling and ultimately contribute to more positive equitable and just members of our community.

As a teacher at Westland High School for the past 7+ years I have had the privilege to be part of a range of experiences with our students. I have seen first-hand the positive impact that sport and a sense of belonging can have on our young people. Poutini Muay Thai is certainly offering that to a

large number of people who may otherwise have felt a little lost and isolated. I strongly believe that it is 'the people' that create, embody and enhance the experience of any sporting club. And 'the people' are coming. The club has experienced growth and increased popularity in the past few months. Each class is busy with people from all walks of life. We participate in a shared experience that is physically challenging and pushes us as individuals to grow. We are building trust, comradery and mutual respect founded on an appreciation of everyone's unique skills, effort and sweat.

I look forward to continuing to train alongside my school students. I see their involvement and commitment at Poutini Muay Thai having a drastic and positive impact as they navigate their way to adulthood. I cannot speak strongly enough of the potential Poutini Muay Thai has to continue to develop the best in these young people. Please support the great things this local club is doing by continuing to allow Poutini Muay Thai to practice, train and grow in this central and fit for purpose location.

Kind regards

Sheldon Lee

Nikita Te Whata

Westland District Council, to whom it may concern.

Kia Ora, my name is Nikita Te Whata and I am a very grateful and proud member of Poutini Muay Thai. I am writing this to express my appreciation to Poutini Muay Thai and what this club has done for me and my whānau and to share the amazing impact that Muay Thai has had on my life.

After years of suffering from anxiety, depression and PTSD and exploring different avenues of healing to overcome my childhood experiences. I found Poutini Muay Thai has helped me to support my overall health and well-being. It has given me the opportunity to explore new aspects of myself. It helps me to release built up tension in my physical body and keeps me present, so clears my mind at the same time. Supporting me with both a mental and physical challenge.

Poutini Muay Thai has created a safe, non-judgemental and inclusive space and facilitation with the amazing coaches Nick, Ryan and Matt is always positive engagement and they create a positive energy all round. They have created a community/whānau feel which provides a sense of belonging and social support, which supports in managing my mental health.

Poutini Muay Thai has not only supported me, it has supported my partner along his journey which has ultimately supported our relationship and our whānau too. My tamariki have also been enjoying the Tiny Taniwhas class, which offers a holistic approach to their physical and mental development and supports them with values such as discipline, respect, and perseverance while providing a fun and engaging form of exercise. The tiny taniwaha class is awesome and the tamariki are all engaging and having fun while learning skills at the same time. My oldest boy who has in the past had high anxiety seems to be thriving in this space, it is very exciting watching tamariki and youth grow in this space.

Poutini Muay Thai is an empowering, uplifting, motivating, inspiring, safe and positive space which is much needed in this community. I work for Te Hono o Nga Waka and this kaupapa alligns well with my values as a person and as an employee here, with the backing of council and securing this space I can see this club creating opportunity for tamariki, youth and adults in this community now and into the future. Supporting to carve positive pathways for our community.

The biggest barrier I have found while working in this community for whānau has been cost, so by offering classes here at Poutini Muay Thai with cost not being a barrier gives opportunity for all to engage creating equity for all. Te Hono o Nga Waka supports this kaupapa and we hope the council will too by continuing to support with this space.

I know in doing so Poutini Muay Thai would be very grateful and the positive impact it will have on our tamariki, rangatahi and whānau will continue to grow here in our community. If this space is secured Poutini Muay Thai can continue to offer their holistic approach to health and fitness, foster social connections, nurture youth development and leadership and continue to empower individuals to reach their full potential.

Please contact if you would like to discuss anything further.

Nga Mihi

Nikita Te Whata

In Support of Poutini Muay Thai Gym Space.

Hello. My name's Matt Te Paa. I've been involved with Poutini Muay Thai for the last 2 months, as a coach.

I have a fairly extensive background in Muay Thai, Boxing & MMA at the professional international level. I've been involved in all aspects of the sports, from competing, officiating, coaching and running events.

Since retiring from competition 7 years ago, I took time away from the sport, jumped in my van with a surfboard and hit the road. While the lifestyle was enjoyable, I noticed myself becoming more and more reclusive, unsocial and felt my mental health was declining. Earlier this year I committed to moving to the West Coast and getting involved in coaching the sports, as a way of getting back around people and giving back to the sports and community.

This is when I stumbled across Poutini Muay Thai. After meeting Nick and Ryan and getting introduced to the club and it's members, I knew this is the ideal environment for me to be a part of.

In the 2 months I have been there, I can not understate the amount of love and connection I have felt from being a part of the club. When I look back at where I was only a few months ago, I see the vast progress I've made with my mental health and I now feel a sense of purpose and community, which I have not felt for a very long time.

I've witnessed the club go from strength to strength. That's all due to the people involved.

I've been inside hundreds of fight gyms around the world, and I cannot understate the awesome family environment and positive energy surrounding Poutini Muay Thai.

As someone who comes from the competitive side of the sports, I'm also very excited to help build the new generation of athletes and future superstars from the West Coast :)

Kind regards,
Matt Te Paa



To whom it may concern.

I am writing this letter in support of Poutini Muay Thai.

Having been in the gym and trained with both young and old alike I can see the joy, excitement and purpose that training in an environment like this provided.

There are people from all walks of life in this gym and I guarantee some of those people need this for their on going physical and mental health.

This is (again, having actually been in the gym) a 100% non judgemental, fully inclusive and very safe space for people who may not have ever stepped foot in any type of gym environment to train in.

The fantastically amazing gentleman who run the gym have done the community a massive service in providing this space for people to come along, socialise and work out in.

Having attained a Degree in Youth Service and Community Science I know first hand the benefit of physical exercise on not only our Youth, but our Older folk as well. The benefits of physical exercise is one of the major factors in reducing Mental fatigue and burn out.

This training, and training environment provides the structure and stability so many people strive for.

If I can be of any further use in showing my Support for Poutini Muay thai, please do not hesitate to call me on



My kindest regards,

Nathan Standring

Kia ora.

Im writing this letter to show my sincere gratitude to the Poutini May Thai Whanau.

I have been a member for around 12 months, starting out training and learning out of a small garage. This "movement" has now grown into something very special, having an amazing space to train and continue my growth personally and as part of a Team/Whanau.

My life was completely different a few years back struggling with stress, anxiety and depression using alcohol to suppress what I was feeling. I was heading down a very dark road.

After meeting Ryan and Nick in this small garage, they welcomed me with open arms and encouraged me to train with them. Ever since that day my life took a serious turn for the better. They have been a huge part of getting my life back on track, providing trainings several days a week.. and they do this for free!!!

I was born and bred in Hokitika and feel this Club is 35years overdue. A place that everyone is welcome, fees or subs are simply a Koha, people can challenge themselves physically but most of all mentally in a safe environment, by very skilled coaches. A place to grow in confidence and mana.

This Team/Whanau has people of all ages, and sexes with stories of their own struggles, but together we all connect for those 3 or 4 nights a week and grow into the best versions of ourselves. My personal experience has been uplifting, this club is doing wonders for not only me but this community!

Nga Mihi

29/4/24

Poutini Muay Thai

As a Māori youth kaupapa facilitator, I have worked with multiple groups and organisations around physical, mental, and spiritual health.

Recently we have joined Poutini Muay Thai and already in this short time we have seen immense growth within not only the rangatahi that participate but the adults as well. Growth in confidence, awareness, huge physical benefits which all positively affects mental health.

Poutini Muay Thai have created a safe space for all who walk in the doors, to feel comfortable, welcomed and in a whanau environment.

We all owe Poutini Muay Thai a massive thank you for creating this space for our community on the small west coast and only hope it grows further.

Nā Kahuraki Wilson-Mahuika

To whom it may concern

My name is Kara and my son attends the poutini Muay Thai class in Hokitika, as do I...

There aren't any places on the west coast that would take my 3 year old boy in because of his age..

We are so grateful for poutini Muay Thai and the coaches for allowing him into the class and putting the time into our children...

We have seen a massive change in him already and he is learning a very valuable skill while also getting amazing social skills along with it..

We massively support this club and it's work they do for us here on the west coast

Many thanks

Kara

Thursday 2 May

My story

Kia ora my name is Jardin.

I am from Porirua New Zealand, I moved to Hokitika 3 years ago to escape a lifestyle that was never meant for me and since moving to the coast I've never really found any activity that is suited me quite like poutini muay thai it gives me the opportunity to interact and socialise among the great people of the west coast my whole life ive had issues with the law and since starting poutini muay thai ive noticed a great change in my attitude and if im being honest poutini muay thai is doing something great for the hokitika community keeping everyone busy and really burning energy so if you were angry before you walk through the doors of poutini muay thai you wont be by the time you leave. I am a 27 year old male and have never felt this way about a great group of people in my life thanks to Nick Ryan and the team for putting poutini muay thai together ive been able to focuss my energy and keep out of trouble.

Kia Ora Kerry,

Poutini Muay Thai has been an important space for our whānau to get back into building up our fitness, stamina and confidence. They have helped us to strengthen our bodies, minds and spirits. It has also helped to build a sense of community, to be able to connect with a range of different people with similar interests and goals. Ka nui te mihi ki a rātou.

Ngā mihi,
Ashlea

From Struggles to Triumph: The Journey of Jamie

Background:

Jamie, a 14-year-old boy, joined Muay Thai classes two years ago. He was dealing with low self-esteem, irritability, and had trouble fitting in with peers at school. He was volatile and reactionary to bullies, which was not helping, but more escalating issues with teachers, his peers, his parents, and his older sibling. The family was struggling. Jamie was shutting down from trusting in others and was prone to becoming frustrated, and uncontrollably lashing out physically. His parents were concerned about his well-being and wanted him to find a positive outlet.

The Transformation:

1. Physical Strength and Confidence:

- Jamie started attending our classes regularly. Through consistent training, he developed greater physical strength and fitness, improved his endurance, and gained body confidence.
- He learned to channel his energy into powerful kicks and precise punches. The focus required in Muay Thai helped him forget his worries and anxieties.
- Jamie developed mental strength and a positive mindset, and channelled his physical actions into disciplined routine movements to be used in self-defence.

2. Friendships and Support:

- Our inclusive environment allowed Jamie to connect with a wide variety of other participants of different ages. He formed strong professional relationships with the coaches, and strong trust amongst fellow students who encouraged him during tough times.
- Jamie found a sense of belonging and opportunities for leadership within our Muay Thai family. Through his dedication he was invited to compete with other clubs, and invited to attend a seminar with 10 times World Champion John Wayne Parr. Other students look up to and respect him, and turn to him for advice and support.

3. Discipline and Resilience:

- Muay Thai demands great discipline and focus. Jamie learned to set goals, work hard, and to persevere even when faced with challenges.
- He discovered that setbacks were opportunities for growth. Whether it was mastering a new technique or overcoming fatigue, Jamie pushed himself beyond his limits.



4. Leadership and Empowerment:


- As Jamie's skills improved, he became a role model for younger participants. He mentored them, teaching not only Muay Thai techniques but also life lessons. In sparring training, he shows utmost respect for his opponents by modifying his tempo to suit everyone, tuning to their skill level, and modifying his pace. This is impressive, and demonstrates great maturity and leadership.
- Jamie's transformation is remarkable. He went from an angry, frustrated, and emotionally over-reactive boy, to a confident young

leader, with great people skills, and the ability to analyse and break down movements and tasks to a level others can understand.

The Present:

Jamie now stands tall, both physically and emotionally. He continues to train hard, not just for himself but to inspire others. His parents have noticed the positive change—Jamie smiles more, interacts with his peers, has a large circle of friends, and has developed greater patience and resilience. His parents are extremely proud of the change in mindset, and the incredible self-control Jamie demonstrates when the going gets tough.

At **Poutini Muay Thai**, we celebrate stories like Jamie's. Each success story reinforces our commitment to empowering individuals through martial arts.  

Remember, every journey is unique, and we are proud to be part of Jamie's remarkable transformation. 

Student name has been changed

Triumph in the Gym: Mark's Journey to Sobriety and Strength

Mark's life had become a daily cycle of work followed by drinking. Evenings meant empty bottles and unkept promises to change. Family life was crumbling, and his health was deteriorating. The realisation hit Mark hard one morning; he needed to fight back for his life and family.

A local boxing gym caught his eye, not just for the fitness, but also for the self-discipline it promised. Mark arrived at the gym, leaving his self-doubts at the door. It was a safe and welcoming space. The gym soon became Mark's sanctuary. Each punch and kick, a personal victory. The positive and encouraging community at the gym supported him, his coaches became his mentors, and every drop of sweat, a testament to his resolve and determination. Seeing his progressive transformation, his wife and two children were inspired to join the gym, and encourage each other on their journey of positive change.

Almost two years have passed, and the man who once couldn't go a day without a drink now cannot go without training! His body is stronger, his mind clearer, and his relationships deeper. Mark has become a pillar in the gym, warmly welcoming and inspiring newcomers. There is a mutual respect amongst him and fellow members. Mark's whanau saw the man they once knew return, stronger and more present than ever. They work together to support one another, both in the gym and in daily life. Mark's success is not just in his sobriety but in the family life he has rebuilt. Mark is a loving husband and father who fought the toughest battle against himself—and won.

What Poutini Muay Thai has done for me & my family.

Since starting last year, I was a highly anxious person. Even to walk into a space like this was a massive step! But it was one of the best things I ever done. I was welcomed with open arms, encouraged & felt like part of the family from the first time I attended.

There was no judgement, only heavily encouraged to come back, no matter what experience you have.

I'm a solo Mum of 4 high energy boys & my intention on taking them there was to install discipline, morals & respect. That is exactly what they have received! Not to mention the connection they have with their Coaches. They are positive, healthy male role models that my children look up to greatly with so much respect & my boys only want to make them proud.

They look forward to this every week & have seen a decline in their anger at home & solely put it down to the teachings of Nick & Ryan.

One of my boys has ASD & they cater to him & all his needs (above & beyond). It has massively reduced his meltdowns due to the respectful discipline that has been installed in him & has one of the most beautiful connections with his Coaches. (One I could only have dreamed of for him) Since attending multiple times a week, not only has my physical health sky rocketed, but my mental health has also significantly improved.

I am now confident to be in a male dominated space as well as large groups which both I previously struggled with. I'm made to feel so loved, encouraged, respected and Safe! The connections the Coaches provide are immeasurable to me. It goes well beyond Muay Thai. Because of them, my family & I have attended Community work for the Cancer Society etc, that's something I have struggled with in the past as well. But, thanks to them, I'm confident to jump into any situation & help out & has shown my boys it's important to give back just as much as you receive.

This small but significant Club they have created is such an asset to the Community!

It is a safe space for all walks of life to attend & treated as equals with positive influences all round. The friendships I have gained go outside Muay Thai now, I've met people I never would have & essentially changed my life in a positive way all round.

Hokitika needs this & Ryan, Nick & their Wives have created something very special & support this 100% to keep going & support anyone that would encourage & help grow this amazing Club!

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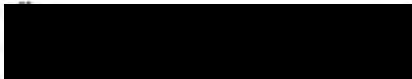
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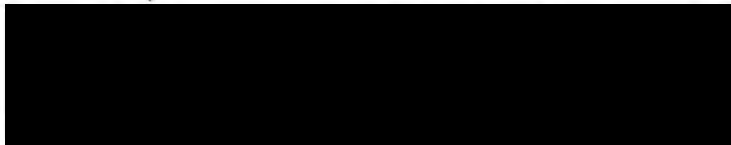
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Extras comments:

This is a fantastic town venue for movies and shows. we are lucky to have it.



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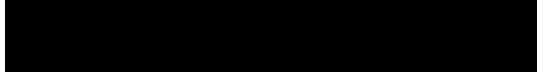
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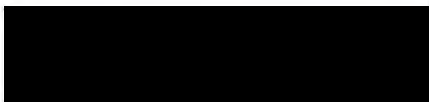
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Extras comments:

The Theatre is the town's heart, its beyond movies, its a hub for community & provides a safe environment for volunteers & locals.



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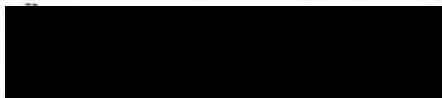
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Extras comments:

We are lucky to have our theatre, and would really miss it if it were to close.



Submission to the Westland District Council 2024/2025 Annual Plan

Greg Maitland
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2/5/2024

The increased costs to ratepayers to meet the requirements of Taumata Arowai for water testing is unacceptable

1. There is no historic evidence being presented that previous less expensive methods for testing were not fit for purpose.
In comparison to the rest of the country, govt reports state that Westland has a high standard of natural water quality.
I therefore suggest to Council to Publicly challenge the requirements of Taumata Arowai to prove any health / benefit costs, in that these increased costs impact on the social ,health and wellbeing of lower income rate payers.
2. Graphs. Some of The colours presented on the graphs presented in the plan were very difficult to differentiate and confusing could I suggest in future that a wider spectrum of colours be used.
3. Roothing. Last year NZTA through Mainstream media were pleading poverty when it came to funding Local Bodies.
The Government decision to allow the increase of load weights (by memory 10 tonnes) caused serious road compaction on both local roads and state highways, increasing the risk of motor vehicles aquaplaning in times of wet weather this compaction is now common on many of our local roads .

Could I suggest to Council ,that if not already the case that NZTA stump the cost to repair these areas seperate from the normal NZTA funding.

4. Throughout the plan are references to the requirement of the Department Internal Affairs (DIA) for Council to provide reports on the status of many of Councils functions . Could I suggest that in keeping with Council policy of charging rate payers for information when the request exceeds time limits that the same be applied to the DIA . The DIA is supposed to

be a Public Service Entity. I'm sure that if any mistrust in Council by Rate Would be swiftly addressed with out having to pay DIA.

5. As a lay person lacking in accounting skills I struggle to understand the references to (Surplus) / Deficit , of operating funding .
To me there seems to be a contradiction of terms here.
I would like to see a more transparent and clear explanation for this to be able to understand these terms / documents.

6. Drinking Water.

In regards to the Haast Water supply, Council failed in their obligations under the ACT to inform and consult with residents over the chlorination of their water supply. The Haast water, sourced from an 11.5 metre bore from the Mt Aspiring National Park , has no history of contamination. To chlorinate the supply as well as associated cost was to my mind an other example of un-necessary waste of ratepayer funds. It was also judging by the response of residents a serious encroachment on their Cultural expression and wellbeing. This action was yet another example of a community being forced to accept ,without evidence the policy of Council. I would like to see Council grow some backbone and challenge these type of Govt policies.

Although there are clear studies that support the use of chlorinated water in at risk supplies. The same reports do not look at the health benefits that such natural water can offer. Any proficient gardener will profess to the marked difference in growth in plants when using unadulterated water . The same may well be said for human health.
It is clear that the imposition of chlorine in the Haast water supply did not enhance the mental health and well being of the Haast residents.

In Ref to page 23 of the plan / year 2025. The cost to install security fencing and cameras, surely requires past evidence based on necessity for this expenditure. There is not only product and installation costs but also ongoing monitoring and maintenance costs that will impact on the financial and mental wellbeing of many of our ratepayers.

7. Storm Water / Pg 27 Pump Upgrades.

I would like to see change in design to the stormwater outlet pipes into the Hokitika river.

At present the pipes enter at right angles into the river flow and are capped with a hinged heavy metal plate. This forces the pumps to not only contend with the pressure of the plate but also the water pressure from the river especially in times of high flood levels.

If the pipes had a 90 degree bend in the pipe which would then direct the storm water into the same direction as the river flood water . The flood water will then in turn actually siphon the stormwater into the river ,the result would also place a much lesser burden on the pumps in turn reducing expensive maintenance. and a lesser burden on ratepayers.

8. Solid Waste Page 33

A few years ago the Government funded the 3 West Coast district Councils three hundred thousand dollars each to explore and evaluate the benefits and costs to set up a recycling outlet at our transfer station. Not to be confused with the very poor example we have at present , rather something similar to Waste Busters in Wanaka ,or Nelson re cycling, in order to reduce waste to landfill also allowing our citizens to re use and recycle. With \$300,000 a storage , sorting and outlet store could have already been built. with, as a suggestion, a collection site at the transfer station with an outlet at the industrial park . proceeds from the sales going to the Industrial park .

9. Prospective Planning and Regulatory Statement of Service Performance Pg 41

Responsible Camping

Total expenditure \$507,000.

This seems an extraordinary large sum of Tax payer money Where is the justification for it??? and is it tax payer funded from the Govt or does it come from Ratepayer funds or part of??

In regards to Building Consents I would like to share the sentiments of a one Stuart McKinley of Lincoln ,Canterbury in a letter that was published in the CH CH Press. April 26/2024.

“Eric Crampton’s opinion piece prompted me to question why we need building consents, inspections and compliance certificates.

Competition may help to lower building costs but much greater savings are possible by scrapping the local government building consent , inspection and approval bureaucracy.

It is the builder who should be responsible for ensuring the structure is code-compliant and has insurance cover any deficiency discovered during warranty period. No different to buying a new car. Electricians, plumbers and drain layers don’t have to obtain consent for their work, their trade qualification is sufficient to expect code compliant workmanship.

Why should ratepayers have to fork out compensation for defective workmanship not identified by a building inspector, who incidentally is no

better qualified than the builder, when the ratepayer has absolutely no interest in or responsibility for the structure being built.”

This may be a central Govt issue ,however I would like to see Council seriously challenge the Govt and support ratepayers on these sort of issues. Considering there was once only one Building inspector in Hokitika who did a sterling commonsense job which was of substantial benefit to both our citizens economy and wellbeing.

10. Page 43 “ Community Service Groups contribute to Community Wellbeing outcomes.

These activities have a particular “contrition” to the following community outcomes”

Was this a spelling slip up or are community services affected by Guilt and Remorse, challenged by that up in the air funding for the Regent Theatre juggling Wellbeing Vs costs? LOL.

I would much rather see the tourist investment funding for Banners , lighting and revitalisation for Hokitika (\$55,000) invested into the Regent Theatre . An asset that the council essentially gets for free. I would imagine nearly every other Council would have to provide a town hall . The Regent is the main gathering place for citizens of our town where we can enjoy school performances .which are a priceless investment for children, n parents and grandparents. also a chance to “Meet the Candidates” events etc. The Regent is the Hub of our social and cultural wellbeing and should never be compromised.

I am appalled at the costs and mismanagement associated to the Carnegie building and shudder to think of what the final outcome will be.

For an authentic NZ museum one need look no further than the Okains Bay Museum on Banks peninsula . A replication of this Museum would have had in my opinion had far greater appeal.

At the end of the day I see the cost to Hokitika ratepayers and Tax payers for both the Museum and the Hokitika swimming pool as an abuse of public money in these times of hardship and fiscal restraint for many of our fellow citizens . Considering the 5.5 million upgrade and the proposed further \$776,000.00 allocated for 2025 Such expenditure makes a mockery of the often used term in the report Wellbeing are we trying to spend our way out of debt?

A recent article in our Guardian News Paper “ Kai Puku needs more Kai” is compelling evidence to the struggle many Westland residents are suffering, which is set to worsen during the coming winter months.

11. Page 45 Prospective Community services Statement .

Expenditure: Community development \$533,000.00

Township Development \$672,000.00

The public need to know in depth how this money is to be spent. In this regard the proposed plan failed to inform, resulting in an inability to comment.

12. Page 52 Leisure services statement

\$523,000.00 to the cycle trail

The cycle trail does not benefit every ratepayer to the extent of the cost to all ratepayers. It may bring tourists here, however where do they spend their money . Supermarket , Gas station , accomodation ,or the Motor caravan park for free, and cafe's. They don't benefit that old pensioner who struggles to leave the house. It was once promised that no ratepayer funds would be spent on it . I believe the formula to gauge cost benefit to ratepayers needs to be scrutinised.

13. I site .

I don't believe the I site is necessary given these times of digital devices. If we do have an I site it should be placed back at the museum and leased to a commercial operator , as it once was.

14. Page 53

Under the current situation of unaffordable rates for many in our community, I would like to see the following funding scrapped we simply do not have the money to spend on these nice to haves

Conveniences (does this refer to toilets) Hokitika Beachfront upgrade 2025 \$482,000.00. Mmmmm if council believes in sea level rise why would there be investment in this area.

Reserves , Cass Square Pavillion \$785,000.00

Hokitika Todlers heated covered pool \$1,256,000.00 plus year 2025 \$1,124,000 .

Also a further \$628,000.00 for Mahinapua walkway and bridge.

In regards to money already spent on the Hokitika Racecourse development and allocated to the Westland racing Club development \$1,439,000.00 (2024) and a further \$535,000.00 in 2025.

I find this spending outrageous. There has to my knowledge not been any proof or evidence at all, of any guaranteed return to ratepayers in this venture. This is an abuse of public funds.

There are already significant subdivision developments by private enterprises. Does Council have any proof of a huge exodus from other parts of NZ to Hokitika ?

15. Page 73.

I object to paying a Tourism rate. That I believe is an exercise for private enterprise.

16. Page 77

I object to the remission of waste water charges for Educational establishment. Some of our accommodation providers are paying substantial amounts for this service I can't see why the Govt should be permitted to freeload on the backs of those local providers.

17 Page 82

Annual plan disclosure statement year ending 2025
Debt Affordability Benchmark.

Limit \$57,476,650.00

Planned \$30,035,246.00

Given councils annual levels of debt over the last 40 years there has clearly been a recent meteoric rise in both Council debt and Rates.

Of all the references to wellbeing and cultural considerations. The rise in debt and rates makes a mockery of the afore mentioned terms. Such borrowings are not sending a message of fiscal constraint by Council to ratepayers.

18 New Sewerage system .

At a recent information day at the RSA it was strongly propositioned that Council would opt for an expensive (but unknown cost) to build a sewerage treatment plant adjacent to Silver Fern Farms .

I strongly object to this proposal as being far too expensive and unnecessary, and goes against the adage of pushing the proverbial up hill

I reiterate as to my previous submission on the subject . To build sewerage ponds at the back of the Kaniere Tailings with an outlet to a developed wet land and to build the infrastructure along side the pumping station already in place that delivers the water to Hokitika . At the Information session it was argued by some in attendance that you couldn't have the two systems in the same area . however I would like to state that there is not a street in town that does not have sewerage in close proximity to water pipes. The treatment of sewerage in ponds is a natural cost effective low maintenance process that has been used since Roman times . The wet land could be developed to interact with the cycle trail and be enhanced with native planting and attract native birds and wild life. There was an argument presented by an Iwi representative that the ponds would contaminate the Hokitika river . However being over i kilometre away that would be highly unlikely. This is a major item and common sense plus fiscal restraint is imperative

In summary I would like to see Council strongly challenge Govt legislation that imposes unnecessary costs on ratepayers

Also a recent article described a council consent requirement for a 40,000 litre water container which was considered by an inspector to be a building. If this was indeed the case I see it as a shocking over reach of councils regulations that do nothing to help the economic well being of coasters and must be changed.

Also the Allowance to clear 2,000. square metres of vegetation without a resource consent stated in the WDC district plan , should be extended to 5,000 sq metres to be in line with Grey and Buller districts.

I would like to thank the Council for voting to leave the LGNZ fold

With kInd regards

Greg Maitland

Emma Rae

From: Fox Glacier CDO [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 2 May 2024 4:42 pm
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Fox Glacier CDO Funding - Annual Draft Plan - Petition & Feedback Page
Attachments: Fox Glacier Petitions - CDO Funding - 02 May 2024.pdf

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Hi,

Please find attached a document which has signed petitions by our community regarding the funding that was omitted from the Annual Draft Plan 24/25. I would appreciate it if you could confirm receipt of these documents.

Thank you

Always, with kind regards

Lisa Hood

Fox Glacier Community Development Officer
[REDACTED]



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Without this rate Fox Inc would no longer be able to pay a CDO to work at the centre so, postal services , hub opening hours Gym memberships etc would all be effected

Date	Full Name	Rate payer	Renter	Comments
27/04/24	JULIE CRAISSIAUX		✓	
27/04/2024	WAI YAN LEE		✓	
27/4/2024	TAMY LEE		✓	
27/4/2024	FARISHIA USMAN		✓	
1/05/2024	CAITLIN BARNARD		✓	

Petition in support of Fox Glacier Development Society Incorporated submission to Westland District Council

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As a valued member of Fox Glacier, I support the submission.

Date	Name	Address	Comments
30.4	Jenna Pitou	224 COOK Flat Road FOX GLACIER	
30/4/24	Neeleen Mo. Williams	72 COOK FLAT Rd F X R.	
1/5/24	Paul Williams	1016 HAT SHWY6 (Karamarama)	A valuable asset to the community and does more than is recognized for!
1/5/24	Renata Domackova	203 COOK FLAT ROAD FOX GLACIER	All this services are necessary for community and Lisa is great in managing them
1/5/24	Kathy Kearney-Deans	Fox glacier 21 Main Rd.	Please
1/5/24	Destiny Poterwal	fox glacier 21 main rd	♥
1/5/24	Sam Scott	13 Williams RD Fox glacier	CDO Role is a valuable asset to the community
1/5/24	Graham Lankford	13 Williams Rd FOX G.	WE NEED them!!

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Date	Name	Address	Comments
1/5/24	MANON PFEFFERKUCH	13 WILLIAMS RD FOX GLACIER, 7859	CDO ROLE IS <u>ESSENTIAL!!</u>
1/5/24	Rain B. Moore, MD	13 Williams Rd. F.G. 7859	Important position.
1/5/24	Mare Wittrop	Skouparken 38 2990 Niva	
1/5/24	Anna Köpff	Rampstr. 21/1 71665 Vöhringen	Important! This place
1/5/24	CARL CHR. TEGNER	48 Lemon St. New Plymouth NZ	LOVELY PLACE & PEOPLE
1/5/24	Andrii Senko	48 Lemon str	Perfect spot for a rainy day

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Date	Full Name	Rate payer	Renter	Comments
27.4.2024	Erena Irene Voskamp	✓✓		keep our CDO
27.4.2024	Francois David Goosen	✓✓		keep the Cdo & Post office
27.4.2024	Adelys Oceane Cluijer		✓	Keep our CDO ! #hub, #gym ...
27.04.2024	David John Hertendorf		✓	We need our CDO
28 04 2024	Allannah-may Simpson	✓		We Need our CDO! Postal Service & Community facilities
28-04-24	Zak Scott	✓✓✓		u u u
28/04/24	MICHAEL GLYNN	✓		LETS KEEP IT !!
28/04/24	JAMES GLYNN		✓	KEEP IT!
28/04/24	Therese Glynn	✓		Need our CDO
02/05/24	Stefan Sarten			These services are critical to maintain

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Date	Full Name	Rate payer	Renter	Comments
28/4	R Amstrong	✓		
28/4.	S. Scott	✓		
28/4	DAVID	✓		
28/4	BUSAR GUSANA	WAAA	✓	
28/4	TRANA	WAAA	✓	
28-4	Kirsty Sullivan	✓		
28/4	Karolina Kropacka	WAAA	✓	KEEP OUR CDO
28/4	Julia Gelsinger		✓	
28/4	Steve Wilson		✓	
28/4	Chris Farrier		✓	
28/4	Gavin Morgan	✓	✓	
28/4	Iva Eichelova		✓	
28/4	Kery Strahl	✓		
28/4	Marceka Janasova		✓	

Date	Full Name	Rate Payer	Renter	Comments
29/04	John Tawhara		✓	
29/04	DANNY ENTWISTLE		✓	PUT THE RATES UP AND TAKE AWAY ?!
30/4	Irene Karantou		✓	
30/4	Brenna Callahan		✓	DONT TAKE AWAY ESSENTIAL PERSONEL
2/5	Vicky Shaw		✓	
2/5	Michele Langesen		✓	

Share your Feedback – Annual Plan 2024/2025

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Submissions hearing Wednesday 15 May 2024

We would like to know your thoughts on the proposals in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025.

Please **scan and email** this form to the Council. **Email:** consult@westlanddc.govt.nz

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Phone: 03 756 9010

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Name* Valerie Langton Organisation (if applicable) Fox Stove
Email* [REDACTED] Address 37 Main Road, Fox Glacier
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I would like to speak to Council about my submission At the meeting in the Council Chambers

Through a remote option (Zoom link or telephone)

I do not wish to speak to my submission

*Required

Council Headquarters

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- Option 2:** Strengthen and refurbish the current location.
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Please provide any comments:

More pages can be attached if necessary.

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

- Option 1:** Council ceases the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.
- Option 2:** Council continues to collect the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.

Please provide any comments:

More pages can be attached if necessary.

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Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

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Land Transport levels of service

- Option 1:** Status quo.
- Option 2:** Inflation adjustment
- Option 3:** Do the minimum (service level review)
- Option 4:** Preserving our assets (balanced)
- Option 5:** Improving Level of Service (enhanced asset preservation)

Please provide any comments:

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Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

- Option 1:** Repair the pool structure.
- Option 2:** Do not budget to repair the pool structure.

Please provide any comments:


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Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

- Option 1:** Council ceases to rate for Glacier Country Tourism and Community Development roles.
- Option 2:** Council continues to rate for Glacier Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Please provide any comments:

Option 3 proposes: Council to continues to rate Fox Glacier community for a Fox Glacier Community Development Officer only.
Proposed rate of \$35 500 excl GST is the proposed rate being applied for. The total has been calculated, mindful of rate increases.

I agree to this 

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Township

Fox Glacier

Organisation

C & S Alexander Ltd T/A Matheson Cafe

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Council Headquarters

Comments

Cheapest option

Land Transport levels of service

Option 3: Do the minimum (service level review)

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Option 2: Council continues to rate for Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Comments

Council provides all funds recieved from this targeted rate to the communities to distribute on projects as needed as was the original intention of the rate when the communities asked for it to be struck. It was clearly stated that this was not to be used for works that are the usual business of the council .

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

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Glacier Country Tourism Group (GCTG) is an organisation that promotes tourism and economic growth in Glacier Country for the whole community and the West Coast region. Its main objectives are to increase visitations and length of stay, build a unique brand identity, and create awareness through effective marketing strategies. GCTG proudly maintains a strong working relationship with Development West Coast as both the Regional Tourism Organisation (RTO) and Economic Development Agency (EDA) for Te Tai Poutini West Coast, fostering a collaborative approach to regional development and working with other business groups across Te Tai Poutini. It has a membership group of over 95 businesses and individuals whom it represents and promotes.

In terms of funding, historically GCTG has received \$13,000 annually from the Fox Glacier and Franz Josef Community rates. The Tourism Promotions rate is contributed by both residential and commercial ratepayers in Westland. Currently, the distribution of the Tourism Promotion rate (2023/2024) includes allocations to West Coast Wilderness Trail, Hokitika i-SITE, Fox Glacier and Franz Josef Community Development Officer (CDO) roles.

The Westland District Council is proposing to re-distribute the Tourism Promotion rate (2024/2025) by increasing allocations to the West Coast Wilderness Trail and Hokitika i-SITE and removing any allocation to Glacier Country for either GCTG or the CDO role.

GCTG advocates for the reinvestment of the Tourism Promotions rate back into the Glacier Country area, aligning with the principle that rates collected from a region should be reinvested to benefit that same region. Redirecting back our funds to Glacier Country allows for targeted tourism promotions that have a wide economic benefit that flows through to tradespeople, retailers, the agriculture community, the local community, as an example, and of course the wider Te Tai Poutini West Coast tourism and economic region.

GCTG requests that Westland District Council (WDC) direct \$125,000 per annum from the Tourism Promotion Rate for the next three years to be provided to GCTG to continue enhancing growth and economic tourism benefits.

There are several reasons why GCTG needs this funding. Firstly, approximately 28% of the 2.9 million annual visitors to New Zealand travel to Glacier Country. Secondly, the tourists spend in the Westland District was a total of \$256.1m in 2023, up by 70.1% compared with the previous year. The attraction of visiting Glacier Country is a significant driver to this growth, and if GCTG can continue growing visitation at the current rate, it will further contribute significantly to the Westland and West Coast economy. Thirdly, the Glacier Highway is Christchurch International Airport's promotional pillar to promote visitation to The Glacier region in 2024/5 through their "South "initiative. It is imperative that GCTG gets behind this significant international initiative to get further exposure in the markets we now need to target. For instance, 39.5% of our visitors come from Europe, 19.8% from Australia, 16.5% from North America, 12% from SE Asia, and 8.7% from China.

Tourism expenditure in the area supports local businesses, employment, and infrastructure development. By directing funds back into Glacier Country, stakeholders can drive tourism and

economic growth for the area through targeted marketing and promotions campaigns directly into the markets where we can grow market share and increase the length of stay. GCTG plans to pivot towards the natural environment, walks, nature-based activities, the DOC estate, and away from its reliance on the glaciers. Supporting the development of these attractions will enhance visitor experiences, extend stays, and increase visitor expenditure to benefit the wider Westland district and Te Tai Poutini West Coast.

What would Glacier Country do with the funding?

Targeting marketing and promotional campaigns directly to the markets where we can grow market share and increase length of stay. We plan to work with trade partners both in NZ and overseas, aligning with DWC as the RTO, leveraging their overseas work, and further develop our strategic partnerships.

Continuing our strategy to focus on the natural environment, walks, nature-based activities, the DOC estate, moving away from our reliance on the Glaciers. This was started in 2020 with the Must Do Activities and Best Walks brochure, which have proven exceptionally popular and highlight the unique attractions and experiences of the region.

Further promoting our sustainability strategy within Glacier Country and working towards achieving our carbon-zero goals as a community.

Supporting the development of new visitor experiences and enhancing the reasons to set up a tourism business and to live and work in Glacier Country. We are desperately short of new volunteers for our fire and ambulance services, for example.

We will further help all local businesses to deliver world-class visitor experiences, and align further with Qualmark, which operates a quality model on a national basis.

Fund website management, social media, and print distribution. Research shows that our target international visitors like to have maps and guides when they visit our region.

Continue to employ a part-time administrator (approx. 15 hrs/week) responsible for marketing and campaign coordination, including budget, expenditure, ROI, and reporting. Manage member communication and the weekly newsletter. Managing all aspects of the town maps from updating member details, design, production, printing, and distribution. Assisting the Co-Chairs to help lead the organization. Manage all monthly meetings, AGM and any special meetings and all general enquiries and manage Glacier Country's Facebook and Instagram accounts.

This is the only paid position with Glacier Country Tourism Group, with all other committee members providing their time voluntarily.

Without funding support, GCTG will be unable to maintain this essential role and traction which has been developed and maintained over many years will be lost to the detriment of Glacier Country.

What we need you to do NOW.

- Complete the survey to indicate your support for GCTG receiving funding to invest back into tourism in Glacier Country.
- Get involved. It is important that those the funding impacts have their say and are involved in the strategic plans for GCTG. GCTG meetings are open to all members to attend.

· Advocate for the equitable distribution rates collected from the Tourism Promotions rate collected by WDC to ensure the sustainable growth of Glacier Country's tourism industry. Your support is crucial in advocating for the fair distribution of funds to GCTG. We urge you to complete the survey and express your endorsement for GCTG to receive funding that will be reinvested back into our region's tourism initiatives.

Emma Rae

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Organisation

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Option 1: Strengthen and refurbish the Pakiwaitara building for use as Council offices.

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

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Comments

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Comments

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Option 1: Council ceases the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.

Comments

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

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Submission on the Westland District Council Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025

From:

Mike and Carrol Browne (QSM)
142 Cook Flat Road, Fox Glacier 7859
Ph: [REDACTED]
E: [REDACTED]

We would like to speak to council about our submission through a remote option.

Our comments and concerns relate to the following in the district plan:

Council is proposing to withdraw the \$65,000 of funding to Glacier Country Tourism and Community Development to reduce the rate burden on ratepayers in the Franz Josef and Fox Glacier rating districts. Funding for community rates should be used for the benefit of the whole community, not just a small number of ratepayers (the tourism rate only benefits a small number of ratepayers). In the 2023/2024 year Council budgeted to receive community rate revenue of \$162,793 (incl. GST) from 329 Franz.

Our submission:

By suggesting that rated funding for these roles should be done away with Council is showing very bad judgement of the Glacier Country townships and the important role that the Community Development Officers provide their town councils and communities.

We do not want to see any reduction to the Glacier Country Tourism and Community Development rate.

It is not possible, as the planning document suggests, that this rate only benefits a small number of ratepayers when the administrative function and activity planning done by the glacier country town councils' CDO's have benefits for all members of our communities.

In fact, the amount of money allocated is not enough for these roles to do the development job that is crying out to be done to attract more young people and families to the glaciers and to support the businesses and people living there in a multitude of ways.

The fruits of the labours of our town councils and CDOs over many years, are now being seen and the benefits of those years of hard slog to develop our community centres and CDO roles and the activities and opportunities they engender will be wiped out by these cuts. Our communities will be set back decades.

If anything, Council should be looking at where, in its coffers and those of its Council Controlled Organisations, more funding could be found to go to these townships.

Mike and Carrol Browne
Fox Glacier
May 2 2024

Emma Rae

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Land Transport levels of service

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Option 2: Council continues to rate for Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Comments

Community Development Office Rolls:

- We request that this fund is continued and funding for it be increased to \$35,000pa for each of the Fox Glacier and Franz Josef CDO rolls.
- That the struck rate is re-named Franz CDO and Fox CDO and for it to be shown as a separate line item on the rates invoices.

- That the \$35,500 to be collected separately for each township and for it to be struck at a flat rate for each rating unit.
- That this funding to be secured for a 3-year period.
- That when reviewed an inflationary factor, in line with wage rates, be included in the review.

Glacier Country Tourism Group Inc Administrator:

- We support the Glacier Country Tourism Groups request for full funding through the Tourism Promotions Levy.
- That the funding for that roll is confirmed for three years.
- That this investment in locally managed tourism promotion is shown as a separate line item in the Tourism Promotions Levy.

**Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate
Comments**

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

217 Sewell St
Hokitika

Submission to the 2024/25 WDC Annual Plan

Don Neale

Three Waters and 'Big Ticket' items

It's clear that the threat of increased rates is largely due to the inescapable costs of 'Three Waters' issues, including the WDC's decision to not pay depreciation last year. These issues must not become a reason for the loss of many other community facilities, and WDC should continue to seek ratepayers' support, or at least their acceptance, of the need to increase rates.

At the same time, the WDC is proposing some big ticket items that could surely be dropped or reduced to help find significant savings in the rate take. This especially includes some of the Council's facilities around Hokitika (e.g. Racecourse development, library, headquarters, Pakiwaitara, swimming pool, iSite, museum, roading and coastal rockworks).

Abandon the Racecourse proposal

While it might make some quick money for the Council and create some new housing, there are numerous risks. The recreation space is not really needed in Hokitika. We already have a Sports Hub (much handier to the high school) and more than 30 other sports venues around town. There is no obvious need for another large grassy expanse or similar. The consultants' proposals for the recreation space seem to be clutching at ideas that few if any ratepayers have even asked for.

The best option for the Racecourse land is to:

- 'Land bank' the whole Racecourse area (ie retain it in public ownership) as a future town centre if and when either the Alpine Fault rupture or the changing climate (coastal erosion, river flooding or sealevel rise) eventually force us to vacate the lower coastal and riverbank CBD. There is no better site than the Racecourse for WDC to lead any future relocation of the CBD – it's elevated, close to town, mostly sunny and already under WDC ownership. Ratepayers should accept the costs of this land-banking because it is an 'insurance' measure that is in the long-term interest of the Hokitika and Westland community.
- Continue in the meantime to allow the current uses of the Racecourse land for horse grazing, dog walking, exercise and low-key recreation, with funding for upkeep met by some or all of the users (through rent to WDC or their own voluntary effort), along with a suitable portion of ratepayer support. At least we know from the consultation to date that there is a strong demand for the current uses of the area, so leaving it as is, is a safe and low-cost solution.

To prevent the consultancy fees already spent on this project from being totally wasted, the plans and documentation should be archived in case they are found useful for a future time.

Reinstate the \$62,000+CPI funding for Hokitika's Regent Theatre.

Hokitika's Regent Theatre is very deserving of the \$62,000 +CPI ratepayer contribution that was agreed in the LTP. That funding helps to fulfil the Council's Local Govt Act obligations to promote the community's social wellbeing. The theatre is a valuable community asset that provides essential services to the Hokitika and Westland community that are not available from other facilities.

I fully support the submission by the Westland Community Centre Inc.

Retain Council Headquarters where it is.

Retaining Council headquarters is the cheapest option, and also the simplest, preventing the need for costly office refitting that comes with any shift. It appears feasible to also shift the library back there to save even more money and to merge some of the WDC's services.

Pakiwaitara looks to me like a much harder building to maintain, especially with its complicated architecture and leaking problems. Realistically, it probably needs to be on-sold.

A new building at the airport is my least favoured option. It would isolate the Council and staff from its community, inviting public accusations of 'ivory towers' and 'community abandonment'. Before making any decision to move out of town, the WDC needs to take active steps to prepare for a planned and orderly relocation of the whole CBD as part of an overall hazard management approach. The airport area is never likely to be suitable for a future town centre, so if the Council ever decides to move out of the lowlying CBD, it should instead consider moving to the Racecourse (see above).

Reinstate the toilet funding

All three toilets proposed for closure are well located and well used. I often see busloads of visitors using the Drummond Hall (Tancred St) toilets, and my grandkids frequently make use of the Lazar Park toilets. The Lions Club and Lazar Park provide excellent services to the community and they deserve to be supported by Council. Losing the CBD (Drummond & Greypower) toilets will likely result in private businesses unfairly carrying the burden of providing for visitors' conveniences.

I support the closure of the old Cass Square toilets, as the new toilets there are sufficient.

Support Hokitika's volunteer economy and community wellbeing

One thing that keeps me in Hokitika is the strong spirit of our volunteer economy. Our town excels above almost all others in NZ as a result of its volunteers' efforts. WDC should not take its voluntary sector for granted and must especially support those organisations that are 'doing the Council's work for them', whether it be maintaining a town hall or a public toilet, or enhancing the District's social wellbeing.

WDC's role is not restricted to 'roads, rubbish and water'. Its Local Government Act obligations to improve its ratepayers lives and make the District a great place to live is far more important.

Support the Destination Hokitika funding

This funding is essential for the promotion of the town, and is generally well targeted at the businesses that benefit from the funding.

Raise sports rentals for Cass Square

The current rentals of Cass Square for rugby, cricket, soccer & touch are well below the venue prices paid by other sporting codes for their facilities, and these four (some of the richest sports in NZ, as well as being very male-dominated) appear to be heavily over-subsidized by Westland ratepayers. While supporting sport and recreation is a worthy role of the Council, that should be more fairly shared around others.

Coastal hazard planning

WDC Councillors should, through their role on the WCRC's Hokitika rating district, take care to not burden ratepayers with the ongoing costs of coastal rockworks. The solution to coastal hazards needs to be taken as a broad approach that includes planning & consenting measures, managed relocation (see above), and education. Council needs to take action on this before the forces of nature and the insurance industry do it to us in more damaging and painful ways.

I wish to be heard in support of this submission at the hearing on 15 May.

Regards

Don Neale



Emma Rae

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HOKITIKA

Organisation

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Option 2: Strengthen and refurbish the current location.

Comments

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Option 4: Preserving our assets (balanced)

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Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Option 2: Council continues to collect the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.

Comments

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

I am strongly opposed to any funding cuts that impact Westland Community Centre, Lions Club of Hokitika, Grey Power Hokitika and Destination Hokitika. Please continue the community grant funding for our heritage Regent Theatre, in the heart of Hokitika and the hearts of our community. Continue the funding for Lions Club of Hokitika for the continued servicing of the public toilet available at Lazar Park and community garden. Continue the funding for Hokitika Greypower and Destination Hokitika. We need these facilities and promotions to continue to elevate our 'Cool Little Town' for the benefit of our resident community and visitors.

I agree that the continuation of these grants will result in an increase of rates and urge Council to find savings within their own staffing and consultants budgets to offset these increases.

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

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Council Headquarters

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Option 3: Do the minimum (service level review)

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Option 1: Repair the pool structure.

Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Option 2: Council continues to rate for Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Comments

The CDO roles are very important for small towns and they really are the heart and soul of community's, would be a absolute shame to loose these roles

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

3 May, 2024

Dear Mayor and Councillors and Iwi Representatives

SUBMISSION TO THE DRAFT 2024/25 WESTLAND DISTRICT ANNUAL PLAN

<https://www.westlanddc.govt.nz/media/qf1hjc11/adopted-consultation-document-2024-2025.pdf>

Reinstate the ratepayer contribution to Hokitika's Regent Theatre

This submission asks Council to reinstate into the 2024/25 Annual Plan and on an ongoing basis for future years, the ratepayer contribution ('grant') to Westland Community Centre Inc of \$62,000 + CPI adjustment, which is the level that was proposed and approved in the Long Term Plan in 2021.

In our submission and presentation to the WDC Long Term Plan, we made it clear to Council that this increased level of grant would need to be continued in future years for the Theatre to continue to provide its service to the community. This continues to be the case.



The Regent is a vital community asset.

It is Hokitika's only cinema, big performance and events centre, town hall, and is an important heritage building. It provides services to families, children, youth, elderly and visitors; over daytime, evenings, weekends and holidays. It is used by over 40 community groups and is returning towards the pre-Covid levels of over 25,000 visits per year. On a population basis this is an average of over 7 visits for each person in Hokitika. There cannot be many community theatres/ town halls in the country that achieve this ratio.

When operating "normally", the theatre provides full and part time jobs for about 14 people, and we give priority to local businesses for our work. A 2013 economic impact study showed the theatre's

operations (excluding refurbishment activity) provide annual benefits of \$870,000 to the local community.

The grant is needed.

Over the past few years, the grant (CPI-adjusted annually) has enabled us to fully insure the building for the first time, and it also covers the costs of rates, compliance costs, and part of our Manager's salary. The grant has enabled our Society to be sufficiently funded to ensure continuity of service.

Without continuation of at least this level of support there is a strong likelihood the Theatre will not survive.

The 'Covid years' have forced us to carefully purge costs line by line and look for increased revenue. Over that time, we have found to have very limited scope to cut costs while maintaining a service to the community. That broadly continues today, running on the "smell of an oily rag": for example our paid staff keep the Theatre running 7 days a week 12 hours a day in normal times on a total wages bill of just over \$150,000. Since 2007, WCC Inc has constantly sought and adopted measures to minimise our costs and maximise our revenue, to ensure the sustainability of the theatre and its operations.

Two important matters in our Society's financial reporting might make the picture seem more rosy than it is:

- Our accounts are often boosted by substantial grants from other sources, but these are tagged to specific projects, and are not able to be used for general operating that the ratepayer funding contributes to. The particular feature of the WDC grant is that it is almost the only source for grant funding that is able to go towards day-to-day operational costs. Almost all other funding agencies provide grants only for capital projects. The theatre's operational revenue pays for a lot but is not enough to cover those operational costs.
- For the past few years our Society has prudently been putting away \$1000 per month to our emergency and replacement fund, now totalling about \$70,000. This is simply good management against the days we will suffer major failure or have to replace big items such as projectors, screen or the ventilation system without which we could not operate.

The grant is widely supported.

Over the past 15-odd years of WDC annual plan and LTP consultations, ratepayer funding for Hokitika's Regent Theatre has always received huge public support. Most recently, a partnership of four local community organisations have gathered over 800 signatures to reinstate community funding in the 2024/25 WDC annual plan.

Similarly, the Council itself has often spoken very positively of the theatre's work, and the value for money that is generated from the annual WDC grant. In mid-2023, glowing comments were made by Councillors after we presented the essence of our Business Plan to a full Council meeting.

The grant represents excellent value for money.

We estimate that the ratepayer contribution to WCCI represents only about \$18 per rateable Hokitika unit. For this small amount, Westland ratepayers get the multiple opportunities that the theatre provides them and their families, customers, friends and visitors.

For the Council, the amount sought is very much less than the ratepayer contributions for similar facilities (including Buller and Grey theatres). This is achieved by our charitable Society's ability to attract other funding, generate our own revenue, and subsidise the theatre's costs with volunteer involvement (around 7000 hours last year) and other 'in-kind' support.

The grant to WCCI would have very little impact on the rates burden, representing perhaps less than 0.25% of the total rates. WCCI believes there are other areas of Council funding that could be cut to produce a much greater reduction in the proposed rating burden with less impact on public services. The theatre is a debt free community asset, worth at least \$4 million to replace.

Council has a clear duty and good reasons to support the theatre.

The grant to WCC Inc should be seen not only as a generous 'leg-up' from the Council, but also as an acknowledgement that the WCC Inc provides a service to help the WDC fulfil its Local Government Act obligations to "promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of communities". It is a two-way collaboration that benefits both of us.

WCC Inc seeks the long term certainty and support from the Council that was agreed to in the Council's Long Term Plan.

The 2021-31 Long Term Plan approved by the Council provided for a \$57,000 +CPI annual ratepayer contribution to the operation of the Theatre. This gave our Society the certainty and security it had long been seeking, as well as saving the great deal of time it took to get support and approval each year. The draft 24/25 annual plan takes that assurance away with very little prior notice given to us.

WCCI's future plans.

WCC Inc is entering a new phase of its history, with the standing down of our dedicated and long-serving President Bruce Watson. We have secured grant funding this year to complete the 2007 vision for the Theatre's refurbishment. The future will see even more focus on providing great service and events for the Westland community.

In March 2024, WCCI provided a Business Plan for Hokitika's Regent Theatre that had been requested by Council. Our newly elected Management Committee and Theatre Manager are now making significant progress on revising that plan in response to input from the Mayor, CEO and staff.

WCCI has always been of the opinion that a ratepayer contribution is a necessary part of our operation. Since 2007 we have never said to the Council we would be able to operate without a contribution from ratepayers. We did say we would work to make the Theatre sustainable which is not the same thing. WCC Inc will always continue to look for ways to reduce costs and increase revenue while maintaining an excellent service to the Westland community.

If the WCCI grant is not approved

If the funding is not granted in 2024/25, our budget forecast shows that the theatre runs the risk of having to close. We were very close to that during the Covid years and other times when operational funding was scarce. The loss of the theatre would mean events move to Greymouth's theatre, or do not happen at all. By cutting its grant to the Theatre the level of service and stimulus provided to the community will be drastically affected. The Theatre's economic and social benefits to Westland District will be lost.

Alternatively, any option of handing the building to Westland District Council would surely add to the costs to ratepayers. WCC Inc is able to draw funds from other grant sources and reduce costs by the use of volunteers, meaning that the service and cost benefits that WCC Inc provides to the Council and the District are immense.

We appreciate what a difficult time this is now for many in our community; our committee members have their own business and jobs under stress - so we don't lightly ask for a continuation of our present funding level. If the Theatre has to close, just one trip per year to Greymouth to go to the movies or a show would cost families much more than what they pay in rates to keep Hokitika's Regent going.

Conclusion.

We ask the Council to fund Hokitika's Regent Theatre at \$62,000 (+ CPI) for 2024/25.

Our draft Business Plan submitted to the Council in March and now under review will outline 3-5 year projections and other strategic matters for us to consider. However, any further improvements will not come immediately and for 2024/25, we expect WCC Inc will remain very reliant on the WDC grant.

Continuation of full funding support will help us to continue covering fixed costs such as insurance, rates, compliance costs, and part of our Manager's salary. It will allow the Theatre to remain as an important part of the Hokitika and wider Westland community. The benefits that the Theatre provides will be especially important for us all over the coming years.

Yours sincerely



Don Neale

President, Westland Community Centre Inc.

Hokitika's Regent Theatre.

We do wish to speak to Council about our submission (at the hearing in Hokitika, 15 May)

The contact for our oral submission is Don Neale (as above).

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Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Option 2: Council continues to rate for Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Comments

Been in community for 20 years and can see that these are very important roles.

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

Share your Feedback – Annual Plan 2024/2025

Submissions close 12pm Friday 3 May 2024 (no late submissions will be accepted)

Submissions hearing Wednesday 15 May 2024

We would like to know your thoughts on the proposals in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025.

Please **scan and email** this form to the Council. **Email:** consult@westlanddc.govt.nz

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Phone: 03 756 9010

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I would like to speak to Council about my submission At the meeting in the Council Chambers

Through a remote option (Zoom link or telephone)

I do not wish to speak to my submission

**Required*

Council Headquarters

Option 1: Strengthen and refurbish the Pakiwaitara building for use as Council offices.

Option 2: Strengthen and refurbish the current location.

Option 3: New build at the airport.

Please provide any comments:

More pages can be attached if necessary.

Land Transport levels of service

- Option 1:** Status quo.
- Option 2:** Inflation adjustment
- Option 3:** Do the minimum (service level review)
- Option 4:** Preserving our assets (balanced)
- Option 5:** Improving Level of Service (enhanced asset preservation)

Please provide any comments:

More pages can be attached if necessary.

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

- Option 1:** Repair the pool structure.
- Option 2:** Do not budget to repair the pool structure.

Please provide any comments:

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Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

- Option 1:** Council ceases to rate for Glacier Country Tourism and Community Development roles.
- Option 2:** Council continues to rate for Glacier Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Please provide any comments:

More pages can be attached if necessary.

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

- Option 1:** Council ceases the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.
- Option 2:** Council continues to collect the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.

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More pages can be attached if necessary.

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

More pages can be attached if necessary.

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

Due to the zoning of Hokitika Primary School with the Northern Boundary being Waimea Creek, the households between Kapitea Creek and Waimea Creek are affected as they currently pay Hokitika Community Rates. These households need to pay Kumara Community Rates as that is the district that they will be related to for schooling.

It makes no sense to be required to send children to school in Kumara and travel that way and then have to pay Hokitika Community Rates when those services won't be used in Hokitika.

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Council Headquarters

Option 2: Strengthen and refurbish the current location.

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Option 1: Status quo

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Option 2: Do not budget to repair the pool structure.

Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Option 1: Council ceases to rate for Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Comments

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Option 1: Council ceases the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.

Comments

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

Do not increase rates- cut spending instead!

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Ross

Organisation

Ross Goldfields Information & Heritage Centre

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Council Headquarters

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Option 1: Repair the pool structure.

Comments

A large community effort over many years, led by a committed Pool Committee, have ensured the pools use for the community, school and wider westland area, and visitors to the town. (proof in the daily visitor pages). This is an important asset for now and going into the future, for Ross.

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Comments

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

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Option 2: Strengthen and refurbish the current location.

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Option 1: Status quo

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Option 1: Repair the pool structure.

Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Option 2: Council continues to rate for Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Comments

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

Keep all community grants at same levels

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

The 19% rates increase is compounded on top of the revaluation that has occurred. This is in my opinion double dipping as there will be a rates increase anyway that is aligned with the increase in valuations of between 44% and 77%.

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Council Headquarters

Option 2: Strengthen and refurbish the current location.

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Option 1: Repair the pool structure.

Comments

Too important community asset to lose - it has been a huge effort put in over many years, by members of the community, to ensure the school children, wider public etc, can access this pool.

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Comments

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

I'd like to say
how super the new
childrens playground
is looking - really
like the mini clocktower
- well done

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03 MAY 2024

BY: CM

Dear Council,

Three things :-

① Keep the Theatre; look around you,
See how much it's used as a community
centre etc. The paltry amount that they
need, for goodness sake, pay up council.

② The loos. We need plenty of loos in
this town; get them up to standard &
give some people a job looking after them.
Don't close them down.

③ Rulewise. Probably best to landbank
it instead of mucking around and spending
a fortune. One day the town might
need to be up there. Look how it's
used & enjoyed and needed as a green
space ^{horses etc} + facilities (these could be simplified)
It's for the community. Get real Juliet Adam
rate payer → Juliet Adam

Emma Rae

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Please see below.

Council Headquarters

Option 2. Strengthen and refurbish the current building. Put the library on the ground floor. Sell the Pakiwaitara building, it should never have been purchased.

Land Transport

Option 4. Preserve our assets

Ross Pool

Option 1. Repair the structure.

Glacier Country Community Development Funding.

Option 1.

Hokitika Area Promotions Rate.

Option 2. The businesses in our region have to be promoted somehow.

Major Projects 2024/2025

Racecourse Development

I object to the Council spending a further \$512,000 on consultants for the Racecourse. This would bring the total expenditure of consulting close to one million dollars, which is a third of the funding that was to come from the government to put water/sewerage pipes in.

That money, along with what has already been spent, plus the funds gifted by the Westland Racing Club could have removed the derelict buildings, created the dog park and an open space, creating "the lungs of the city" and a true Park at the end of Park Street, as originally intended.

Review of Council Control Organisations.

A table comparing what they currently do, to what they would end up doing, would help make a decision on this area.

West Coast Wilderness Trail.

This is quite an expensive "asset" to maintain. Hopefully the sales of the land that was purchased to create the trail through, will help ease the on going costs.

Hokitika Public Toilets.

Toilet facilities need to be available in the centre of town. The lovely new ones at Sunset point and Cass Square are too far from the the centre.

Grant Funding Changes

Regent Theatre - do not withdraw funding. This is one of the few heritage buildings in Hokitika, up to code and align with the Councils goal of helping Community Well Being and having spaces that reflect that. Continue to support it.

Hokitika Lions Club. Do not withdraw. This is a cleaning fee for a public facility and at the moment, the towns best park for our children to play on.

We also object to an increase in rates above 6%.

Thank you,

Bobbie Kincaid

Resident

Local Business owner

Community Volunteer

Submission to the Westland District Council Annual Plan 2024/2025

Veronika Maser
89 Cement Lead Rd
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2/5/2024

Well done to council in departing from LGNZ.

The main considerations for the coming year / years is cost increase.

What happens when most people no longer can afford rates plus basic living costs ?

I support Greg Maitland's submission and for his suggestions to be considered.

Also councils need to ask hard questions to government about absurd compliancies which lead to exorbitant cost increases for everyone. (please refer to video link explaining much of what is happening right now all around councils in New Zealand)

<https://www.facebook.com/william.bisset/videos/786945133385343>

I object to spending anymore money on Racecourse Development.

Also objecting to the temptation in accepting government funding (taxpayers money) for unnecessary 'upgrades'. It leads to further extra ratepayer costs.

I am all for sprucing things up, but why does it mostly end up a frivolous unaffordable upgrade.

Fancy Museum ?

Pool upgrade ?

Playground ?

Unnecessary one way street ?

If this continues many of us will live an impoverished life soon.

Thank you to council for doing your best in trying cutting costs for the future of Westland and its citizens.

Unraveling the complexity and undoing the legislation chaos, going forward with a fundamentally basic infrastructure (roads, water and sewage) will set a great example for other councils as the need increases, it is about 'Wellbeing' after all ?

Best regards

Veronika Maser



Lions Club of Hokitika Charitable Trust

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President:

2nd May 2024

Mayor Lash, Councillors and Iwi Representatives
Chief Executive
Westland District Council

Dear Mayor Lash, Councillors and Iwi Representatives,

RE: Lions Club of Hokitika - Submission - WDC Annual Plan 2024-2025

We, the Lions Club of Hokitika, are submitting our requests for consideration in the Annual Plan 2024-2025. We are writing this to ensure clarity and alignment with the work The Lions Club of Hokitika undertakes as a service group, on behalf of Council and in partnership with Council.

It is well known that we do not support cuts to any community groups, including Lions Club of Hokitika and request the Council work in with and support volunteer organisations in Westland while they still exist.

Our requests are summarised below, with a detailed explanation of each request provided within this submission.

- 1. Maintenance Grant for the Grounds Maintenance, Maintenance of Lazar Park Community Garden and Public Toilet Cleaning Costs at Lazar Park, Hokitika**
- 2. Funding for the completion of Lazar Park Hall Strengthening, Extension and Resilience upgrade.**

1. Maintenance Grant Lazar Park - Grounds Maintenance and Public Toilet Cleaning Costs

The Lions Club of Hokitika is proud of its achievements at Lazar Park Hall, Playground and Community Garden that have been achieved through partnerships with our community, including an ongoing partnership with Westland District Council. Lazar Park is a Council Reserve. The Westland District Council and The Lions Club of Hokitika entered into a Memorandum of Understanding regarding Lazar Park Hall, Playground and Community Gardens.

There was an error with the application of GST in 2023-24, which we would like corrected and an inflation-adjusted increase.

Lions Club of Hokitika - We Serve

MOU Tasks	Description	Cost	Total
Grounds Maintenance	Daily maintenance of the gardens, keeping the grounds litter-free, mowing the lawns and keeping them at an acceptable length, disposal of rubbish (Glass, Recycling and Waste) excluding Council Provided Bin x 1.	\$8.50+GST Per Day	\$3,102.50+GST
Maintenance of Lazar Park Community Garden	Ongoing maintenance of Lazar Park Community Garden, including weeding, planting, compost, etc	\$13.70+GST Per Day	\$5,000.00+GST
Public Toilet	Opening, closing and cleaning of a public toilet at Lazar Park to be available to the public from 9am-5pm 7 Days per week	\$27.50+GST Per Day	\$10,037.50+GST
Total			\$18,140.00+GST

We respectfully request that the Westland District Council allocate \$18,140.00+GST for an Increased Maintenance Grant for the Grounds Maintenance, Maintenance of Lazar Park Community Garden and Public Toilet Cleaning Costs at Lazar Park, Hokitika funded for a period of three years (inflation-adjusted annually) to The Lions Club of Hokitika.

2. Funding for the completion of Lazar Park Hall Strengthening, Extension and Resilience upgrade.

As a result of Westland District Council identifying Lazar Park Hall as a potential earthquake-prone building a significant extension plan was developed to obtain external funding for the strengthening, extension and resilience upgrade of Lazar Park Hall, including ensuring the facilities are inclusive and accessible for all. This will provide recreational amenities, including a commercial kitchen, hall, toilets and meeting spaces that are structurally safe, fit for purpose and resilient for the purposes of emergency management i.e. able to operate with the loss of power, connectivity and water.

Council subsequently declared that the building was not earthquake-prone, but potentially could be in the future, just before the successful announcement on

31st May 2023 that the Lions Club of Hokitika had obtained a Lottery Community Facilities Grant, thus securing WDC Better Off Funding.

The total cost of the project was scoped at \$268,427.30. As soon as the funding was secured work commenced on the Resource and Building Consent Stages of the Plan, which was outsourced by the Council to a consultant planner and took several months. Once the Building Consent was approved the project was put out to Tender. This process included front-page media articles, paid Facebook posts and direct email contact to all known builders.

The only conforming tender that was received was from Evan Jones Construction Ltd at \$535,776.51+GST. A delegation met with Evan Jones to see if there was any way the scope of the project could be reduced to come back within the original budget, but due to inflation and the cost of materials increasing so significantly, there is very little room for movement in the pricing.

The financials are broken down as below (excl GST):

Confirmed Funding	Source
\$90,111.30	WDC Better Off Funding
\$178,316.00	Lottery Community Facilities Grant
\$268,427.30	Confirmed Funding
-\$535,776.51	Minus Total Cost
-\$267,349.21	Shortfall

We are now left with a project that leaves us with two tenable options:

1. Return the Lottery Community Facilities Grant Funding and any unspent Better Off Funding for Council to reallocate. This would only kick the can of the earthquake-prone rating of the building further down the street and not deliver on the agreed outcomes.
2. Lions Club of Hokitika continue to fundraise and obtain significant funding from Westland District Council through Reserve Development Contribution Funds collected from developments imposed by RMA/District Plan, at no cost to the ratepayer. This would result in the completion of the project.

If Option Two was agreed by Council the project would be complete by Christmas.

We respectfully request that the Westland District Council allocate \$200,000+GST towards the completion of Lazar Park Hall Strengthening, Extension and Resilience upgrade funded from Reserve Development Contribution Funds collected from developments imposed by RMA/District

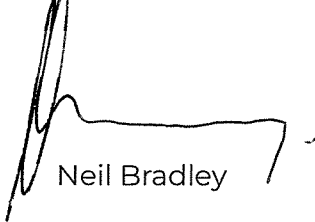
Lions Club of Hokitika - We Serve

Plan. This fund sits at \$642k in the Annual Plan and can only be spent on Reserves, of which Lazar Park is one.

Conclusion

We would welcome the opportunity to present and talk to our submission in person and welcome any dialogue and questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Bradley', with a stylized, sweeping flourish on the left side.

Neil Bradley

President

Lions Club of Hokitika Charitable Trust

Emma Rae

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To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: AP 2024/2025 submission

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Name

Chris Brooks

Email

[REDACTED]

Telephone

[REDACTED]

Address

12 Main Rd Franz Josef

Township

Employee or owner of the organisation

Organisation

Blue Ice Restaurant & Bar

Please select one of the following:

I do not wish to speak to my submission

Council Headquarters

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

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Option 2: Council continues to rate for Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Comments

GCT has played a great role in promoting the area and over the years has built up a wide and diverse network of partners that have great benefits to all who live here. It keeps everyone informed and up to date on what's going on also is a good point of contact for any business problem anyone has through there networking partners they can help this has been most helpful in the past.

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

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Subject: Totara Rail Bridge - cycle trail

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Biddy Manera
45 Tramway St
ROSS
[REDACTED]

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TOTARA RAIL BRIDGE

I would like to see the required maintenance done on the Totara Rail bridge, and less funds spent on consultants - especially as annual inspections and required maintenance over the past 10yrs or so should have been on the Council cards to action - bearing in mind the original engineers consultation report when the bridge was a firm consideration for the cycle trail to get to Ross. Did the engineers submit information in the original report - indicating a future inspection and maintenance plan for council to follow through on?

I think the Engineer firm that originally consulted on the Totara Bridge, were in recent years , engaged by Westland District Council on the upgrade of the Jacksons Bay Wharf.....correct me if I'm wrong.

This Bridge is a life link to the Ross Tourism business sector, it is used by Ross locals daily. Independent cyclists, and walkers for that matter, come into Ross township (and the beach area) look around the town, go through the business doors and spend money. Tourism businesses of Ross, employ locals, they pay rates, their children go to the school - the failure to have the Totara Bridge at a maintained level does not just impact on cyclists.

The town was 'uplifted' when the Trail was proposed - encouraged and supported in many ways at Public meetings; this community has created more tourism opportunities for the town moving forward - importantly building or retaining employment opportunities for the future.

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It will be a sad day for Ross if this goes belly-up for the town.

Savings could be made by cutting out consultant costs using the original report

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Local group, WRENIS, assisted with funding for a 3 year pest weed spray programme along the trail, an installing information panels

Biddy Manera

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Kevin Fewtrell

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Address

184 Gillams Gully Road

Township

Hokitika 7882

Organisation

Resident

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I do not wish to speak to my submission

Council Headquarters

Option 2: Strengthen and refurbish the current location.

Comments

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Given the Council's Increase in Property Values there is no need to Increase Rates as that is already achieved.

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ROSS GOLDFIELDS INFORMATION & HERITAGE CENTRE
4 Aylmer St
ROSS

C/-
Biddy Manera)
45 Tramway St
ROSS
[REDACTED]

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RGI&HC Chairperson

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Fiona Anderson

Email

[REDACTED]

Telephone

[REDACTED]

Address

233 Revell Street

Township

Hokitika

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I would like to speak to Council about my submission in the meeting in the Council Chambers

Council Headquarters

Option 2: Strengthen and refurbish the current location.

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Option 1: Status quo

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Option 1: Repair the pool structure.

Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Comments

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

Continue to fund regent theatre at current level of funding. Give RDA free grazing and lease at the Racecourse.

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

Stop wasting money on consultants at the racecourse. Continue to provide grazing at the Racecourse for rda horses. Stop planning for a big sports and recreational area at the Racecourse that the council can't afford to maintain.

Emma Rae

From: Bobbie Jayne [REDACTED]
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To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Feedback - Annual Plan 2024/2025

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Further to my earlier submission, I wish to add...

Major Projects 2024/2025

Racecourse Development

I object to the Council spending a further \$512,000 on consultants for the Racecourse. This would bring the total expenditure of consulting close to one million dollars, which is a third of the funding that was to come from the government to put water/sewerage pipes in.

That money, along with what has already been spent on consultants, plus the funds gifted by the Westland Racing Club, could have removed the derelict buildings, created the dog park, provided essential grazing for the horses at Riding for the Disabled and continued to facilitate an equestrian safe area and an open space, creating "the lungs of the city" and a true Park at the end of Park Street, as originally intended.

Thank you,

Bobbie Kincaid
Resident
Local Business owner
Community Volunteer

Submission on the Westland District Council Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025

Name: Sandra Yeomans

Email: [REDACTED]

Organisation:

Address: 271 Gillams Gully Road, RD2 Hokitika 7882

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Township: Hokitika

I would like to speak to my submission: Yes No

1. Annual Plan Consultation

I am concerned that a number of significant changes are being forced through a rushed consultation in a short period of time. This may be appropriate for a normal Annual Plan, but some of the changes are more akin to Long Term Plan changes for which I would expect greater consultation and discussion with community groups rather than simply proposing to withdraw funding through the draft Annual Plan.

In the document where Westland District Council (WDC) outlines its aspirations, values and roles, it lists the first two as:

Active leadership

Council works with integrity and honesty, building the respect and confidence of the community.

Togetherness

Building strong relationships and partnerships with stakeholders, encouraging citizens to play an active role within their communities for success.

I am disappointed that the manner in which these changes have been proposed does not align with these values.

2. Volunteer Organisations

It is self-evident that money invested by volunteer organisations, all other things being equal, will get a greater output due to the significant free labour component of the volunteer effort. This is one of the fundamental reasons the NZ Government allows a tax rebate for donations to charities.

It seems to be short-sighted, self-serving and counter-intuitive for WDC to primarily focus on cuts to volunteer organisations when it is facing a rates hike which is needed primarily to rectify its own previous decisions around depreciation.

3. Destination Hokitika and the Tourism Rate

In the consultation document, WDC has asserted that DH have “agreed to plan an alternative method to collect revenue from commercial businesses.” I believe this is a significant misrepresentation and WDC should remove this from the consultation document or it risks a challenge regarding a slanted consultation based on misleading information.

WDC has also stated that it is not cost effective to collect this rate. However, it is self-evident that it is more cost effective to do it with an existing rating measure than to have an entirely different process.

A business rated for property of \$1M-\$3M pays \$191.63 for a promotions rate to Destination Hokitika and \$1,680.16 for a “Tourism Promotions Rate.” WDC is consulting over the \$191.63 rate and ignoring a rate several times larger for which ratepayers have no visibility of the spend.

I support the funding of Destination Hokitika. I would like to see both rates retained for the current Annual Plan and equal consultation on both in the next long term plan. It may be that the current system is best, or it may be that town promotions should be funded to Destination Hokitika out of the Tourism Promotions Rate. It may be that other things should be defunded from the Tourism Promotions Rate in order to reduce rates or cushion the impact of future rates rises.

This consultation should happen before the draft plan, and the outcome of this consultation should go into the draft Long Term Plan as distinctly different from proposing an unconsulted change through the Long Term Plan.

4. Regent Theatre

Hokitika’s Regent Theatre is a proxy for a Town Hall for Hokitika. As such, WDC pays far less for the provision of a town hall than most districts in New Zealand. Given the huge volunteer effort and the minimal spend per ratepayer, as a ratepayer I am very happy to pay the \$18 per ratepayer to support our Town Hall.

5. Lions and Grey Power

Again, these are paltry sums which support the provision of a public amenity and a public location. I support paying the \$4.47 per ratepayer. In particular it is essential to have public toilets available for children at Lazar Park.

6. Council Headquarters

I don’t believe there is sufficient information in the draft plan for me to be able to make an informed decision to support a preferred option but I do support it remaining in the Central Business District.

7. Summary:

- I support the collection of the promotions rate and payment to DH. I do **not** support the recommendation regarding this. I support a full consultation before the next long term plan around the larger Tourism Promotions Rate.
- I support the grant to the Regent Theatre. I do **not** support the recommendation to withdraw this.
- I support the grant to Grey Power and Lions for the provision of public toilets at the Grey Power building and Lazar Park. I do **not** support the recommendation to withdraw this.
- I support the Council Headquarters remaining in the Central Business District.

Nga mihi nui

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sandra Yeomans', written on a light-colored background.

Sandra Yeomans

Emma Rae

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Address

163 Sale Street, Hokitika, 7810

Township

Hokitika

Organisation

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I do not wish to speak to my submission

Council Headquarters

Option 3: New build at the airport.

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Option 4: Preserving our assets (balanced)

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Option 1: Repair the pool structure.

Comments

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Option 2: Council continues to rate for Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Comments

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Option 2: Council continues to collect the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.

Comments

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

The regent is a very important part of our small town. Continue to fund the regent with the current level of funding.

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

Stop using ratepayers money on consultants at the racecourse. Continue to provide grazing to the RDA, potentially lower or remove the fees on the grazing.

Emma Rae

From: Jane Marshall [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 3 May 2024 10:29 am
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Plan 24/25

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Tēnā koe,

Thanks for the opportunity to write and no, i wont take the opportunity to speak to my submission.

My main concern for the proposed Plan is the lack of funding for the Regent Theatre. I am in favour of maintaining the current level of funding. I am opposed to reducing the current level of funding. As a member of the community I believe the benefit of the building is important at the community level. My second issue is the proposal to remove RDA grazing from the old racecourse site. Not only should it not be cancelled, but they shouldnt be charged.

Please stop with the grandiose plans around the racecourse site. No more consultants. Just leave it alone.

Jane Marshall
227 Revell St

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Name: ROB & ANNE DANIEL

Postal address: 100 PINE TREE ROAD, HOKITIKA

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone no. [REDACTED]

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Do you wish to present your submission to the Council in person (15 May), either in person or by remote option? Yes/ No (delete one)

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Extras comments:


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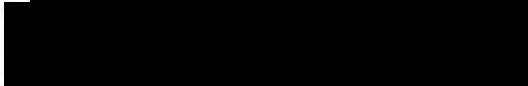
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Postal address: 15 Beach Street, Hokitika

Email:



Phone no.



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Extras comments:

As attached 1 page.

J Thompson
15 Beach Street
Hokitika.

I am concerned at the Westland District Councils intentions to backtrack on approved funding as allocated in the Long Term Plan and future Annual Plan.

As an individual volunteer, I have contributed thousands of dollars towards the Regent Theatre, by way of time and equipment.

I encourage younger generations to get involved, because the theatre is an asset to our community. It would be a shame to lose this facility.

I do understand that Council is under pressure to reduce costs both to ratepayers and to ensure that projected budgets are met.

However, how this process is unfolding amounts to Corporate bullying, with no transparency or accountability.

Senior management are using threats and intimidation to produce an already agreed agenda, while failing to make cuts in expenditure of its own operational budget.

I admit that Council can only make decisions based on the information that its own employees provide.

This information is given to protect the employees employment reputation and prospects, not to the ratepayers, community and users of services. Performance bonuses rely on meeting budgets, so actions are self centered.

As the employer, Members of council are vicariously liable for actions of its employees when they threaten, intimidate or bully persons or organisations.

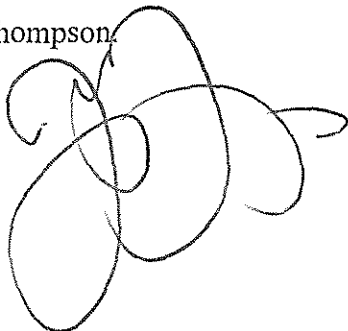
I personally have, in the past, been threatened, intimidated and bullied by members of senior management. This has been primarily to cover up for failure to act in a professional matter or do what they are contractually required to do in the performance of their job.

There is no transparency or accountability at Westland District Council, does this Council have the fortitude to make a change for the better?

Will members sit on their hands and do nothing?

Please continue funding community facilities and organisations.

Jason Thompson

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Name: Hayley Kirby

Postal address: 84 Fitzherbert st

Email: [Redacted]

Phone no. [Redacted]

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Extras comments:

*I'm the manager here.
I see the need of the Community
I see what we provide.
I see what we are capable of.*

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Postal address: 29F Reg Cox Drive

Email: [Redacted]

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It has been a venue close to the heart and in the hearts of our community. A place of local, national and international talent, and a perfect place to gather to voice and hear important decisions for our town eg. "waste to energy" plant discussions. I applaud the diverse movies and documentaries regularly shown. The spirit of our town lies deep in its historical and beautiful restoration and in the friendly and genuine local staff. I am very happy for our rates to support the present and real contribution our 'Regent' makes.

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Phone no. [REDACTED]

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Extras comments:

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BY: CM

Westland District Annual Plan Submission

Name: Laureen Sadlier

Postal address: 178 Park Street - Hokitika

Email: 

Phone no. 

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Extras comments:

A prosperous town has a variety of features that contribute to its vitality and quality of life for its residents. Cultural spaces, theatres, museums, art galleries and cinemas, enrich the town's cultural scene and provide entertainment options.

Personal Submission Of Michael Orchard To Westland District Annual Plan
Annual Plan submission 2024/25

To Westland District Council

Private Bag 704

Hokitika 7842



From

Name: Michael Orchard

Postal address: PO Box 80 Hokitika 7842

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone no. [REDACTED]

If you are completing this form on behalf of others, please name the group or organisation:
Personal

Do you wish to present your submission to the Council in person (15 May), either in person or by remote option? Yes

This submission includes some short text by myself in support of maintaining existing council funding supported by extracts of the Regent Project (from a previous chairman John White's Book available from Take Note) about huge amounts of work done in the early days for Hokitika's Town Hall and retention of a Theatre in Hokitika. Community support through Rates allocation is absolutely essential for this purpose, and reinstatement of the annual allocation is sought for the 2024/2025 year, plus payment of this year's too.

I am particularly concerned that very large sums of ratepayers money are being proposed to be spent of refurbishing 2 council buildings when only one needed, the good library should stay where it is (brilliant there), and money is going to the speculative development of the Race Course (which if the Race Course was still there as general paddocks would not be needed at all.)

Only a tiny fraction of this money would be required to fund all the community projects, and it is those ratepayer monies in the first place! They should be the 1st priority for council every year. And of course the increasing number of staff and very high salaries paid, is always a concern, given they are likely much higher than the income level earned by the average ratepayer.

My submission includes the following:

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IN SUMMARY I wish to record the following, from an earlier Council's Annual Plan public hearing meeting at a community venue (after a single opponent to continued support, raised their objection to funding assistance).

Quote "Mike Havill earlier Mayor" pers comm. "THE REGENT THEATRE IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF HOKITIKA--- END OF STORY"

Thank you - Michael Orchard, 2nd Life Member, with 42 Years of Service to the Westland Community Centre and Regent Theatre in a wide variety of roles.



REGENT THEATRE/WESTLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE

When we heard rumours that the local Regent Theatre was to be put up for sale in 1968, we quickly formed another organisation to save it. We feared that a supermarket or similar business would buy it and our beloved theatre would be demolished and lost forever. Mrs Reynolds (the mayor's wife) became our first chairperson. We had no money so appealed to the local bank which provided us with a substantial mortgage. An unused portion at the rear of the property was sold to reduce our mortgage and fundraising began in earnest. Films were a regular attraction and the committee members took on various duties.

We raised money from the Golden Kiwi (similar to Lotto). The theatre seats were in poor condition and one major project was to get them recovered. The projectors were also old and broke down frequently, much to the annoyance of patrons who used to distribute airborne jaffas and jellybeans whenever it happened.

The building was also an earthquake risk and substantial emergency plans were drawn for an upgrade, which involved joining the exterior walls through the ceiling. Part of the upgrade also required creating a new foundation at the front of the building. Both were major projects.

While all this was happening, the committee decided to alter the interior by joining the upstairs and downstairs together so that the whole auditorium was on one slope. A large project followed. The committee also decided to excavate under the stage to provide new dressing rooms - a major physical task that involved removing many cubic metres of soil through a large double-door facing Tancred Street.

The walls were finished to a high standard and wooden framing bolted into vertical surfaces which were then faced with gib-board which had a height clearance of about six-foot-six. An interesting coincidence followed when Liz and I made a trip to Christchurch. We attended an auction where several tables, mirrors and chairs from a small theatre that was closing went up for sale. I spotted a great opportunity to buy them for our new dressing room and won the bidding. They fit perfectly and we bought them at bargain prices.



HOKITIKA

Stewart Munn

With a huge blank wall facing Tancred Street, we decided to commission a large mural for it. A photograph of a Hokitika port scene was chosen and a good artist given the job. Unfortunately, the first attempt fell short by several metres, so it needed to be painted out and this time, I measured the scale along the wall. The artist's second effort was a huge success and visitors took thousands of photographs.

Visitors took thousands of photos of this Hokitika Port scene mural.

Our second chairman was Ron Moore, a qualified builder, and his talents were put to good use. Ron held the role of chairman for nine years and my election to chairman followed for a further ten years. We won the support of the borough council, but the Westland County Council was a different story; apparently farmers never went to the movies. It took some years to convince the rural community that the facility was for their use and benefit too.

WESTLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE INC.

ANNUAL REPORT TO 31.12.02.

The past year has again shown the value of the Westland Community Centre facilitating as both a town Hall and a Theatre. Bookings for the Reynolds Meeting Room remained strong and are expected to increase with the relocation of REAP House

The main auditorium was also busy with many activities, including major film showings of Part One of the Lord of the Rings trilogy and Harry Potter I The Women's Health Night recorded a full house, as did two live shows during Arts Festival Week, which raised funds for the local Skateboard Park Extra films were also shown during this week

Other successful activities included the Combined Schools Music Festival, N Z Film Archives, the Anzac Day Parade, Hokitika School of Dance, and the Annual Christmas Carols, which new concept was well received New booking forms were designed and produced to simplify the reservation procedures

A considerable workload was undertaken by the Committee commencing with the acceptance of amended plans and specifications for the commencement of internal refurbishment, these cost about \$20,000. from Opus International

A substantial amount of work was carried out to obtain costing for this work plus additional upgrading, to enable an application to the Lotteries Board for subsidy funding to be made. This application was for \$158,000. Sincere thanks to Michael Orchard and Lynnette Moore for their efforts.

We received a Fire Safety Summary Report from Cosgrove Major, which recommended the installation of a Sprinkler System for the building. Costing was estimated at over \$100,000 plus a contingency of \$35,000 for a diesel pump, owing to the low water pressure in Tancred Street. Discussions were held with both Wormald and Chubb concerning installation of a Sprinkler System and the Committee agreed to seek specifications for tenders from consultants Brady Cosgrove of Christchurch.

An application to the Westland District Council 2002 Plan for \$100,000 was unsuccessful.

In an effort to reduce the cost of the proposed sprinkler system, we recovered a substantial quantity of sprinkler heads and inlet valve equipment from, and prior, to the demolition of the old New World supermarket. Doug Muir, Michael Orchard and I spent a long and arduous day on this project and the recovered materials are currently stored at Renton Hardware. Many thanks to the Management of New World for their generous donation.

Tenants of the auditorium and 1 Hour photo Shop, remain stable while a change of tenancy at the Café resulted in a formal lease agreement being put in place, and we welcome the new ownership.

In an effort to co-ordinate the upgrade process and to include and recognise the importance of the Regent Theatre as a Category 2 building (Historic Places Trust 1989) an application to the Lotteries Cultural Committee was made under a Conservation plan. Wendy Turvey of Opus in Christchurch is undertaking this. Thanks must go to both Leonie Renton and Christine Roche for their efforts on this project.

An offer from the local Hard of Hearing Committee to fund and install hearing loops in the Theatre was very much appreciated A major report from Allan Wilson of Greymouth on Theatre lighting, wiring and installation and estimated costing was also received. Some voluntary upgrading / painting was also carried out on the west exit way.

A sub committee met on several occasions to endeavour to formulate a scoping report for the future ownership and planning of the Community Centre and this is currently ongoing

It is of some interest to note that since our inception we have raised over \$186,000 (excluding major grants) and spent over \$216,000. A major achievement for a small Committee of dedicated members of our Community.

On a personal note, my wife and I have decided to move from the West Coast, so after 26 years on the Committee and 10 years as your Chairman, I will not seek re-election to that position, but will retain membership of the Society.

I wish the incoming officers all the very best for the future and strongly advise that personal agendas be cast aside in the interests of the wider community and the future of the Westland Community Centre.

John R. White January 2003.

The multi-purpose theatre hosted many large meetings, conferences, live theatre shows and Anzac Day events. I resigned after twenty-eight years of membership and was pleased we'd saved the theatre from demolition. Because of the wide range of multi-use activities, the name of the theatre eventually became the Westland Community Centre. For my efforts I received a life membership.

My final Annual Report as chairman to the Westland Community Centre Committee, January 2003.

Emma Rae

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Organisation

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Option 2: Council continues to rate for Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Comments

Without this valuable role being filled we would miss out on so much. Health, Tourism events, emergency response, local events, government information and much more we would mainly be uninformed. I consider the CDO vital to our township and I know they go above the line of duty and salary to provide us with the information we need. They organise so many events and bring people together, something that is vital to the infrastructure of small communities.

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

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The Ross pool roof was constructed in the early 1990's. It is unfortunate some inbuilt issues at that time hastened the demise of some of the main components. This project was funded by a major fundraising drive by the Ross Community.

The Ross swimming pool is a very important community asset that needs to be kept to ensure future generations of Ross kids can learn to swim and the adults for fitness and exercise programs. The pool is also well used by visitors and tourists. It's proximity to the Ross School and Playgroup with their respective playgrounds that cater for tots up to older kids is an added bonus. In recent times the pool has had a new filtration plant and pipework fitted. A pool liner was then added, eliminating leaks and the need to regularly paint the inside of the pool itself.. The icing on the cake was the installation of the heat pump system to heat the pool water to a balmy 26 degrees that allowed the pool season to be extended by a couple of months. There is a pool cover to help keep the water warm at night.

The heat pump replaced a solar water panel heating system that was paid for by another significant fund raising effort by the Ross Community around 2005. The funds were used by the Westland District Council of the time for a system that was basically a 'lemon' that was initially incorrectly installed and was really not fit for purpose.

It is regrettable that in this current economic climate, and an average rate increase of 26%, that the Ross Community will have on top of that an extra \$34.96 depreciation levy for the increased capital value of the pool. Ross Community members who are struggling and qualify need to consider the rates relief rebate.

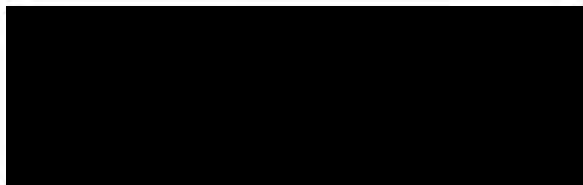
It is acknowledged with thanks the emergency repairs that enabled the pool to be opened before the Christmas break

We the undersigned vote for option 1-- Repair the pool structure


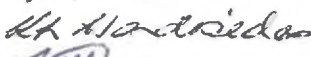

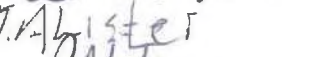

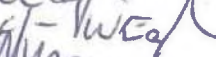
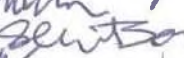
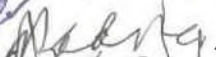

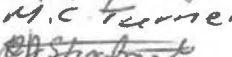
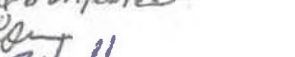


















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I wish to speak to our joint submission

Charlie McBeath



We the undersigned in a joint submission choose option 1 use reserve funding to repair the Ross pool structure.

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Jodi Linklater	
Erika Sturm	
Trevor Lister	
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Wayne Eagle	
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Re: amended. Retaining of Ross pool

2 messages

Peter Bennett [redacted]

To: Charlie & Erica McBeath [redacted]

Thu, May 2, 2024 at 9:43 A

Sent from my iPhone

> On May 2, 2024, at 7:40 AM, Peter Bennett [redacted] wrote:

> Sent from my iPhone

>> On Apr 29, 2024, at 5:31 PM, Peter Bennett [redacted] wrote:

>> Hi Charlie

>> Could you forward this email to W.D.C please.

>> I am in favor of retaining the Ross public swimming pool.

>> The pool has been an integral part of Ross community life for decades. Over the years this amenity has been improved upon with the addition of a roof, and later on solar heating. Because of these improvements it continues to give a lot longer swimming season for the local communities and visitors alike. To say that it an asset to the Ross township would be a huge understatement.

>> Local Ross organizations have made financial contributions to the Ross Pool Committee to pay for costs associated with any maintenance and repairs to the pool.

>> I ask that the Westland District Council invest to repair the Ross pool. It continues to be important amenity the Ross community needs and wants.

>> Regards Vick Bennett, Ross resident.

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Charlie McBeath [redacted]

: Peter Bennett [redacted]

Thu, May 2, 2024 at 10:10 AM

Great, thank-you Vicki
Charlie

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Emma Rae

From: Emma Rae
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Tell us what you think of our proposed Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025

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From: Helen Lash <mayor.lash@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, May 3, 2024 10:57 AM
To: Emma Rae <emma.rae@westlanddc.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Submission

Good morning Emma.

Can you please receive this submission from Des Routhan.

He couldn't sort things on the council form so emailed me his submission as is below.

Many thanks!

Helen Lash | Mayor
Te Kahui o Poutini | Westland District Council

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Helen Lash

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From: Merle & Des [REDACTED]
Date: 3 May 2024 at 9:33:11 AM NZST
To: Helen Lash [REDACTED]
Subject: Submission

Helen, I don't have councils email in my system so could you forward it on .

1. The racecourse proposal should be scrapped completely and the area placed into a reserve and developed only when its affordable. The area is far too valuable to be put into housing and should be kept for future generations. What's being proposed is stupid and short sighted.
2. The I- site should be down sized or scrapped. With technology that's available today and the local knowledge that will suffice.
3. The Carnegie building should be put hold and the museum down sized until the ratepayers can afford to fund its completion.
4. The former Jade building (Can't remember or spell the Māori name sorry) should be sold for whatever price you can get.
- 5 The current council building should be upgraded and the stupid idea of building a new building at the airport scrapped as it's absolutely crazy.
- 6 With withdrawal of a lot of government funding and the horrendous pressure being placed on the ratepayers for funding council wish list should be hammered hard . Without funding there should be no need for the staffing levels to be retained and needs to be addressed.

Finally council needs to live within its means stop wasting money and stick to core biz.
Cheers Des Routhan

Emma Rae

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Organisation

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Land Transport levels of service

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Option 2: Council continues to rate for Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Comments

The CDO role is now well established and a huge percentage of the community rely on this service to find out what is happening around the town especially in times when the road and power is cut.

The CDO is a one stop shop for all information for both new and existing residents and ties the community together. The CDO Fox it enables us to have a working post office and in both towns keep the Community Centres alive and events happening so in the centre of our universe. Please don't take this away from our communities as we really need this service to continue.

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

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Franz Hire & Contracting

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Option 3: New build at the airport.

Comments

Subject to an office in the town for the people who cannot manage to get to the airport location.
The library would make the most sense.

Land Transport levels of service

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Option 2: Council continues to rate for Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Comments

To keep the CDO roles only if the rate is across the board and everyone pays the same rate.
GCTG should not be rated though the council and should only be collected by membership to the GCTG.

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

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SUBMISSION OF SAMEUL BLIGHT ON THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2024/2025

About the Submitter

1. This submission is made by Samuel Blight in my capacity as Chair of Destination Hokitika (DH). It is written at the directive of the executive. I welcome the opportunity to appear before the Council to speak to this submission.
2. DH has made a joint submission with Westland Community Centre Incorporated (Hokitika's Regent Theatre), Lions Club of Hokitika, and Grey Power. This submission does not replace that submission but covers additional detail relative to DH

Inaccuracy of the Draft Annual Plan

3. As noted in the joint submission, Council management and staff have acknowledged that the information in the draft Annual Plan is incorrect. It alleges both a consultation and an agreement from DH that did not occur.

Role and Function of Destination Hokitika

4. DH is an Incorporated Society responsible for the destination marketing of Hokitika, New Zealand.
5. The base of funding for DH is from a rate Council levies on behalf of DH. The quantum of funding has changed once in approximately 2 decades. For \$39,000 (less a recently added 5% administration fee), DH provides a range of town promotion including distributing 35,000 maps locally and 40,000 brochures around the country. It also represents Hokitika at various shows.
6. Last year our social media work reached over 300,000 people and over 80,000 people engaged with our content for the first time. It is true that other regions on the West Coast survive without a comparative entity but the work undertaken by DH is one of the reasons Hokitika has recovered faster post Covid than many other places.

Council Decision

7. In 2023, Council minutes show that Council agreed to leave the rate as it was and consult with DH over the best way forward for funding. This was communicated to DH who expected to be invited to formal consultation with Council at the appropriate time. DH received no further communication until the draft annual plan, which is a contradiction to that decision and to what was communicated to DH.

What Should Happen

8. The collection of the DH levy has been treated as if it was part of the core rates. However, because it is a separate levy collected at the same time, it has zero impact on Council rates.
9. DH welcomes the opportunity to engage with Council to present the current strategy of town promotion and welcomes Council's input.

10. DH welcomes a discussion with Council over future funding models.
11. Until such time as this has occurred, and in light of the significant misinformation in the draft annual plan, DH believes Council should reinstate the collection of the levy on behalf of DH.
12. DH believes Council should adjust the levy by the lower of CPI or general rates increases every year.
13. The recent 5% “administration fee” is incongruous with other targeted rates and was added arbitrarily by Council in the last few years. We are not aware of any other council funded service which attracts such a fee. **The admin fee should cease to be deducted.**
14. DH invoices Council in line with the rating cycle. Assuming the “administration fee” is dropped, at each point in the cycle, DH is happy to be provided with a list of members who have not paid the rate that have been sent to debt collection and a rolling adjustment can be made in the invoice so Council is not out of pocket for non-payment. This assumes defaults are treated the same as other rates defaults.
15. DH does not perceive the issue of non-payment to be significant. Council has raised this a number of times but has either not been able to quantify the size of this or even indicate an approximate quantum.
16. **Council used to provide a list to DH of rated members. This was arbitrarily stopped.** This happened at the time the rating base changed and a range of properties were rated a proportion of the fee in line with the proportion of a commercial rate they pay. When DH challenged this, Council advised it would be in breach of the Privacy Act if it supplied a list of entities rated. When asked if this meant Council had been in breach of the Privacy Act for the last decade, DH was advised that it was an issue now because of the entities which only had a small percentage of commercial rate. To avoid creating an issue for Council around the Privacy Act, DH asked Council to continue to provide it a list of entities which paid the full rate as this, according to the responses from Council, would not constitute a privacy breach. **DH was told this would not happen without any reason or justification being given. DH believes the previously provided information of fully rated entities should again be provided to DH on an annual basis.**
17. DH has consistently asked Council to index the amount to inflation or rates increases. Each Annual Plan process where we have submitted Council has said they cannot do that because it wasn’t consulted on. But Council seems unwilling to consult on it. Despite it not being consulted on, Council has the combined petition from DH, Westland Community Centre Incorporated (Hokitika's Regent Theatre), Lions Club of Hokitika, and Grey Power with over 1,200 signatures. These have all signed in support of an annual CPI adjustment. We believes this constitutes widespread consultation and evidence of support and Council should rate the amount in that submission and index it as per that submission.

Other Issues

18. DH believes the Council HQ should remain in the CBD. It does not believe the draft Annual Plan contains enough information to have an informed position on further details.
19. Noting my personal conflict of interest regarding the Tancred St toilets, I have been asked to raise the proposed closure of these by members of DH. Members have been advised by some bus companies that some of their tours will not stop in Hokitika if these toilets are closed. DH urges Council to delay any decision regarding these toilets until it has undertaken more consultation with local companies and inbound operators to ensure this unintended consequence does not eventuate.

Conclusion

20. The Draft Annual Plan doesn't simply misrepresent consultation and agreement with DH, it is completely wrong. As such, the consultation on this must be considered invalid and the levy needs to be rated in the upcoming year.
21. DH believes Council should reverse these three recommendations and changes which have either been consulted on with incorrect information or not consulted on but still implemented. These are:
 - The proposal to cease to rate on behalf of DH should be rejected
 - The practice of deducting an administration fee should cease
 - The practice of providing a list of full members to DH should be reinstated
22. DH believes Council should acknowledge the joint submission by DH, Westland Community Centre Incorporated (Hokitika's Regent Theatre), Lions Club of Hokitika, and Grey Power with over 1,200 signatures as evidence of consultation and support. As such, it should not wait for a further round of consultations but levy a total of \$46,656.00 for DH in the 24/25 year and index it to CPI going forward as those 1,200 signatories supported.
23. Assuming the three points in paragraph 19 are adopted and actioned, DH does agree that Council should not be out of pocket for members who have not paid and agrees, in line with paragraph 14, to adjust invoicing accordingly.
24. Thank you for taking time to read and consider this submission. I look forward to speaking with you in support of it.

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Extras comments:

Absolutely! The Theatre is the 'heart' of Hokitika. The best place for people to gather - to see, to hear, to be in community and enjoy the ambience from the past while being informed or entertained.

It is a 'no brainer' to keep our beautiful th and our other noteworthy buildings in our town. That is what the tourists love about Hokitika - we are not a sterile community, we have personality - ... and long may it continue.

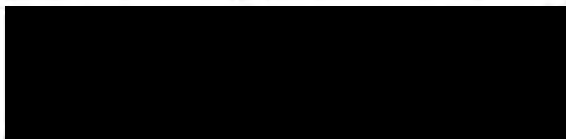
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Extras comments:

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Annual Plan submission 2024/25
Westland District Council
Private Bag 704
Hokitika 7842
consult@westlanddc.govt.nz



Westland District Annual Plan Submission

Name: Michael J. L. McEwen

Postal address: 79 Hokitika - Kanieri Tramway, 7811

Email: [Redacted]

Phone no. [Redacted]

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Extras comments:

Having volunteered with restoring the Regent more than ten years ago, I feel the Council should recognise and value the efforts of locals in maintaining this essential facility.

Emma Rae

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Township

Northern Ward

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

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Council Headquarters

Option 2: Strengthen and refurbish the current location.

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Option 1: Status quo

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Option 2: Do not budget to repair the pool structure.

Comments

Use targeted rate?

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Comments

Targeted ratepayers should decide

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

Targeted ratepayers should decide

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There needs to be more than one public toilet in the main part of town. The present location by the museum is one of the best places.

No untargeted ratepayer funding for the development and future maintenance of the if developed old Racecourse. Any development should pay for itself. No ratepayer subsidizing of residential developers profit.

No (untargeted) ratepayer funding of the Wilderness Trail as promised. Recipients of the 'overall economic benefit from the trail of over \$50 million' should pay for the ongoing extra cost of the Trail.

To often the initial cost and maintenance of big idea projects are grossly underestimated and then ratepayers get stung again by these ongoing consultant and Council miscalculations. (ex. West Coast Wilderness Trail). Maybe Council could start actually listening to Westland residents input. This would be a good start.

All non-essential projects and their future maintenance cost (plus consultant and Council underestimate contingency fund) should be prefunded with non ratepayer money. Time for a Council bake sale?

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Franz Josef

Organisation

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Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Option 2: Council continues to rate for Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Comments

Community Development Office Rolls:

- We request that this fund is continued and funding for it be increased to \$35,000pa for each of the Fox Glacier and Franz Josef CDO rolls.
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- That when reviewed an inflationary factor, in line with wage rates, be included in the review.

Glacier Country Tourism Group Inc Administrator:

- We support the Glacier Country Tourism Groups request for full funding through the Tourism Promotions Levy.
- That the funding for that roll is confirmed for three years.
- That this investment in locally managed tourism promotion is shown as a separate line item in the Tourism Promotions Levy.

**Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate
Comments**

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Name* Aparna Biddle Organisation (if applicable) _____

Email* _____ Address 15 Revell St

No subscription to any emails!!

Telephone _____ Township* Hokitika

I would like to speak to Council about my submission At the meeting in the Council Chambers

Through a remote option (Zoom link or telephone)

I do not wish to speak to my submission

*Required

Council Headquarters

Option 1: Strengthen and refurbish the Pakiwaitara building for use as Council offices.

Option 2: Strengthen and refurbish the current location.

Option 3: New build at the airport.

Please provide any comments:

cheapest option with No Refurbishing,
Rates are now taking precedent over food.
Can not nor do I wish to ^{have rates} spent on wants.

More pages can be attached if necessary.

Land Transport levels of service



- Option 1: Status quo.
- Option 2: Inflation adjustment
- Option 3: Do the minimum (service level review)
- Option 4: Preserving our assets (balanced)
- Option 5: Improving Level of Service (enhanced asset preservation)

Please provide any comments:

More pages can be attached if necessary.

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

- Option 1: Repair the pool structure.
- Option 2: Do not budget to repair the pool structure.

Please provide any comments:

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Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

- Option 1: Council ceases to rate for Glacier Country Tourism and Community Development roles.
- Option 2: Council continues to rate for Glacier Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Please provide any comments:

Unless collection is taken specifically for the upkeep of public toilets.

More pages can be attached if necessary.

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Option 1: Council ceases the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.

Option 2: Council continues to collect the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.

Please provide any comments:

Let Businesses pay for their own promotions.

More pages can be attached if necessary.

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Community funding to continue.
Save Public Toilets
Every Power,
Leans Club
Movie Theatre.

More pages can be attached if necessary.

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Stop wasting money and get rid of the 8 Westroads workers that like to lean on their shovel, or stand around a hole, watching one man do his job.

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Township

Franz Josef Glacier

Organisation

Holly Homestead

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Council Headquarters

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

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Glacier Country Tourism Group Inc.
P O Box 78, Franz Josef Glacier 7856

03/05/2024

Tēnā koutou

Subject: Westland District Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025

Glacier Country Tourism Group (GCTG) is an organisation that promotes tourism and economic growth in Glacier Country for the whole community and the West Coast region. Its main objectives are to increase visitations and length of stay, build a unique brand identity, and create awareness through effective marketing strategies. GCTG proudly maintains a strong working relationship with Development West Coast as both the Regional Tourism Organisation (RTO) and Economic Development Agency (EDA) for Te Tai Poutini West Coast, fostering a collaborative approach to regional development and working with other business groups across Te Tai Poutini. It has a membership group of over 91 businesses and individuals whom it represents and promotes.

In terms of funding, historically GCTG has received \$13,000 annually from the Fox Glacier and Franz Josef Community rates. The Tourism Promotions rate is contributed by both residential and commercial ratepayers in Westland. Currently, the distribution of the Tourism Promotion rate (2023/2024) includes allocations to West Coast Wilderness Trail, Hokitika i-SITE, Fox Glacier and Franz Josef Community Development Officer (CDO) roles.

The Westland District Council is proposing to re-distribute the Tourism Promotion rate (2024/2025) by increasing allocations to the West Coast Wilderness Trail and Hokitika i-SITE and removing any allocation to Glacier Country for either GCTG or the CDO role.

GCTG advocates for the reinvestment of the Tourism Promotions rate back into the Glacier Country area, aligning with the principle that rates collected from a region should be reinvested to benefit that same region. Redirecting back our funds to Glacier Country allows for targeted tourism promotions that have a wide economic benefit that flows through to tradespeople, retailers, the agriculture community, the local community, as an example, and of course the wider Te Tai Poutini West Coast tourism and economic region.

GCTG requests that Westland District Council (WDC) direct \$125,000 per annum from the Tourism Promotion Rate for the next three years to be provided to GCTG to continue enhancing growth and economic tourism benefits.

There are several reasons why GCTG needs this funding. Firstly, approximately 28% of the 2.9 million annual visitors to New Zealand travel to Glacier Country. Secondly, the tourist spend in the Westland District was a total of \$256.1m in 2023, up by 70.1% compared with the previous year. The attraction of visiting Glacier Country is a significant driver to this growth, and if GCTG can continue growing visitation at the current rate, it will further contribute significantly to the Westland and West Coast economy. Thirdly, the Glacier Highway is Christchurch International Airport's promotional pillar to promote visitation to The Glacier region in 2024/5 through their "South" initiative. It is imperative that GCTG gets behind this significant international initiative to get further exposure in the markets we now need to target. For instance, 39.5% of our visitors come from Europe, 19.8% from Australia, 16.5% from North America, 12% from SE Asia, and 8.7% from China.

Tourism expenditure in the area supports local businesses, employment, and infrastructure development. By directing funds back into Glacier Country, stakeholders can drive tourism and economic growth for the area through targeted marketing and promotions campaigns directly into the markets where we can grow market share and increase the length of stay.

GCTG plans to pivot towards the natural environment, walks, nature-based activities, the DOC estate, and away from its reliance on the glaciers. Supporting the development of these attractions will enhance visitor experiences, extend stays, and increase visitor expenditure to benefit the wider Westland district and Te Tai Poutini West Coast.

What would Glacier Country do with the funding?

Targeting marketing and promotional campaigns directly to the markets where we can grow market share and increase length of stay. We plan to work with trade partners both in NZ and overseas, aligning with DWC as the RTO, leveraging their overseas work, and further develop our strategic partnerships.

Continuing our strategy to focus on the natural environment, walks, nature-based activities, the DOC estate, moving away from our reliance on the Glaciers. This was started in 2020 with the Must Do Activities and Best Walks brochure, which have proven exceptionally popular and highlight the unique attractions and experiences of the region.

Further promoting our sustainability strategy within Glacier Country and working towards achieving our carbon-zero goals as a community.

Supporting the development of new visitor experiences and enhancing the reasons to set up a tourism business and to live and work in Glacier Country. We are desperately short of new volunteers for our fire and ambulance services, for example.

We will further help all local businesses to deliver world-class visitor experiences, and align further with Qualmark, which operates a quality model on a national basis.

Fund website management, social media, and print distribution. Research shows that our target international visitors like to have maps and guides when they visit our region.

Continue to employ a part-time administrator (approx. 15 hrs/week) responsible for marketing and campaign coordination, including budget, expenditure, ROI, and reporting. Manage member communication and the weekly newsletter. Managing all aspects of the town maps from updating member details, design, production, printing, and distribution. Assisting the Co-Chairs to help lead the organization. Manage all monthly meetings, AGM and any special meetings and all general enquiries and manage Glacier Country's Facebook and Instagram accounts.

This is the only paid position with Glacier Country Tourism Group, with all other committee members providing their time voluntarily.

Without funding support, GCTG will be unable to maintain this essential role and traction which has been developed and maintained over many years will be lost to the detriment of Glacier Country.

GCTG has surveyed members and all members who responded were in favour of the submission from GCTG, GCTG received a response rate of 57%.

We urge WDC to give serious consideration to this submission and would be happy to speak to Council in relation to this submission.

Ngā mihi nui,



Janelle Shaw

Co-Chairperson Glacier Country Tourism Group



Mike Nolan

Co-Chairperson Glacier Country Tourism Group



Glacier Country Tourism Group Inc.
 P O Box 78, Franz Josef Glacier 7856

Some comments from GCTG membership survey:

<p>I am supportive of GCTG receiving \$125,000 from the TPR, as a small business we rely heavily on GCTG to drive tourism and economic growth for the area. The funding will enable GCTG to broaden and strengthen the activity it undertakes, as a business we are more likely to see a benefit of this than the current distribution of the TPR. Glacier Country is an important visitor destination for Westland and in GCTG being able to grow market share from other regions this only benefits the wider West Coast region.</p>
<p>We need to market to get over push back from road closures.</p>
<p>The Tourism Promotional Rate collected from a particular community should be allocated back to that community to boost tourism and promote economic growth. Our community trusts the Glacier Country Tourism Group, a professional and proven organisation with over two decades of experience, to deliver on this. This model has proven successful in Queenstown where the targeted tourism rate is returned directly to Destination Queenstown and provides the funding to deliver growth consistently.</p>
<p>I fully support the continuing as the region has just had one of the best tourist seasons since Covid and we require all the support and help to promote the visitor experience to the region and Glacier Country fully assists in this avenue.</p>
<p>Targeted Marketing is well received by everyone in the Glacier region as it supports us all</p>
<p>I support GCTG to receiving \$125,000 from the Tourism Promotions Rate to be reinvested back into Glacier Country's tourism initiatives, rates collected from a region should be reinvested to benefit that same region. GCTG has a strong history in managing funding and worked closely with DWC to promote and drive visitation to the Glacier Country region post covid.</p> <p>Tourism spend in the Westland District was a total of \$256.1m in 2023, up by 70.1% compared with the previous year. The attraction of visiting Glacier Country is a significant driver to this growth, and if GCTG can continue growing visitation at the current rate, it will further contribute significantly to the Westland and West Coast economy.</p> <p>The funding is required to maintain the GCTG administrator role is a vital role in the organization, the loss of this role would not only be a detriment to Glacier Country but the wider Westland district.</p> <p>I urge Westland District Council to consider directing \$125, 000 annually to GCTG from a rate that members currently pay into but not see any direct benefit from.</p>
<p>We pay commercial rates but have to provide our own water, sewerage and rubbish removal. The least the council can do is support our business and community by supporting GCTG.</p>

For two decades, our business has thrived thanks to the support of GCTG, a strong advocate for both our enterprise and the wider community. Despite operating only half the year, we diligently pay commercial rates, ensuring our fair contribution to essential services. As a committed member of GCTG's voluntary committee, I can attest to the invaluable role played by Claire, whose tireless efforts drive our team's high-quality marketing and initiatives. We are concerned about the council's proposal, which appears to undermine our community's progress.

Commercial businesses and residential ratepayers all pay into the Tourism Promotions rate collected by WDC. These funds should go back to the region they are collected from

Fully agree with it all

Agree

We would prefer the Tourism Promotions Rate (TPR) be removed from rates entirely given the year-on-year massive rises in overall WDC rates. Simply, Tourism Promotion is not core WDC business. WDC have no business or expertise in assuming a Tourism Promotions role; past performance has been poor; benefit is not spread across the district but highly concentrated in the Hokitika area. Any suggestion that TPR is 'targeted' is a myth.

GCTG accessing TPR rates is not ideal, but is a second-best option, with striking the TPR rate altogether for commercial properties in the GCTG region a first choice. Not all GCTG members pay TPR rates, so it's not clear why those members should benefit from an obligatory targeted rate. Ideally, if GCTG should require more revenue, they could with members support charge and provide justification based on transparent benefit for higher membership fees without assuming the right to obligatory charges through rates.

Please do not relinquish this funding for Glacier Country tourism, it is vital we remain strong in the domestic and international market and this funding allows for much needed and continuous marketing strategies. Having a paid administration person is imperative to continue this work for a group of very committed volunteers. The entire coast benefits greatly from tourism and support is massively important

We need the promotions

The money should be spent where it is sourced from and to benefit the area in a more direct manner

We fully endorse this submission, as it will help enhance marketing efforts for the region and greatly advance tourism in Glacier Country. It aligns with the principle that rates collected from a region should be reinvested to benefit that same region. With Glacier Country emerging as a prominent destination in New Zealand, we believe it will also positively impact the wider West Coast region, with tourists traveling through and exploring its attractions.

We need the money for growth in Glacier Country. The marketing, the materials of signage/brochures to bring people to the glaciers to keep the businesses operating. If the funding gets cut, where does that money come from for Franz/Fox to grow. The council is very quick to spend money on unnecessary spending in the past and present and it shows it will be spent on irrelevant things again in the future as the report indicates. It's time that the council are held accountable and actually spend where it's needed and wanted. If not wanting to fund the whole amount, then give the Glacier Country the chance to negotiate a deal and meet us halfway.

The CDO role is crucial for our small town of Franz Josef

Absolutely should come back into our region!

Emma Rae

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To Emma Rae, Strategy and Communications Advisor,

I oppose the WDC rate increase proposal of 30-50% and the process of how this was done.

Absolutely appalling.

Emma Rae

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Township

Ross

Organisation

Please select one of the following:

I do not wish to speak to my submission

Council Headquarters

Comments

The Pakiwaitara building should be sold and the proceeds used to reduce council debt, option 2 and 3 should not be considered at this time. Council needs to start living within its means. The requirement to EQC strengthen has now been extended.

Land Transport levels of service

Option 1: Status quo

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Option 2: Do not budget to repair the pool structure.

Comments

WDC needs to engage with the Ross Community Council as to how and what money needs spending on the structure. As a rate payer, I see the continual waste by the council and it needs to stop. The rate payers cannot continue to fund the wishes of the council. I have no doubt that the structure does not comply with the new building standards, but it did comply when it was built. Most of your own homes would not comply today. It would nice if we could afford to have every structure in the district comply, but the fact is we cannot afford it. Stop spending money we do not have.

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Comments

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

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BEACHFRONT

HOTEL HOKITIKA

Submission on the Westland District Council Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025

Name: William Simpson

Email: [REDACTED]

Organisation: Beachfront Hotel Hokitika

Address: 111 Revell Street, Hokitika 7810

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Township: Hokitika

I would like to speak to my submission: Yes No

1. Annual Plan Consultation

I am concerned that several significant changes are being forced through a rushed consultation in a short period of time. This may be appropriate for a normal Annual Plan, but some of the changes are more akin to Long Term Plan changes for which I would expect greater consultation and discussion with community groups rather than simply proposing to withdraw funding through the draft Annual Plan.

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Together

Building strong relationships and partnerships with stakeholders, encouraging citizens to play an active role within their communities for success.

I am disappointed that the way these changes have been proposed does not align with these values.

2. Volunteer Organisations

It is self-evident that money invested by volunteer organisations, all other things being equal, will get a greater output due to the significant free labour component of the volunteer effort. This is one of the fundamental reasons the NZ Government allows a tax rebate for donations to charities.

It seems to be short-sighted, self-serving and counter-intuitive for WDC to primarily focus on cuts to volunteer organisations when it is facing rates hike which is needed primarily to rectify its own previous decisions around depreciation.

3. Destination Hokitika and the Tourism Rate

In the consultation document, WDC has asserted that DH have “agreed to plan an alternative method to collect revenue from commercial businesses.” I believe this is a significant misrepresentation and WDC should remove this from the consultation document or it risks a challenge regarding a slanted consultation based on misleading information.

WDC has also stated that it is not cost effective to collect this rate. However, it is self-evident that it is more cost effective to do it with an existing rating measure than to have an entirely different process.

A business rated for property of \$1M-\$3M pays \$191.63 for a promotions rate to Destination Hokitika and \$1,680.16 for a “Tourism Promotions Rate.” WDC is consulting over the \$191.63 rate and ignoring a rate several times larger for which ratepayers have no visibility of the spend.

I support the funding of Destination Hokitika. I would like to see both rates retained for the current Annual Plan and equal consultation on both in the next long term plan. It may be that the current system is best, or it may be that town promotions should be funded to Destination Hokitika out of the Tourism Promotions Rate. It may be that other things should be defunded from the Tourism Promotions Rate in order to reduce rates or cushion the impact of future rates rises.

This consultation should happen before the draft plan, and the outcome of this consultation should go into the draft Long Term Plan as distinctly different from proposing an unconsulted change through the Long Term Plan.

4. Regent Theatre

Hokitika’s Regent Theatre is a proxy for a Town Hall for Hokitika. As such, WDC pays far less for the provision of a town hall than most districts in New Zealand. Given the huge volunteer effort and the minimal spend per ratepayer, as a ratepayer I am very happy to pay the \$18 per ratepayer to support our Town Hall.

5. Lions and Grey Power

Again, these are paltry sums which support the provision of a public amenity and a public location. I support paying the \$4.47 per ratepayer. In particular it is essential to have public toilets available for children at Lazar Park.

6. Council Headquarters

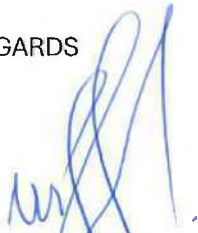
I don’t believe there is sufficient information in the draft plan for me to be able to make an informed decision to support a preferred option but I do support it remaining in the Central Business District.

7. Summary:

- I support the collection of the promotions rate and payment to DH. I do **not** support the recommendation regarding this. I support a full consultation before the next long term plan around the larger Tourism Promotions Rate.

- I support the grant to the Regent Theatre. I do **not** support the recommendation to withdraw this.
- I support the grant to Grey Power and Lions for the provision of public toilets at the Grey Power building and Lazar Park. I do **not** support the recommendation to withdraw this.
- I support the Council Headquarters remaining in the Central Business District.

REGARDS



WILLIAM SIMPSON
GENERAL MANAGER



BEACHFRONT

HOTEL HOKITIKA

Submission on the Westland District Council Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025

Name: Leana Simpson

Email: [REDACTED]

Organisation: Beachfront Hotel Hokitika (Oceanview Restaurant)

Address: 111 Revell Street, Hokitika 7810

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Township: Hokitika

I would like to speak to my submission: Yes No

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In the consultation document, WDC has asserted that DH have “agreed to plan an alternative method to collect revenue from commercial businesses.” I believe this is a significant misrepresentation and WDC should remove this from the consultation document or it risks a challenge regarding a slanted consultation based on misleading information.

WDC has also stated that it is not cost effective to collect this rate. However, it is self-evident that it is more cost effective to do it with an existing rating measure than to have an entirely different process.

A business rated for property of \$1M-\$3M pays \$191.63 for a promotions rate to Destination Hokitika and \$1,680.16 for a “Tourism Promotions Rate.” WDC is consulting over the \$191.63 rate and ignoring a rate several times larger for which ratepayers have no visibility of the spend.

I support the funding of Destination Hokitika. I would like to see both rates retained for the current Annual Plan and equal consultation on both in the next long-term plan. It may be that the current system is best, or it may be that town promotions should be funded to Destination Hokitika out of the Tourism Promotions Rate. It may be that other things should be defunded from the Tourism Promotions Rate to reduce rates or cushion the impact of future rates rises.

This consultation should happen before the draft plan, and the outcome of this consultation should go into the draft Long-Term Plan as distinctly different from proposing an unconsulted change through the Long-Term Plan.

4. Regent Theatre

Hokitika’s Regent Theatre is a proxy for a Town Hall for Hokitika. As such, WDC pays far less for the provision of a town hall than most districts in New Zealand. Given the huge volunteer effort and the minimal spend per ratepayer, as a ratepayer I am very happy to pay the \$18 per ratepayer to support our Town Hall.

5. Lions and Grey Power

Again, these are paltry sums which support the provision of a public amenity and a public location. I support paying the \$4.47 per ratepayer. It is essential to have public toilets available for children at Lazar Park.

6. Council Headquarters

I don’t believe there is sufficient information in the draft plan for me to be able to make an informed decision to support a preferred option, but I do support it remaining in the Central Business District.

7. Summary:

- I support the collection of the promotions rate and payment to DH. I do **not** support the recommendation regarding this. I support a full consultation before the next long-term plan around the larger Tourism Promotions Rate.

- I support the grant to the Regent Theatre. I do **not** support the recommendation to withdraw this.
- I support the grant to Grey Power and Lions for the provision of public toilets at the Grey Power building and Lazar Park. I do **not** support the recommendation to withdraw this.
- I support the Council Headquarters remaining in the Central Business District.

REGARDS

Li Simpson

Leana Smpson
OPERATIONS MANAGER

Emma Rae

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Hokitika

Organisation

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Council Headquarters

Option 1: Strengthen and refurbish the Pakiwaitara building for use as Council offices.

Comments

if council has to relocate while refurbishment is done to the current location then might as well just make the Pakiwaitara building fit for council going forward. Then sell the current building to minimise costs associated with ownership of multiple buildings.

Land Transport levels of service

Option 3: Do the minimum (service level review)

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Option 1: Repair the pool structure.

Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Option 1: Council ceases to rate for Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Comments

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Option 1: Council ceases the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.

Comments

there seem to be multiple organisations tasked with promoting Hokitika and the surrounding area. It seems more practical to amalgamate these into one business to streamline messaging, overheads, costs etc.

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

I agree that organisations receiving funding should be open and honest about where the money is being spent. However, it is important to have community assets for the town and people to enrich the community for it to continue to be a vibrant and safe space.

I have concerns about closing toilets at the Grey Power rooms and Lazar Park as many families visit and have a need for toilet facilities.

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

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Hokitika

Organisation

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Council Headquarters

Option 2: Strengthen and refurbish the current location.

Comments

If Council are struggling to manage a rates rise, could they look at selling Pakiwaitara building to help support other important items in the LTP that they have cut/removed.

Land Transport levels of service

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Option 1: Repair the pool structure.

Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Comments

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

Regarding the withdrawal of funding to community groups, namely the Regent Theatre and the Lions Club. This is deplorable and I urge Council to reconsider a.) reinstating the current funding as agreed to the Regent Theatre for the 2023-24 year, and b.) reinstating the funding in the LTP to at a minimum, the current agreed funding. I also urge Council to listen to their community and reinstate the funding to the Lions Club and Christmas Light funding.

It is Council's job to review their funding model and budget and ensure they can minimise the amount rates rise. Cutting funding with minimal engagement or consultation with the Regent Theatre and Lions is insulting. Surely such minimal amounts of money (under \$82K), compared to Council's wider staff and operational budgets, can be found in Council's internal budgets vs. adding this to the rates rise. If not, creatively thinking about how to fund such necessary groups to our community is vital. I would suggest selling the Pakiwaitara building and delaying the proposed Racecourse development. I hope Council listens to the ratepayers of Westland that they serve and ensure we do not threaten the heart and soul of our town (the Theatre, not the Council building).

SUBMISSION OF SAMUEL BLIGHT ON THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2024/2025

About the Submitter

1. This submission is made by Samuel Blight both in a personal capacity and in my capacity as Director of Hokitika Camping Ground Ltd, trading as Hokitika Holiday Park. I welcome the opportunity to appear before the Council to speak to my submission.

Personal Capacity

2. I reside in a house that we own in a family trust on a rural residential section. I also have an adjoining section which is integrated into contiguous use with the first title.
3. On the primary title the 2023/2024 rates strike was \$3,962.36. On the contiguous parcel of land the 2023/2024 rates strike was \$338.62.
4. In terms of direct benefit, I receive refuse and recycling collection for the main property from the driveway entrance, which is a legal easement over a neighbouring section. Council also maintains the sealed road past this entrance.
5. I receive no street lighting, footpaths, fresh water, waste water, storm water or sewage connections for this over \$4,300.
6. I do receive significant benefit from services provided in town including a wonderful Central Business District, a town pool, a library, a town hall (in the form of the Regent Theatre) and parks amongst other things.
7. As with all ratepayers, I also experience benefit from living in an area with a healthy economy which is largely underpinned by dairy, tourism and mining.
8. I also benefit by having a District Council in Westland and as such am happy to contribute to the core costs of Council.

Hokitika Holiday Park

9. Hokitika Holiday Park owns and operates a holiday park on approximately 5 acres at 11 Providence Drive.
10. The land was previously unproductive, having been left to go to scrub after being milled decades ago. There are more trees and (anecdotally) birdlife on the property now than there were before it was developed.
11. The 2023/2024 rates strike for HHP was \$10,657.78. This includes a \$191.63 rate which is collected on behalf of Destination Hokitika. It also includes \$1,680.16 which is a "Tourism Promotions Rate" for which we have limited visibility.
12. In terms of direct benefit, we receive refuse and recycling collection from the entrance. Council maintains the sealed road past this entrance. We also have an open ditch on the side of the road into which we can discharge surface water. Council clears this ditch of weeds on a periodic basis.

13. We receive no street lighting, footpaths, fresh water, waste water, or sewage connections for this over \$10,000. We have the storm water from buildings absorbed into soak pits. Some surface water runs into drains which discharge into the Council maintained open drain. Overall, this would not be an increase in total discharge from when it was undeveloped.
14. Hokitika Holiday Park does receive significant benefit from being just minutes from a thriving tourist town and from being approximately half way between the region's two top attractions - the Pancake Rocks and the Glaciers.

The Overall Plan and Consultation

15. The Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025 and its proposed changes are more in line with what would be typical in a Long Term Plan.
16. Despite this, there has been a significant lack of consultation both with community groups and with the public about what is being proposed.
17. Some of the consultation which is in this document is selective around disproportionately small expenditure. For example, it gives us a leading (and inaccurate) yes/no option on the \$191.63 levy for DH which provides us, and the overall local economy, with a significant benefit, but only informs us of some of the intended spend of the \$1,680.16 tourism promotions rate with no questions about if we want to be rated for that spend.
18. The drafters of the plan should be under no illusion regarding the likely outcome of some of these changes which would likely see promotion of Hokitika as a destination drastically reduce.

Volunteer Organisations, Non-Profits and the Charitable Sector

19. In July 2011, Femida Handy (University of Pennsylvania) and Laurie Mook (Arizona State University) published a paper entitled **Volunteering and Volunteers: Benefit-Cost Analyses**.
20. The first sentence of the abstract of this article addresses what I consider the relevant contextual point: "This article examines the phenomenon of volunteering from a benefit-cost perspective."
21. The article shows that, of the organisations total resource inputs, only 23% came from government grants. It also shows 34% came from volunteer contributions. The remaining 57% came from other sources.
22. I doubt there would be a significant variation to this as an average across volunteer organisations in New Zealand.
23. New Zealand Central Government recognises the exceptional value of this spend compared to the government and commercial sectors by allowing donations to registered charities to attract a tax rebate.
24. Most jurisdictions around the world recognise the importance of and the incredible value they get from the not-for profit sector. Increasingly they are also recognising the increasingly challenging operational and social

environment in which volunteers are often at the coalface where government entities lack visibility and on-the-ground understanding.

25. In 2018, the Canadian senate recognised the urgency of underpinning such organisations nationally and commissioned an urgent review.
26. The result of that review was published in 2019 in a report to a special senate committee. The basis for their recommendations sat in recognising:
Innovative approaches are needed to ensure the future viability of these sources of funding. To this end, the committee recommends a wide range of measures designed to ensure strong and stable funding for the sector.
27. The Draft Annual Plan proposed the opposite by defunding the services provided by four non-profit organisations: Hokitika Regent Theatre, Destination Hokitika, Grey Power and the Lions Club. Of these, only one (Destination Hokitika) significantly effects Hokitika Holiday Park.
28. **Notwithstanding, given the disproportionately small impact on rates and the disproportionate large public good impact of these organisations, I oppose all four proposals.**
29. These proposed changes do not appear to address or consider the significant multiplicative factor or the value for money ratepayers get from these funds being administered by a non-profit group rather than by Council itself.
30. Indeed the only services or funding Council appears to be proposing to cut in totality are those provided by the non-profit sector.
31. On the surface this would appear to be the least cost-effective and the most outcome-effecting savings.
32. Through this lens, it appears the criteria applied to decisions around cutting funding vs not cutting funding are based on whether or not funding is directly managed by Council. This ignores the value and the cost effectiveness of services provided which, from a ratepayer perspective, are more important than who administers the funding.

Our Town Hall

33. Ratepayers in Wellington are objecting to the costs to fix their town hall escalating from \$43m to \$330m. At a population of 220k (rounded to the nearest 10k) this represents a cost escalation from \$195 per person to \$1,500 per person.
34. Conversely, to have the Regent Theatre function as our Town Hall in Hokitika, we fund \$62,000. Using the same metrics and dividing this by a rounded 10k population, we spend \$6.20 per person per annum on our town hall.
35. This means the average Wellingtonian is about to fund three decades' worth of a Westlander's portion of their rates for their town hall on top of any annual rate. This is about to be escalated to two and a half centuries' worth of

a Westlander's rates. This puts our contribution to the Regent Theatre in context.

36. The point is that we, the residents of Westland, comparatively (and in my opinion even without comparison) receive tremendous value from the small grant to the Regent Theatre.
37. It is my understanding that I pay \$18 out of my over \$4,300 rates towards the immense benefit of us having a building to function as our town hall.
38. **Even if it resulted in me paying \$36 more than the current proposed rates strike, I would be happy to pay \$36, double the existing amount, towards funding the Regent Theatre.**
39. **I also support this grant being linked to either inflation or rates increases.**

Tourism (and Dairy and Mining)

40. I and my family benefit enormously from Tourism in Westland. I want to maintain full transparency on this so there is no issue of perceived or real undeclared conflicts of interest.
 - The extended family, local and non-local are the owners of and mortgage holders over the property belonging to Hokitika Camping Ground Ltd which trades as Hokitika Holiday Park.
 - Through Fenton Contracting Services Ltd we were recently awarded a tender to clean seven public toilets throughout Westland. The business value proposition of this was that the four local toilets enabled us to give more work to part time cleaners employed at the holiday park.
 - Excluding our own businesses, two of my children are employed part time in tourism businesses in the broader Hokitika area.
 - One of my children is employed full time in the butchery department at Hokitika New World. On the surface this may seem an odd inclusion in a benefit of Tourism. However, when the previously operated Hokitika Kiwi Holiday Park closed down, the then owner of Hokitika New World reported an overnight drop in sales of 3% to the previous owners of that park. If that is extrapolated over the total number of overnight tourists in town, then a considerable proportion of sales is a direct result of the tourism industry.
 - I chair Destination Hokitika. This the current term ends with the AGM which will be held sometime after the end of the current period ending 30 June 2024. I signalled to the Executive and membership my desire to have someone else step into this role in for the current year but have drawn a hard line for the future year.
 - In Covid and post-Covid era I have provided project management and coordination support to Council, mostly for non-ratepayer funded projects. A small percentage of this is tourism focused.

41. The Hokitika economy is underpinned primarily by three industries: dairy, tourism and mining.
42. Mining contributes significantly to our economy in the short and medium term. However, it has finite benefit as it extracts value from our region and that value can never be extracted again. It is appropriate to manage mining in a way which recognises this.
43. Conversely, dairy and tourism, if done sustainably, can continue to contribute positively to our economy for centuries.
44. Following the boom and bust of the early mining days and then the economic impact of the two world wars, Westland and the broader West Coast entered an economic depression along with the rest of the country. The West Coast took far longer than most of the country to come out of that depression.
45. It is often easy for us to have a short memory and forget just how difficult life became for much of our population during that time. In the mid-90's we had friends shift from Nelson to Hokitika. Such was Hokitika's reputation that their 9 year old boy said to his parents on the way down, "When we get to Hokitika can we **please** have one of the houses that has paint on it?"
46. Forestry, Mining, Dairy and Tourism all contributed significantly to the eventual recovery of our economy into the times of relative prosperity we now enjoy.
47. While we would expect the dairy and tourism sectors to 'wash their own face' as it were, it is appropriate for the Council to support creating an environment in which these sectors can thrive in a sustainable way.
48. As previous elected members have reflected, Council spends over \$100,000 maintaining sealed roads past points where the the only use is a few farms. We could make an argument that those farms need to provide for their own transport needs as those farmers are making money at the ratepayers expense. But we don't, because we all understand that the economic benefit this farms contribute to our overall economy vastly outweighs the relatively minimal amount of maintaining a more comprehensive roading network.
49. The Draft Annual Plan promotes the West Coast Wilderness Trail. It points out that the trail had 15,000 riders and the economic impact of this is over \$50 million.
50. For the benefit these 15,000 riders give to Westland, the plan proposes over \$800k in capital works and over \$250k in operational expenditure. According to the plan this "is funded by every ratepayer in the district."
51. Conversely, it rates less than \$50k on behalf of Destination Hokitika and proposes to cease this because "the associated administration is not an efficient use of Council's resources".
52. This is incongruous. The total visitors to Westland **in March alone** were double the annual visiting users of the cycle trail. The economic benefit of

promoting Hokitika through a volunteer organisation which, on average, will return a 3-4 times (see paragraphs 14-21) is a much better value spend.

53. The plan erroneously claims that DH has agreed to this. Council has acknowledged this is not true but has not provided any correction or retraction.
54. While I support the West Coast Wilderness Trail, this benefits a far smaller cohort of businesses than broader visitors to the region do.
55. While recognising my bias, I am happy to fund out of my personal rates an amount broadly equivalent to the previously quoted \$100k that previous Councils have recognised the ratepayer supports the farming sector to go towards local destination marketing. I am happier to support a rate going to Destination Hokitika than I am for it going to the West Coast Wilderness trail.

Conclusion

56. I recognise the Council is operating in a difficult environment. This includes successive governments reversing previous directions but all leaving more regulation and compliance costs.
57. I recognise that Council decided not to fund depreciation on 3 waters assets in order to keep rates down last year in anticipation of the current direction of central government reforms. I recognise that this not happening means significant costs associated with the reversal of that decision, and with future costs means that rates will rise.
58. I commend Council on trying to find savings in this Annual Plan to cushion the impact of these increases.
59. However I think some of the proposed savings in the non-profit sector are comparatively tiny and counter productive. I urge Council to not go ahead with these changes to volunteer, non-profit organisations.
60. Thank you for taking the time to read this submission and providing me with an opportunity to speak to it.

Emma Rae

From: Emma Rae
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Emma, I cannot find the submission form, so ask that you accept the following:

Please reconsider increasing financial to the Regent Theatre, it's an important part of town life.

Please reconsider closure of public toilets, especially outside "Museum". Tourist buses stop there, up to three at a time, and visitors cycle through while others shop, browse and get coffee. No huge queues.

A tourist mecca, as Hokitika really is, must have adequate and convenient toilets.

Please advise when the Carnegie building will be in use. I understand it's been safe for one year.

In case this sounds whiney, I really appreciate:

1. the fabulous new rubbish bins (2022?),
2. the lovely new receptionist at the tip, and 3. the tip prices. So low.

Kind regards

Shelley

Landlord & Property Manager



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Multiple Addresses c/- P.O. Box 31-328 Christchurch , 8444.
Franz Josef Glacier - Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier, Te Waonui Forest Retreat, and Kea Staff Village.
Fox Glacier - Heartland Hotel Fox Glacier, Heartland Hotel Glacier Country,
Haast - Heartland Hotel Haast

Township

Franz Josef Glacier, Fox Glacier & Haast

Organisation

Scenic Hotel Group

Please select one of the following:

I do not wish to speak to my submission

Council Headquarters

Option 2: Strengthen and refurbish the current location.

Comments

No comment

Land Transport levels of service

Option 4: Preserving our assets (balanced)

Comments

No comment

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Option 1: Repair the pool structure.

Comments

No comment

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Option 2: Council continues to rate for Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Comments

Scenic Hotel Group supports continued funding of local tourism groups to employ part time administrators in Franz Josef Glacier & Fox Glacier. to the current amount of \$65,000. The support provided through these roles is invaluable to the businesses who volunteer their time assisting these administrators. With Tourist numbers continuing to improve, the administrator roles allow business owners to involved in Tourism to spend more time with their visitors. These positions are highly valued by the community and to see funding reduced or withdrawn would be an absolute travesty.

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Option 2: Council continues to collect the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.

Comments

Scenic encourages Council to continue funding Hokitika promotions through the current targeted rate structure.

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

No

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

NO

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Township

Hokitika

Organisation

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Council Headquarters

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Comments

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

I strenuously object to the rate increase proposed in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025 as I believe 3 Waters is an ill-conceived idea and requires a lot more consultation with the NZ Public.

Emma Rae

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Franz Josef

Organisation

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I do not wish to speak to my submission

Council Headquarters

Comments

Land Transport levels of service

Comments

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

Comments

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Option 2: Council continues to rate for Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Comments

Community Development Office Rolls:

- We request that this fund is continued and funding for it be increased to \$35,000pa for each of the Fox Glacier and Franz Josef CDO rolls.
- That the struck rate is re-named Franz CDO and Fox CDO and for it to be shown as a separate line item on the rates invoices.

- That the \$35,500 to be collected separately for each township and for it to be struck at a flat rate for each rating unit.
- That this funding to be secured for a 3-year period.
- That when reviewed an inflationary factor, in line with wage rates, be included in the review.

Glacier Country Tourism Group Inc Administrator:

- We support the Glacier Country Tourism Groups request for full funding through the Tourism Promotions Levy.
- That the funding for that roll is confirmed for three years.
- That this investment in locally managed tourism promotion is shown as a separate line item in the Tourism Promotions Levy.

**Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate
Comments**

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

Share your Feedback – Annual Plan 2024/2025

Submissions close 12pm Friday 3 May 2024 (no late submissions will be accepted)

Submissions hearing Wednesday 15 May 2024

We would like to know your thoughts on the proposals in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025.

Please **scan and email** this form to the Council. **Email:** consult@westlanddc.govt.nz

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Phone: 03 756 9010

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Name* Adam Haugh _____ Organisation (if applicable) Franz Josef Community Council Inc.

Email* [REDACTED] _____ Address 4-6 Main Road, Franz Josef Glacier _____

Telephone [REDACTED] _____ Township* Franz Josef Glacier _____

I would like to speak to Council about my submission At the meeting in the Council Chambers

Through a remote option (Zoom link or telephone)

I do not wish to speak to my submission

**Required*

Council Headquarters

- Option 1:** Strengthen and refurbish the Pakiwaitara building for use as Council offices.
- Option 2:** Strengthen and refurbish the current location.
- Option 3:** New build at the airport.

Please provide any comments:

As a community based society we do not have a position on this matter.

Land Transport levels of service

- Option 1:** Status quo.
- Option 2:** Inflation adjustment
- Option 3:** Do the minimum (service level review)
- Option 4:** Preserving our assets (balanced)
- Option 5:** Improving Level of Service (enhanced asset preservation)

Please provide any comments:

As a community based society we do not have a position on this matter.

Ross Swimming Pool upgrade

- Option 1:** Repair the pool structure.
- Option 2:** Do not budget to repair the pool structure.

Please provide any comments:

As a Franz Josef based society we do not have a position on this matter.

Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

- Option 1:** Council ceases to rate for Glacier Country Tourism and Community Development roles.
- X **Option 2:** Council continues to rate for Glacier Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Please provide any comments:

Please see attached pages.

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

- Option 1:** Council ceases the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.
- Option 2:** Council continues to collect the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate.

Please provide any comments:

organization

As a Franz Josef based society, we do not have a position on this matter.

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

More pages can be attached if necessary.

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

More pages can be attached if necessary.

Franz Josef Community Council Incorporated
4-6 Main Road,
Franz Josef Glacier

2 May 2024



Dear Westland District Council Annual Plan review team.

Thank you for the opportunity for our community group to give feedback on your Annual Plan 2024-25.

We wish to respond directly to the matter of Glacier Country Community Development Funding.

Our ratepayers, some 18 + years requested WDC collect funding to financially support the Incorporated societies Fox Inc, Glacier Country Tourism Group Inc. and Franz Josef Community Council Inc. This investment by the rate payers has supported our communities small volunteer base to achieve the goals of the three groups by funding the position of administrators. To date the three groups split the shared income from this rate strike.

After advertised consultation meetings with our community and between the Chairs of the three groups we request that funding be collected, distributed and reported as below.

Community Development Office Roles:

- We request that this fund is continued and funding for it be increased to \$35000pa for each of the Fox Glacier and Franz Josef CDO roles.
- That the \$35500 to be collected separately across each township and for it to be struck at a flat rate for each rating unit.
- That the struck rate is re named Franz CDO and Fox CDO and for it to be shown as a separate line item on the rates invoices.
- That this funding to be secured for a 3-year period.
- That when reviewed an inflationary factor, in line with wage rates, be included in the review.

Glacier Country Tourism Group Inc Administrator:

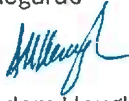
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As grass roots community organisations, due to the support of our rate payers through the rate strike to date we feel we have accomplished a lot. The above changes / updates will allow for future goals of community and economic growth to be accomplished as independent groups.

We have requested our rate payers to review all relevant aspects of the Annual plan including this matter and make submissions. We trust that the bulk of submission are in support. For non-rate payers who wish to indicate their position we include the questions and results of a simple online survey we distributed through our e-mail lists and community Face Book pages.

If you require more information on the history of the funding and why we are requesting a change to the amount and future funding model, please see the attached letter that was sent out to our community e-mail lists.

Regards



Adam Haugh – Chair FJCC

Signed on behalf of the Executive management group of the society.

Sandy Hodges

Samantha Goodman

Brent Whittington

Rohan Thakur

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We created a survey in Mail Chimp to gauge interest within the community to continue requesting WDC to continue collecting funding for the Community Development Officer.

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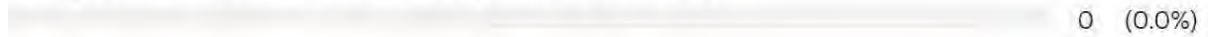
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“Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? I value the work of the Community Development Officer (CDO) in my community and I request that the position is funded for a further three years to the level that the Franz Josef Community Council Inc are requesting.”

I agree with this statement - the CDO position is valued



I disagree with this statement - the CDO position is not valued



Regarding Funding of the Fox & Franz Josef Community Development Officers (CDO) & Glacier Country Tourism Groups Administrator



1st May 2024

Dear ratepayers and community members,

Thanks to those that attended the recent meetings to discuss the upcoming Westland District Council (WDC) Draft annual plan. It was good to have some robust discussions and hear new views. The focus of the meetings naturally focused on the Westland Districts council's statement that they wish to stop collecting rates to fund the Community Development Officer and Glacier Country Promotions positions as part of their 24-25 Annual plan.

Eighteen plus years ago the Chairs of the three groups gained community support to raise a local rate to employ administrators for the three groups. The income from this position is known as Glacier Country Community Development Funding. This highly valued funding has enabled the employment of a part time administrator for each group and reduced the volunteer hours needed to operate these groups. WDC have collected, on the behalf rate payers of Fox and Franz \$65 000+ GST pa with Commercial, Residential and Rural rate payers each paying in a different amount to this fund.

To date the rate collected has been split between the groups. \$26000 being available for each Community Development Officer rolls and \$13 000 available for the Glacier Country Tourism Group (GCTG) position.

Over the past 2 years the CDO rolls have received a 'top up' from the Tourism Promotions Rate, as a stop gap to ensure that the level of service can be continued until this review.

It has become standard for WDC to suggest the removal of this locally raised rate at each annual plan review. Most of our district's rates are set to go up. We as individuals and groups need to direct WDC now through their Annual Plan consultation process on aspects of their Draft Annual Plan 2024/25 including the funding for our community positions.

A better way of funding the positions:

The Glacier Country Tourism Group will request for funding for the Tourism Officer position to be removed from this Fox and Franz rate strike. Instead funding it from the district wide funded Tourism Promotions Rate. Presently this rate supports the work of the I site in Hoki and the Westland Wilderness Trail.

With this 'business focused' roll funded by the wider district it removes that direct cost from the local ratepayers. It also removes the historical need for charging commercial / tourism focused properties, more from this locally funded rate.

Future CDO Funding Levels:

The original level of funding was set some 17+ years ago and has not been adjusted for wage inflation. To maintain the existing level of service (around 20 hrs per CDO) both Fox and Franz Josef community groups needs \$35 500 pa, an increase of \$9500 pa.

Consultation:

The Glacier Country Tourism Group and the Franz Josef Community Council called special meetings to discuss, and Fox Inc discussed the topic as part of general business at their last meeting. We, Ann, Janell, Mike and Adam as chairs have worked together and can now say that the below is the preferred feedback we would like our communities to give WDC through the Annual District Plan submission process.

Community Struck Rate 24/25

A community levied flat rate per property that generates \$35500 pa for each community.

That this rate is struck to change from the existing Commercial, Rural, Residential tiered model to being equally shared across each townships rate payers.

For the two townships to be separate for this rate strike.

- We request that the funding is guaranteed for three years at which point community consultation is requested again.
- If the fund is to continue at the next review that an inflationary factor based on WDC best practice, is applied to enable the fund to keep up with wage inflation.
- That the charge be shown on the rates invoice as a separate item line.

In the Annual Plan consultation document WDC indicated that there are...

329 rate payers in Franz, so approx. \$107.90 or \$8.99 per month for each rated property.

177 rate payers in Fox, so approx. \$200.54 or \$16.00 per month for each rated property.

Glacier Country Tourism Office Position

For this position to be funded through the Tourism Promotions Rate. Glacier Country Tourism Group's management team to work directly with WDC to secure this funding.

Glacier Country Tourism Group will be in touch directly with their members requesting support for this change to occur.

In order to represent us the Westland District Council need feedback on their Annual Plan.

It can be viewed here <https://www.westlanddc.govt.nz/have-your-say/current-consultations/draft-annual-plan-2024-2025/>

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On the next page we have written a statement that you are welcome to use in your submission regarding the question related to Glacier Country Community Development Funding.

We thank you for your time to consider our request for continued support.

We urge you to submit your feedback / direction to WDC through the WDC supplied 'Share your Feedback – Annual Plan 2024/2025' form. Submissions close by midday Friday, May 3rd.

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Why the CDO role is important to our community



Key accomplishments of the CDO role over the past 12 months

One of the key accomplishments of Franz Josef CDO role over the last 12 months has been the successful application for outside funding to the value of \$255,867. Some of the standout accomplishments from this funding have enabled us the purchase new equipment for the community gym & social sports groups, get the exterior of our community centre painted, bringing the Ice Skate Tour to our town in partnership with the FJ School, operate the community & toy library, maintain the Gibb Track and have new kea proof rubbish bins installed. This received funding also enabled us to keep our hire fees and memberships at a level that saw the usage of the facility reach new levels.

An observation from our CDO

Sabine shared with me, (Adam) a conversation she had with a renewing gym user. They shared with her that they keep extending their membership by a month because they really enjoy the experience of living in the village. A key part of this was finding a way to engage with other residents and traveller through the CDO enabled initiatives.

This example reinforces that the CDO position is enabling the societies management team in their goal of working together to build a vibrant & progressive community for all.

A note from our Chair

The continuation of the funding for the CDO role is essential if we are going to be able to coax and nurture new volunteers into joining us on individual community building projects or getting the confidence up to take on a leadership role.

Simply without this role a lot of achievable community building funding and activities would not eventuate. Over the past 18 months we have seen real positive outcomes from supporting / directing the CDO role towards securing outside funding to support projects. We have found a hunger from outside businesses and agencies to support our community building goals. This investment has resulted in our...

- community centre being abuzz with individuals and social groups every day.
- group being well networked with outside lead agencies.
- drive to strive to create positive social opportunities for all community members / rate payers.
- Ability to look after existing community assets and have the confidence to reach towards what we feel that better looks like for our remote township.



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Including all people

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Westland District Council

Long Term Plan Submission

May 2024

CCS Disability Action

Contact

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Southern Region Access Coordinator

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We would like to speak to our submission.

CCS Disability Action

CCS Disability Actions Vision is - ***Every disabled person/whānau hauā. is interwoven into the lives of their whānau and community^j***. We support around 5,500 disabled people to live in the community. In addition to advocating for disabled people we operate the Mobility Parking scheme (with around 150,000 permit holders) and advocate for national and local improvements in the scheme. Recognising the need for guidance regarding accessible residential housing, aged care facilities and commercial buildings we established Life Mark™ and Barrier Free. Understanding the need for and lack of tools to improve accessibility we collaborate with sustainable transport consultancy MRCagney and have developed a method of identifying the proportion of disabled people using footpaths, the Street Accessibility Audit and Mobility Parking Reviews and predictions of future Mobility Parking demand. We also support Local Authorities to improve accessibility.

Introduction

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission which focuses on transport.

Transport

Option 4 is the bare minimum investment that Council should invest in transport, failing to invest in transport will create problems for current and future generations. We also note that the focus on the benefits of the network outlined in the draft plan do not appear to include levels of service for pedestrians. Maintaining pedestrian networks is essential to facilitate community wellbeing and must be included in the plan. Footpaths are the crucial for people who do not drive, this includes disabled people, older and younger people. There is an existing need for accessible footpaths, with around a quarter of the population having disability and disability increasing with age 59% of New Zealanders over the age of 65ⁱⁱ has a disability it important the Council includes footpath investment in the transport budget.

Disabled people experience greater social exclusion and experience poorer wellbeing.

Please read the sections below in conjunction with the Disability Gap 2018. A snapshot of life for disabled New Zealandersⁱⁱⁱ which is attached.

Transport systems that are available, accessible, and affordable enable citizens to engage in work, education, community, and leisure activities that are essential for a healthy and meaningful life^{iv} A good public transport network is a major contributor to economic, social, and environmental goals^v. Public transport contributes to reducing vehicle kilometres travelled and vehicle emissions, it reduces congestion on roads. This means that the Council must continue to invest in public transport even in the absence of Waka Kotahi funding to ensure that the growing community will be able to access services.

Disabled people experience greater social exclusion and have lower levels of community participation than their non-disabled peers. This can be due to barriers such as inaccessible community facilities and transport systems^{vi}. When compared with non-disabled people disabled people fare worse across a range of outcomes relating to their homes and neighbourhoods, as well as their economic and social lives, they have lower income and are less likely to be employed^{vii}.

Inaccessible transport is a barrier to disabled people accessing opportunities for wellbeing and productivity.

Inaccessible transport has long been a barrier to disabled people accessing the community and in 2023 the Human Rights Commission conducted an enquiry into accessible public transport in New Zealand. *The Accessible Journey reported: -*

Barriers in one form or another unfairly prevent many disabled people from using public land transport to go to work, to go to school, to enjoy community activities and to fully participate in society. At the same time, there is growing public acceptance that improving the accessibility of public land transport will benefit both disabled people and all New Zealanders. These are two of the key messages of this report ^{viii}.

However, in 2022 a further investigation *The Transport experiences of disabled people in Aotearoa New Zealand* concluded that: -

- *The persistent challenges faced by disabled people using transport in Aotearoa New Zealand have not changed in any measurable way since the Accessible Journey Inquiry almost two decades ago.*
- *Disabled people are more likely to report a trip not made than other people because the time, distance, and effort required make their threshold for staying home lower than that for other people^{ix}.*

We also note that the changes in Waka Kotahi Funding create a significant challenge for all. This means that the Council needs to ensure that investment in footpaths etc that will enable transport disadvantaged people to access the community, encourage mode shift and reduce vehicle kilometres travelled and contribute to the mitigating addressing climate change.

Value for money – planning and creating an accessible transport system.

It is clear that the existing demand for accessible transport will continue to grow and that this will be accompanied by increasing community demands to be able to access and participate in all aspects of the community, reduced vehicle emissions and sound financial management. This creates considerable challenges and the “do nothing” option will exacerbate existing transport issues and their consequences for future generations.

Value for money can be achieved by consulting with disabled people and other people experiencing transport difficulty to identify key areas where they would like to go but cannot, measuring participation, including access in transport project plan development and safety reviews, conducting street accessibility audits, mobility parking reviews and using this information to prioritise areas that create safety risks and or access barriers e.g. non – compliant kerb cuts at important locations e.g. in CBD’s, Hospitals etc. on highly frequented footpath routes to bus shelters etc.

Recommendations

- The development of a high-level policy commitment to improving transport accessibility.
- Systematically improve access by committing a small percentage of the budget e.g.1% to the following: -
- Targeting investment in areas that will create the greatest benefit e.g. CBD’s, areas with high populations of disabled/elderly people etc.

- Identifying areas to target access improvements by consulting with disabled people, and depending on issues identified conducting Street Accessibility Audits/Mobility Parking Review etc.
- Using the information to prioritise areas/defects that create the greatest risk that need prompt attention,
- Schedule, ongoing improvements within normal maintenance replacement.

Walking and cycling

Walking and cycling are integral parts of a successful and healthy community and when linked with Public Transport they expand residents and visitors horizons. They provide opportunities for physical activity, social engagement, and access to opportunities and via the walking and cycling networks and links with public transport. Even though Waka Kotahi will not be available it is essential that these developments continue.

- **That the Council continues to fund walking and cycling using locally generated funds. However, we do not recommend shared walking and cycling paths as these create conflict between cyclists and pedestrians who are less likely to use shared paths because they do not feel safe.**

Consultation with disabled people

By consulting with disabled people, the Council can gain insight into access barriers in the community, the information gained from this will provide the Council with valuable information that it can use to inform its work. An accessible community means that all people, particularly the very young and the very old will benefit from community participation. CCS Disability Action would like to work with the Council to achieve this.

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The disability gap 2018

A snapshot of life for disabled New Zealanders

How we work, live, and connect with people affects everyone's wellbeing but the experiences we have are not equal for all New Zealanders.

Disability data shows that disabled people are more likely to have worse outcomes than non-disabled people across many aspects of life. This is often more pronounced for those aged under 65 years.

Almost 1 in 4 New Zealanders are disabled.

- 2013 NZ disability survey *



Work life

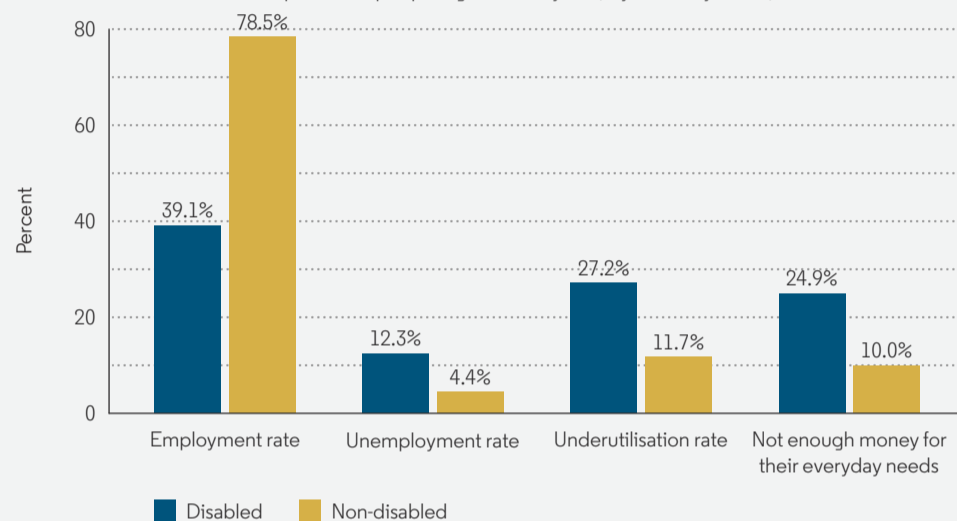
Disabled people are under-represented in higher-income occupations, tend to work fewer hours, and are less likely to have qualifications than non-disabled people.

In 2018, working disabled people aged 15-64 years:

- Earned a median **\$901** a week from wages or salaries, **\$98** less than non-disabled workers.
- Worked an average **35.2** hours a week, **3** hours less than non-disabled workers.
- Stayed in a job for an average **8.9** years, **2.5** years longer than non-disabled workers.
- 60%** of working disabled people were satisfied with their job compared with **77%** of non-disabled people.

Selected economic measures

Proportion of people aged 15-64 years, by disability status, 2018



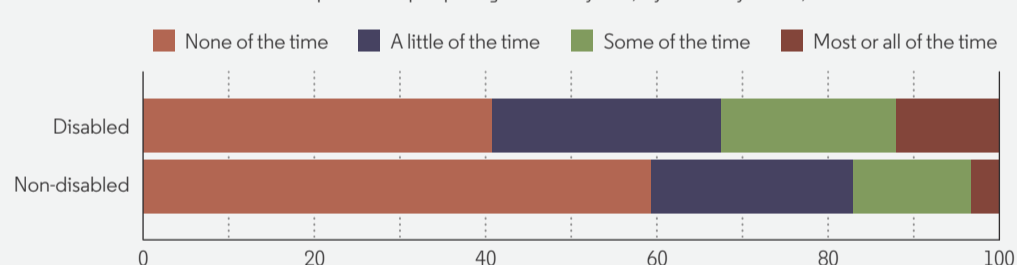
Social life

Of disabled New Zealanders aged 15-64 years in 2018:

- 9.7%** found it hard to be themselves, compared with **1.6%** of non-disabled people.
- 37%** experienced discrimination in the past 12 months, compared with **19%** of non-disabled people.
- 46%** had high levels of trust in our education system, compared with **67%** of non-disabled people.

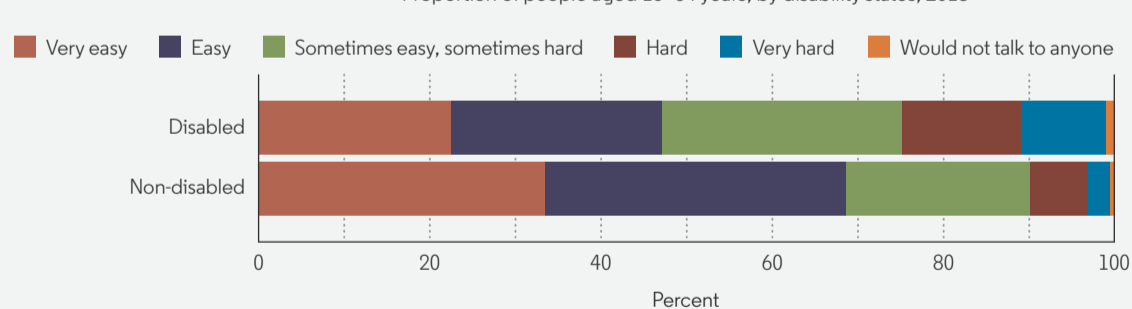
Amount of time people felt lonely in past 4 weeks

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Ease of asking to talk to someone if needed

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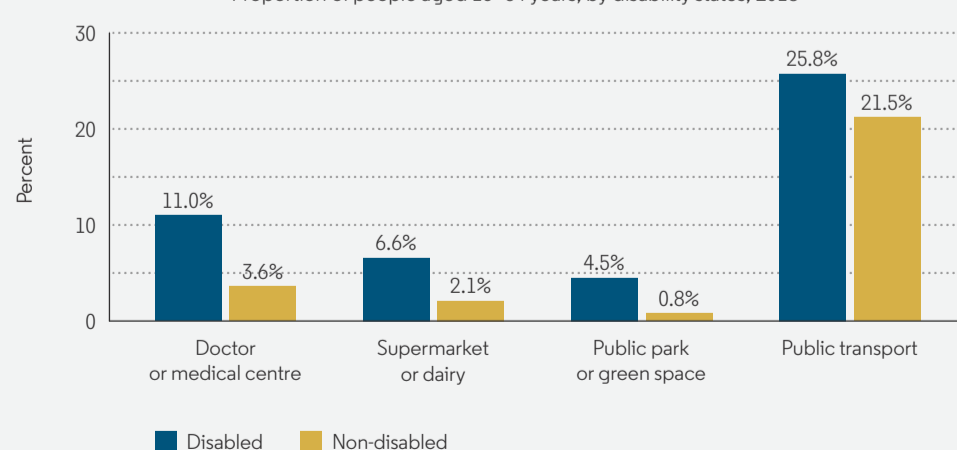
Home life

Of disabled New Zealanders aged 15-64 years in 2018:

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- 31%** lived in a mouldy home, compared with **20%** of non-disabled people.
- 40%** rated their housing affordable, compared with **50%** of non-disabled people.
- 1 in 10** rated their housing as unsuitable for their needs, compared with **1 in 25** non-disabled people.

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HOKITIKA'S
REGENTtheatre

Grey Power
NEW ZEALAND FEDERATION INC



Mayor Lash, Councillors and Iwi Representatives
Westland District Council

2nd May 2024

Dear Mayor Lash, Councillors and Iwi Representatives,
CC: Simon Bastion, Chief Executive

Combined 2024-25 Annual Plan Submission - Cover Letter

We, the undersigned representatives of Destination Hokitika, Westland Community Centre Incorporated (Hokitika's Regent Theatre), Lions Club of Hokitika, and Grey Power, are submitting to express our collective concerns regarding the proposed cuts to community services outlined in the draft Annual Plan. We request the Council reinstate CPI adjusted grants for Destination Hokitika, Westland Community Centre Incorporated (Hokitika's Regent Theatre), Lions Club of Hokitika, and Grey Power in 2024-25 Annual Plan and subsequent Long Term and Annual Plans moving forward.

Without much effort, we have gathered over 1200 signatures in support of Council reinstating the grants via a petition. **Please ensure each individual who has signed the petition is counted as a separate submission in support of reinstating the grants.** Please note that while it was very clear on the petition that it was for ratepayers and residents to sign, many visitors, expats and tourists also signed, as major users and beneficiaries of toilets, promotion and Hokitika's Regent Theatre.

One purpose of this collective submission is to emphasise the significant contribution that volunteer organisations such as ours make to help the Council achieve its Local Government Act obligations, to "promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of communities". It is a reciprocal collaboration that benefits all of us. All we are asking is for the Council to continue to play their part, by providing the financial support for these endeavours that we have needed and very much appreciated over recent years. That financial support for our

community projects is a relatively small portion of the Council’s annual budget, and the Council’s proposal to remove that support would contribute very little to the reduction in the rates burden that the Council is aiming to achieve.

Please note that each of our organisations have also made separate individual submissions of our own.

Public Toilets - GreyPower and Lions Club of Hokitika

We acknowledge the efforts made by the council in recent years to improve public amenities, including the establishment of new and modern toilet facilities at Cass Square and Sunset Point. However, we are deeply troubled by the decision to close public toilets at the Greypower building and Lazar Park Toilets to the public. Additionally, a significant number of our members have expressed disappointment at the closure of the Drummond Hall Public Toilets. The closure of these facilities will not only inconvenience residents and visitors but also pose potential health and safety risks.

Regent Theatre

The withdrawal of funding for the Regent Theatre is concerning. The theatre plays a crucial role in our community, providing social services, cultural enrichment and entertainment for residents of all ages, including a safe place for teenagers and children in Westland. We implore the council to reconsider this decision and continue to financially support the Regent Theatre in its endeavours.

Destination Hokitika

The 2024-25 Consultation Document States “In 2023 Council discussed ceasing the grant funding with Destination Hokitika, who agreed to plan an alternative method to collect revenue from commercial businesses”. Destination Hokitika have written to the Council who have agreed that this consultation did not occur and Destination Hokitika did not agree to this.

We respectfully request the reinstatement of the following grants:

Grant Name	Amount +GST +Annual CPI Adjustment	Ratepayers / Current Cost
Hokitika’s Regent Theatre	\$62,000.00 +GST +Annual CPI Adjustment	3435 rateable units \$18 each
Destination Hokitika	\$46,656.00 +GST +Annual CPI Adjustment	243 rateable units \$192 each
Grey Power Toilet	\$5,500.00 +GST +Annual CPI Adjustment	3435 rateable units \$1.60 each

Lions Club of Hokitika	\$9,863.00 +GST +Annual CPI Adjustment	3435 rateable units \$2.87 each
Total	\$124,019.00 +GST +Annual CPI Adjustment	

Yours sincerely,



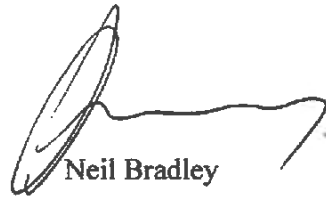
Samuel Blight
Chair
Destination Hokitika



Stephen Foskett
President
GreyPower Hokitika



Don Neale
President
WCCI (Hokitika's Regent Theatre)



Neil Bradley
President
Lions Club of Hokitika



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JULIAN GERRY	HOKITIKA	[Signature]
Tana Robinson	HOKITIKA	[Signature]
Ginger Epapara	HOKITIKA	[Signature]
Mama Beldie	"	[Signature]
Stuart Ryan	"	[Signature]
Janice-lee Boddle-Ryan	"	[Signature]
Lisa Duncan	Hokitika	[Signature]
Peter Cuff	Hokitika	[Signature]
Philip Olson	Hokitika	[Signature]
Jennifer Olson	Hokitika	[Signature]
Suzanne Lawson	Hokitika	[Signature]
Sharon Elley	Hokitika	[Signature]
Betty Olson	Hokitika	[Signature]
D Turnbull	Hoki	[Signature]
B Gilbert	Amymouth	[Signature]
J. Evans	Hoki	[Signature]
Chris Cuff	"	[Signature]

Annex 2 KGS van BEEK HOKI. [Signature]
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G Griffiths Hokitika [Signature]



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GILLIAN Kearns	Hokitika	GA Kearns
VINCENT Thompson	GREYMOUTH	VRJ
Glenn Byrne	Hokitika	MB Byrne
Dee Bell	Hokitika	Dee Bell
Valle Kilkelly	Hokitika	Valle Kilkelly
CHRIS BARRON	CHC	CBARRON
M. Selby	HOKITIKA	M Selby
D. Koske	HOKITIKA	D Koske
Judith McLaughlin	Hokitika	Judith McLaughlin
June Speck	ROSS	June Speck
Tracey Cutfield	HOKITIKA	Tracey Cutfield
Susan Allen	Hokitika	Susan Allen
Josie Foste	Hokitika	Josie Foste
Kristy Wilson	Hokitika	Kristy Wilson
LIZ GUNSTONE	Hokitika	LIZ GUNSTONE
C Fahay	Dillmanstown	C Fahay
NWOLTERS	HOKITIKA	NWOLTERS

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IAN WARD	HOKITIKA	
Ben Hoffman	Hokitika	
Tonya Amy	Hokitika	
Marcia Pratt	USA	
Christine Barton	Hokitika	
Heather Neilly	South Australia	
Kevin Ward	Hokitika	
James Wilde	Hokitika	
Janet Koster	Hokitika	
Jo McSorley	Greymouth	
D WILDE	Hokitika	
S WILSON	Hokitika	
TIA RANDELL	ALL OF NZ (u)	
C MCHUR	Germany	
J MONAGHAN	France	
R. Smith	Cippenorth	
David	littleton	

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Antoni	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
NICK	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Manika	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
P. Stuart	U.S.	P. Stuart
Vicki Klemm	Hokitika	V Klemm
D Burrie	US	<i>[Signature]</i>
K. Le Comte	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
R. Hensh	Ross	R Hensh
J. Lovendge	Whanganui	<i>[Signature]</i>
M. Jones	Auckland	<i>[Signature]</i>
L. Heckerden	Hokitika	L. Heckerden
C. Heckerden	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
S. Hrceman	Nellys	<i>[Signature]</i>
C. & Steve	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Michelle Urnison	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
ROLAND URNISON	HOKITIKA	<i>[Signature]</i>
Zandra Pirie	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>

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Lorraine Davidson	Hokitika	L Davidson
Hali Porter	Hokitika	H Porter
Neroli Jensen	Hokitika	N Jensen
TRISH Mann	HOKITIKA	Trish M
Chris Wright	Hokitika	C Wright
Colleen Newton	Hokitika	C Newton
Nave Searle	Ross	N Searle
Patsy Bell	Hokitika	P Bell
Jill Bain	Hokitika	J Bain
Chris Wood	"	C Wood
Tammy Cox	Greymouth	T Cox
Anne Rogmann	Greymouth	A Rogmann
Jo Petrovic	Mayfield	J Petrovic
Tony Hoare	Mayfield	T Hoare
Janice Fanselow	Hokitika	J Fanselow
Alexis van Dissel	Hokitika	A van Dissel
Linda Brown	Hokitika	L Brown

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TOM BELTON	HOKITIKA	
George Howland	"	
Theresa Blok	Hokitika	
Jan Bain	Hokitika	
Emily Bradley	Hokitika	
Jan Bain	Hokitika	
Alice Young	Hokitika	
P. FAIR	HOKI	
G. STILES	HOKITIKA	
Rosemary Manuel	Christchurch	
Megan Laidi	Hokitika	
Linda Buglass	Hokitika	
Paylin McLeod	Greymouth	
Claire Jervis	Hokitika	
Ruth Sullivan-White	Hokitika	
Jeanie Krett	Hokitika	
KEVIN SHUEN	HOKITIKA	

Grey Power Only

Jill McKie Hokitika
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Lucy Foster	Hokitika	Lucy Foster
Kerley Loulakis	Bethel	Kerley Loulakis
Kym Jones	Whangarei	K Jones
Sharon Jones	Whangarei	Sharon Jones
Jennifer Bower	Hokitika	Jennifer Bower
Pam Miller	Bethel	Pam Miller
Virginia McCallum	Hokitika NZ, US	Virginia McCallum
Mark Brown	Hokitika	Mark Brown
John Giles	Christ Church	John Giles
Kesley Mather	Rangiora	Kesley Mather
Max HENNEN	Belgium	Max Hennen
Colin Thompson	Christchurch	Colin Thompson
Violet McDermott	Hokitika	Violet McDermott
Kelly Wilson	Hokitika	Kelly Wilson
BOB CRANBY	HOKITIKA	Bob Cranby
Debra-Anne	Hokitika	Debra-Anne
Breanna	Hokitika	Breanna

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B. Cardonec	Hoki	B. Cardonec
B. Hill	ESTERDINE	B. Hill
R Schellebeck	Melbourne	R Schellebeck
E.J. Sheehan	Orewa	E.J. Sheehan
S.M. Kohler	Auckland	S.M. Kohler
Dobbin Mason	Hoki	Dobbin Mason
L. Linnestefani	Hokitika	L. Linnestefani
M. Mackintosh	Hokitika	M. Mackintosh
Leanne Wanstall	Greymouth	Leanne Wanstall
Jordy Schellebeck	Melbourne	Jordy Schellebeck
Katrin Marshall	Hobart	Katrin Marshall
Nisha Karaba	Hobart	Nisha Karaba
Yessso Koppun	HOKITIKA	Yessso Koppun
Jasmine Maitty	Hokitika	Jasmine Maitty
TERRY GARLAND	KEIKERI	TERRY GARLAND
Alan Stevens	Hokitika	ALAN STEVENS
Christy Adams	Las Vegas	Christy Adams

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Stephanie Knighten	HOKITIKA	Stephanie Knighten
Dem Abbott	Hokitika	Dem Abbott
Kystal Hareaka	" "	Kystal Hareaka
Jack Matthews	Hokitika	Jack Matthews
Scott Matthews	Hokitika	Scott Matthews
Estella Turnbull	" "	Estella Turnbull
Tom Barker	" "	Tom Barker
Steven Schaper	Greymouth	Steven Schaper
Raphael Dodge	Ch Ch	Raphael Dodge
Hans Schaper	Ch Ch	Hans Schaper
Janice	Ch Ch	Janice
Aria	Ch Ch	Aria
Dean Griffith	"	Dean Griffith
Sylvia Ross	Hokitika	Sylvia Ross
Helen Fuller	Ross	Helen Fuller
Irene Ritche	Hokitika	Irene Ritche
Pete Bleeker	Hokitika	Pete Bleeker

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DEAN CUMMING'S	HOKITIKA	
VANUGHAN BRADLEY	HOKITIKA	
Hele Cook	RIDG	
JAMES WELSH	Hokitika	
JOHNNY WETLES	Ross	
B. Kay Lyes	Hokitika	
Sue Asplin	Hokitika	
Beth Rooke	Hokitika	
Pauline Jeanard	Melbourne Australia	
Michael Hadman	"	
Michelle Wood	Hokitika	M. D. Wood
M. Schwartz	Castle Hill	
Jane Andrews	Hokitika	
Graham Provis	Hokitika	
Isabel Cummings	Hokitika	Cummings
Mike Russell	Hokitika	
Kim Fleming	Hokitika	

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Jeann Potter	Hokitika	Jeann Potter
Kate Buckley	Hokitika	Kate Buckley
Aune Daniel	Hokitika	Aune Daniel
Don Neale	Hokitika	Don Neale
Michael Orchard	Hokitika	Michael Orchard
Carmen Hortley	Kaniere	Carmen Hortley
Richard Mackley	Kaniere	Richard Mackley
Lisa Flanagan	Hokitika	Lisa Flanagan
Korinne Culling	Hokitika	Korinne Culling
Kelly Gordyne	Hokitika	Kelly Gordyne
Pete Laing	Christchurch	Pete Laing
June King	Christchurch	June King
Lisa Bell	Hokitika	Lisa Bell
Sue Teer	Hokitika	Sue Teer
Maria Savage	Hokitika	Maria Savage
Lisa Chant	Hokitika	Lisa Chant
Hannah Kahl	Hokitika	Hannah Kahl

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Dani Cummings	Otautahi	
Kelli Maffey	Hokitika	
Maria Roberts	Greymouth	M. Roberts
Fiona Anderson	Hokitika	F Anderson
Nola Rochford	Hokitika	N M Rochford
Vanis Fisher	Hokitika	V Fisher
Sarah Mbugua	Dillonstown	S M
Jiane Houston	Hokitika	J H
KEITH HOUSTON	HOKITIKA	
Sachin Malik	Hokitika	
CHRISSE M'EWAN	Rimua	C M'ewan
Vaughan M'Ewan	Hokitika	V M'ewan
Pauline Te Rakau	Awatuna	PM Te Rakau
Lynn Welsford	Greymouth	
Mooreen Evans	HOKITIKA	MEVANS
Nicole Smith	Greymouth	
Bruce Tomlinson	Hokitika	

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Hannes V. + Verena	Vienna	H. Uien
Pat Lister	Ross	Pat L.
Trev Lister	Ross	Trev L.
Felicity Erné	Adelaide	Felicity Erné
Dale Miller-Cana	Adelaide	Dale
Ani Dawey	WAKATU	Ani Dawey
Sue Lynch	Hokitika	Sue Lynch
Jue Stewart	Hokitika	Jue Stewart
John	Hokitika	John
Julie Martin	Hokitika	Julie Martin
M. Filer	Nelson	M. Filer
Er. Filer	Nelson	Er. Filer
Hannah	Hokitika	Hannah
Laura Neale	Hokitika	Laura Neale
Kathleen Potter	Hokitika	Kathleen Potter
Alessandra Zamir	AUS	Alessandra Zamir
Janes Munnings	Aus	Janes Munnings

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CATHY ALEXANDER	HOKITIKA	<i>[Signature]</i>
MIKE ELLIOTT	HOKITIKA	<i>[Signature]</i>
Kelly Stevens	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Cameron Jones	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
TOM BELTON	HOKITIKA	<i>[Signature]</i>
Kayre Cunnew	"	<i>[Signature]</i>
Jose Watson	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Lathrang Martin	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Richard O'Brien	Ahik	<i>[Signature]</i>
Sue Cotton	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Geoff Ennis	Lake Tekapo	<i>[Signature]</i>
Colin Mackay	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Trevor Henry	Karamaea	<i>[Signature]</i>
P. MACKAY	HOKITIKA	<i>[Signature]</i>
George Jackson	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Des Elery	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Linda Dawson	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>

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Bruce Reeves	HOKITIKA	
Yvonne Reeve	Hokitika	
NGAWAI TAHI	HOKITIKA	
BEN PEET	HOKITIKA	
SALLY PEET	Hokitika	
Don Hibbs	Ikurangi	
Derek Dunbar	Tuwanga	
Myra Waugh	Hokitika	
Raeoni Wright	Hokitika	
Rima Tainui	Hokitika	
Jana Mackie	Hokitika	
Jonny Cook	Hokitika	
Maureen Payne	Kumara	
Jana Monk	Whatareka	
Ali Senior	Christchurch	
Jan Wilding	✓	
Janos Franklin	Hokitika	

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Sue Stanton	Kumara	
Maweska Hibbs	Hokitika	
JULIE JOHNSON	HOKITIKA	
Jasmine Eagle	Hokitika	
Abby Van Dissel	Stafford	
Gill Hannah	Hokitika	
Emma Lyles	Hokitika	
Adrian McIntosh	Hokitika	
Linda Buglass	Hokitika	
Kyla Johnson	Hokitika	
Marie Alison	Hokitika	
Kennie Bourke	Hokitika	
John Bourke	Hokitika	
Ali Mason	"	
Nal Broughton	"	
G. G. G. G.	"	
As Sullivan	Hori Hori	

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Sharon McLean	Greymouth	
Suzanne Dent	Hokitika	
Jane Cumble	Hokitika	
Jodie Thomson	Hokitika	
S. Aitken	Hokitika	
A. BM	Hokitika	
Ely Stuart	Ross/Hoki	
Shah Cui	Hokitika	
Vicky Wall	Hokitika	
Emma Honey	Oran & Andrews plumbers	
Duncan Hamilton	Hokitika	
Marie Tucker	Greymouth	
Sarah Honey	Hokitika	
Ridie Henderson	Hokitika	
Stephen Braslett	Hokitika	
David Simpson		
Ben Greensill	Auckland	

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Beryl Agnew	HOKITIKA	<i>Beryl Agnew</i>
Anna Champion	Hokitika	<i>A Champion</i>
Graeme McD	Hoki	<i>G. McD</i>
maria moeke	Grey	<i>M. Moeko</i>
BROOKLYN	HOKI	<i>BE MOEKE</i>
VICKI SWEET	HOKI	<i>V Sweet</i>
G O'Connor	Grey	<i>G O'Connor</i>
R O'Connor	Greymouth	<i>R O'Connor</i>
B. Austin	Hokitika	<i>B Austin</i>
M Murray	Hokitika	<i>M Murray</i>
K Lake	Hokitika	<i>K Lake</i>
R. TONITTO	SYDNEY	<i>R. Tonitto</i>
OSCAR DO DEL SALES	"	<i>Oscar do Del Sales</i>
J Stephens	Westport	<i>J Stephens</i>
L Dun	greymouth	<i>L Dun</i>
Rosa Dunavel	Westport	<i>Rosa Dunavel</i>
Kirsty McLean	Greymouth	<i>Kirsty McLean</i>

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Name	Town	Signature
Marie-Louise Anne	Hik	[Signature]
No Tootell	Hik	[Signature]
Rachelle Weaver	Hokitika	[Signature]
Bub Martin-Smith	Hokitika	[Signature]
Queenie deLoraine	Hokitika	[Signature]
Graham Ender	Hoki	[Signature]
Nancy G	Hokitika	[Signature]
Rebecca Jackson	Hokitika	[Signature]
Natasha Haynes	Hokitika	[Signature]
Shania Nicholls	Hoki	[Signature]
Alicia Jenkins	Hoki	[Signature]
Jolene Blok	Hoki	[Signature]
Paula Cox	Greymouth	[Signature]
Eleanor Te Rakau	Hoki	[Signature]
Andrew Burgess	RUATARA	[Signature]
Phil Green	Hokitika	[Signature]
Mikayla Smith	Hokitika	[Signature]

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Name	Town	Signature
R. DAVIDSON	HOKITIKA	R. Davidson
Ruhi Tumahai	Hokitika	Rumahai
Mikayla Tumahai	Hokitika	M.L.
Mussy Campbell	Hokitika	M. Campbell
Jools CAMPBELL	ARAHURA	J. Campbell
Iameki Tumahai	Arahura	Iameki Tumahai
Luke Skjvalbak	---	L. Skjvalbak
JULIE JOHNSON	HOKITIKA	J. Johnson
Kaya Ryan	Reefton	K. Ryan
John	Reefton	J.
Tony	Renwick	T. Tony
Robert Honey	Hokitika	R. Honey
C.C. Johnston	Hoki	C.C.
Daniella Bistecy	Hokitika	D. Bistecy
Sol Norton	Haast	S. Norton
Paul Norton	Haast	P. Norton
Lynda Hower	HOKITIKA	L. Hower

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Name	Town	Signature
Nikola Davies	Kumara 45 Union St	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i> 0273084584
Diane Tapp	ROSS	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i> Dene Tapp
Erica Pweanusu	Hokitika	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>
Trish Laphome	HOKITIKA	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i> P. Laphome
Pamela Kengdaes	Hokitika	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>
Dine Hordley	Hokitika	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i> Dine Hordley
Shona Marshall	Kamies	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i> Shona Marshall
Amanda Bell	HOKI	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i> Amanda Bell
Rene French	HOKI	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>
P. Maricotte	HOKI	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i> P. Maricotte
BRENT NICOLL	HOKITIKA	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>
Brian Wilkinson	HOKI	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i> B. Wilkinson
Katherine Jones	Hokitika	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i> K.M. Jones
Galonne	"	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>
Nicole	Hokitika	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i> Nicole
Rachael Sandrey	Hokitika	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i> Rachael Sandrey
Donny Stob	Chch	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>

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Michelle Chalmer	Mackland	
Shivon Pole	Hokitika	
Mahara Billingham	" "	
Iwan Pole	" "	
Lari Johnston	" "	
Adam Shaw	Hari Hari	
Jenna Shaw	" "	
Helen Steve Cox	Te Aroha.	
Mark Songster	Hokitika	
ARON KRISTEN	Hokitika	
Ian Anderson	Auckland.	
Jennifer Anderson	"	
Josh b	Hoki	
Lauren Day	Hokitika	
Neil	Hoki	
Colleen	Hokitika	
GRANT SYMONS	KANIERE	

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Leigh Foulger	Hanham	
H. Souter	HOKITIKA	
S. Peterson	Hokitika	
Belinda Butterfield	HOKITIKA	
Rose Beagley	Ruatapu	
Leanne Mahuka	HOKITIKA	
Rachel Taplin	Kumara Junction	
Terry Morris	Chick	
Liam McLoughlin	Hokitika	
L Bell	Greymouth	
J. VAN THUW	Hokitika	
D. Fenton	"	
L Park	Mosgiel	
K. Paris	Mosgiel	
Karen McNeel	Hokitika	
Janet Thomas	Nelson	
Jane Denton	Chick	

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Wayne Aitken	Cameron's	
Betty Neller	Cameron's	
Francie Ikin	Kumara Junction	
Marg Ilton	Kumara Junction	
Sandy Lockhart	HOKITIKA	
Richard Lockhart	HOKITIKA	
Pam Finch	HOKITIKA	
Karol Schist	HOKITIKA	
Shirley Evans	"	
Charmin Hubbard	Hokitika	
Trish Baird	Hokitika	
Lois Meldrum	HOKITIKA	
Colleen Freitas	Hokitika	
Stephen Foskett	Hokitika	
Sue Shute	Hokitika	
Dot Peters	Hokitika	
Joan Kellman	"	

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Yuan Banan	H	
Yuan Banan	Hoki	YB.
SILLIAN Kearns	Hokitika	SA Kearns
Mandy Spald	Hokitika	M Spald
Clarice Hutt	" "	B Hutt
Stacy Pent	" "	Stacy Pent
Jan Richardson	" "	S.A. Richardson
Crystal Mason	Arahua	Crystal Mason
Charlie Ogden	Christchurch	Charlie Ogden
Barbara McAlpine	Hokitika	B.A.McA.
Anne Fallon	Hokitika	Anne Fallon
Rachelle Weaver	Hokitika	Rachelle Weaver
Jo Spargo	Greymouth	Jo Spargo
Val Morgan	Hokitika	Val Morgan
Rachal Mahara	Hokitika	Rachal Mahara
Marilyn McMillan	Hokitika	Marilyn McMillan
Barbara Nightingale	Hokitika	Barbara Nightingale

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Jordan Nilson	Hokitika	
Kynda Halliday	Hokitika	
Kellie Parke	Hokitika	
Louise Morgan	Hokitika	
Lez Morgan	Hokitika	
	Hokitika	
Erika Sturm	Ross	
Bridget Mouniken	Hokitika	
Mary Blackburn	Hokitika	
Marilyn Turner	Ross	M.T.
Gretchen Bayel	Christchurch	
Dean Hetherington	Hokitika	
Alex Callawick	Hokitika	
Adrienne Arnold	Hokitika	
Miriam McElwaine	Hokitika	M McElwaine
Kara O'Reilly	Hokitika	
		

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Marion May	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
James Johnston	HOKITIKA	<i>[Signature]</i>
A Beecroft	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
PHYLLIS JOHNSTON	HOKITIKA	<i>[Signature]</i>
BW Mene	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Kath Rogers	HOKITIKA	<i>[Signature]</i>
Senny Schrader	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Betty Tohill	HOKITIKA	<i>[Signature]</i>
Adrienne Pilcher	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
TOMMY ALTHEA	HOKITIKA	<i>[Signature]</i>
Barbara Malpas	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Jeanette	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Erin Dykstra	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Peter Jackson	HOKITIKA	<i>[Signature]</i>
Gidget Crowther	ROSS	<i>[Signature]</i>
D.F.S. JOHNSON	HOKITIKA	<i>[Signature]</i>
R. Gadsden	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>

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Wayne Hydes Chch

WD

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Patrick Poudrell	Awatunua	P Poudrell
Cerlito Tragora	Hokitika	C Tragora
Lisa Stewart	Hokitika	L Stewart
Sue Lynch	Hokitika	S Lynch
Jenny Bart	Hokitika	J Bart
W. Kroupa	Awatunua	W. Kroupa
Marie Mollou	Hokitika	M Mollou
Faulette Arnold	Hokitika	F Arnold
Dakie Reeves	Hokitika	D Reeves
Robn Pearson	Hokitika	R Pearson
Kevin Anderson	Hokitika	K Anderson
Arna Carlson	Hokitika	A Carlson
Shannon Galloy	" "	S Galloy
Robin Fong	SYDNEY	R Fong
Miriam Mason	Hokitika	M Mason
Philip Arnold	Hokitika	P Arnold
Barry Rockford	HOKITIKA	B Rockford

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Clare Monk Nelson
Bill Millar HOKITIKA

Clare Monk
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Komal est ^{est} kak	Hokitika	[Signature]
Nadio Robinson	"	[Signature]
Coit Wilson	"	[Signature]
Hera Parker	"	[Signature]
Kihun	Hokitika	[Signature]
Angelica Lipardo	Hokitika	[Signature]
Sarah Ollivers	Hokitika	[Signature]
Cassidy Wastey	Hokitika	[Signature]
Lesley Olson	Hokitika	[Signature]
Judith Wane	Hokitika	[Signature]
Wesley Skelton	Hokitika	[Signature]
Melanie Richards	Hokitika	[Signature]
Miriam Jackson	Hokitika	[Signature]
Nausha Dickie	Hokitika	[Signature]
Reama Motu	Hokitika	[Signature]
Senimili Motu	Hokitika	[Signature]
Fika Motu	Hokitika	[Signature]

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Juliana Thornley	Hokitika	
Lyn	Hokitika	
Claudia Scowen	Hokitika	
Yuko Pierson	Hokitika	
Sally Shaw	Hokitika	
Irene Godfrey	Hokitika	
LISA TOZER	HOKITIKA	
Ann-Marie Wall	Hokitika	
Catherine Murray	Hokitika	
Merryn Kearns	Hokitika Hokitika	
Sharmaine Stevenson	Hokitika	
Amelia Thomson	Hokitika	
Leanne Castree	Hokitika/Boss	
Joy Cowan	HOKITIKA	
Shari Melby	Hokitika	
Pip Clarke	HOKITIKA	
Vonnie Cherry	Hokitika	

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Melanie Perrose	Hokitika	
Barbara Langley	CH-CH	
Kath Windley	Hokitika	
Chris Windley	Kanieri	
Nadine Pullar	Hokitika	
	Hokitika	
Garance	Hokitika	
Lee	Hokitika	
Ashlea Mahiri	Greymouth	
Lisa Mahurangi	Golden	
D.P. Mahurangi	Golden	
Devi S Sifiretan	Golden	
Carole Nutt	Ohinewai	
Alecia Dickie	Hokitika	
Candice Tuari	Greymouth	
EVE CAMPBELL	Greymouth	
Nicola Murray	greymouth	

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J. Peterson	Hokitika	J. R. Peterson
P. Halliday	Hokitika	P. Halliday
Lynda Boden	Hoki	Lubosa
JANIS VAN N	Hoki	J. Nola
Zrita Smith	Greymouth	Zrita Smith
Rodger Turner	Hokitika	Rodger Turner
Philippa Pearson	HOKITIKA	P. Pearson
Renee Matthews	Hokitika	R. Matthews
Fiona Sudd	HOKITIKA	F. Sudd
Bronwyn Little	Hokitika	Bronwyn Little
Anna Thomas	greymouth	Anna Thomas
Christine Jones	Hokitika	Christine Jones
Jeanne Knott	Hokitika	J. Knott
Weki Thompson	ROSS	Weki Thompson
Eileen Jones	ROSS	Eileen Jones
EB Stewart	Rangiora	EB Stewart
Rm Stewart	Rangiora	Rm Stewart

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J Howland	T HAMES	Tourist !!
P.J. HAWKINS	T HAMES	[Signature]
E. van Acker	Hokitika	[Signature]
Lyndon Park	Mosgiel	[Signature]
Kevin Morrow	Hokitika	[Signature]
Annelie Westphal	Christchurch	[Signature]
A. Reeves	Hoki	[Signature]
A. Reeves	Hokitika	[Signature]
Cassi Reeves	Hokitika	[Signature]
Ken Burt	Hoki	[Signature]
Jerry Burt	Hoki	[Signature]
Anna Schacke	Hoki	AB
Smith	Greymouth	[Signature]
Lewis Jones	Sydney	[Signature]
Kia Dalrymple	Sydney	[Signature]
Megan	Hokitika	[Signature]
RICHARDS	HOKI	[Signature]

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Math Bellamy	Hokitika	<i>Math Bellamy</i>
Amy Coleman	Wanganui	<i>Amy Coleman</i>
Wayne + Dayl Davids	Hokitika	<i>Wayne Davids</i>
Rachel Tomlinson	Hokitika	<i>Rachel Tomlinson</i>
Sandra MacRae	Whatawhata	<i>Sandra MacRae</i>
Marilyn O'Regan	Hokitika	<i>Marilyn O'Regan</i>
Ray King	Hokitika	<i>Ray King</i>
Susan Pugh	"	<i>Susan Pugh</i>
Kate Roberts	"	<i>Kate Roberts</i>
K. Hawker	"	<i>K. Hawker</i>
R Ashley	HOKI	<i>R Ashley</i>
B Clinton B CLINTON	HOKI HOKITIKA	<i>B Clinton</i>
Damia Oga	Hokitika	<i>Damia Oga</i>
Scott Peters	" "	<i>Scott Peters</i>
Karen Kent	"	<i>Karen Kent</i>
M. Schouten	Hokitika	<i>M. Schouten</i>
Maria Molyherembia		<i>Maria Molyherembia</i>

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Name	Town	Signature
Jenny Keegan	Hokitika	
Mike Nelson	Hokitika	
Ran Breeze	Hokitika	
Lizzy Sisk	Hokitika	
Lizzy Keegan	Hokitika	
Mark Walker	Ross	
Anne Lancaster	HOKITIKA	
Kurtis Bell	Hokitika	
Melissa Lee	Hokitika	
Stephen Brassett	Hokitika	
Alta Sacra	Hokitika	
Sam Ridd	Hokitika	
Jane Ridd	Hokitika	
Jax H	KUMARA	
Clare Cosson	Hokitika	
Hauke Nyiam	Hoki	
HAYDER TASKER	ASHBURTON	

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Stephen Foskett	Hokitika	[Signature]
John Hill	"	[Signature]
Gail Brewerton	Hokitika	[Signature]
Lynda Haver	Hokitika	[Signature]
Eileen Parker	KUMARA	[Signature]
Jan Robinson	Hokitika	[Signature]
Lexie Cunningham	"	[Signature]
Lorraine Mejer	"	[Signature]
John Jackson	"	[Signature]
Alma	Alchi	[Signature]
C. Gowland	Hokitika	[Signature]
R. Wallace	HOKITIKA	[Signature]
P Roullon	Hokitika	[Signature]
A. Greig	Hokitika	[Signature]
Tony CUTBERLET	"	[Signature]
Dianne CUTBERLET	"	[Signature]
Sandra Pfankuch	Hokitika	[Signature]

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Name	Town	Signature
C. Bergman	Hokitika	<i>CB</i>
T. Mehtas	''	<i>T Mehtas</i>
James Jameson	HOKITIKA	<i>Jameson</i>
Barbara McPhee	HOKITIKA	<i>B.G. McP-</i>
Steve Boon	Hokitika	<i>Boon</i>
B. Thompson	Hokitika	<i>B Thompson</i>
K. Becker	HOKITIKA	<i>K Becker</i>
T. Cutfield	HOKITIKA	<i>T Cutfield</i>
M. Hoskin	Ross	<i>M Hoskin</i>
R. Vowden	Ross	<i>R Vowden</i>
B. Lawlor	Ross	<i>B Lawlor</i>
A. Cumming	Hokitika	<i>A Cumming</i>
BRAD TOWNS	HOKI	<i>Brad Towns</i>
S. Turner	HOKI	<i>S Turner</i>
Paul Reed	Rangiora. H Home	<i>P Reed</i>
Kay Clarke	Ruataua	<i>K Clarke</i>
Dinny Pugh	HOKI	<i>D Pugh</i>

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MARIA SARIWAT	HAKAIAIUI	
Jenny	Ross	
Phinow	Hamburg	
LUNDERUP	HAMBURG	
LEWIS JONES	ALEXANDRIA	
KIA DALEY	ALEXANDRIA	
Desrae Johnson	Hokitika	
DrolemcGovernor	BERRANE	
Brian Myers	Grey mouth	
JR Stevenson	Hokitika	Jeremy Stevenson
Erin N-T	Hokitika	erin-Tyn
Elise Joyce	HOKITIKA	
Kurtis Bell	Hokitika	
Sean Norton-Taylor	Hokitika	
Kenneth Johnson	" "	
Andrew Kalku	" "	
Jason Scaven	" "	

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Ingrid Gruner	Hokitika	<i>I. Gruner</i>
JANE CHURCHWELL	"	<i>Jane Churchwell</i>
D. Elwood	Hoki	<i>D. Elwood</i>
Anna Fonte	Hoki	<i>Anna Fonte</i>
Frances Lynch	Auckland	<i>Frances M Lynch</i>
Alison Mayhead	Greymouth	<i>Alison Mayhead</i>
Dennis Lynch	Auckland	<i>Dennis Lynch</i>
Spider Aedus	Hokitika	<i>Spider Aedus</i>
Toenel Hardside	Wellington	<i>Toenel Hardside</i>
John Hardside	"	<i>John Hardside</i>
Mark Pergunte	Stanley Brook	<i>Mark Pergunte</i>
Annalores	Hokitika	<i>Annalores</i>
Lilla Jellie	Hokitika	<i>Lilla Jellie</i>
Ruiki Tumaha	Hokitika	<i>Ruiki Tumaha</i>
Joanne Leabourn	Hokitika	<i>Joanne Leabourn</i>
Mikayla Tumaha	Hokitika	<i>Mikayla Tumaha</i>
Ruiki Tumaha	Cannock	<i>Ruiki Tumaha</i>

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JACINTA BROWN	Hokitika	[Signature]
Lyn Bergman Ma.	Hokitika	[Signature]
Carole Fearn	Hoki	[Signature]
Korinae "Ma" O'Callahan	" "	[Signature]
Brony Vespa	Hoki	[Signature]
Verida Murray	Hoki	[Signature]
Jodie Hill	Hoki	[Signature]
Christine Johnson	Hanmer	[Signature]
Greene Johnston	Hanmere	[Signature]
Juliette Sample	Hokitika	[Signature]
Alan Bell	Hokitika	[Signature]
TOM PICKETT	" "	[Signature]
Stu Davidson	Hokitika	[Signature]
Jeanette	Hokitika	[Signature]
Cathy Gimaldu	Hokitika	[Signature]
Iva Gimaldu	Hoki	[Signature]

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Simon Heath	HOKITIKA	
Rachel Little	Kawitirangi	
Mark Agnew	Hokitika	
Edmond Agnew	Hokitika (past resid.)	
Frank Willis	RDI KUMARA	
Michael McEwen	Hokitika	
Cedric Wood	Hokitika	
Michelle Koney	Hokitika	
Donna Wilde	Hokitika	
Stacy Wynn	Hokitika	
MIKE KEENAN	HOKITIKA	
Sheryn Anderson	Hokitika	
Wade Anderson	Hokitika	
Sheldon Kirby	Hokitika	
Lucy Roberts	Hokitika	
Alden Hall	Hokitika	
ARMY HODGINS	HOKITIKA	

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Ayla Boonstoppel	Hokitika	
Bas Vogel	Hokitika	
MIKE WYLLIS	HOKITIKA	
DEBBIE COLLINS	HOKITIKA	
Nola Rasmussen	Hokitika	
Hani Burns	Hokitika	
Matt Costin	Hokitika	
Ruth Russ	Hokitika	
Rodger Russ	Hokitika	
Jo Kearns	Hokitika	
Mark Smith	"	
Shirley Willis	"	
Grant Meedings	Hokitika "	
Andrea King	Hokitika	
Phil King	Hokitika	
Amir Khan	Hokitika	
Amy Ison	" "	

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Kevin Stevenson	Hokitika	
Lilian Mellsoe-Mulsen	Hokitika	
Glenis Waugh	Hokitika	Glenis M. Waugh
David L Waugh	Hokitika	D. Waugh
Pauline Weaver	Hokitika	P. Weaver
Gordon Linklater	Hokitika	G. Linklater
Dorothy Bostwick	"	D. Bostwick
Kayla Siete	Hokitika	K. Siete
MURRAY BAIN	"	Murray Bain
Jeremy Martin	Hokitika	
Cheryl Marfeldt	Kumara	
Martin Harcus	Hokitika	
Charlotte Hume Weaver	Hokitika	Charlotte Hume Weaver
Simon Meneu	Haritani	Simon Meneu
Donna Cavander	Blackball	Donna Cavander
Middle Leigh	Hokitika	M. Leigh
Brenda Gill	Cremorne	B. Gill

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Katherine Wright	Hokitika	
SAM Ngommo	Hokitika	
KVNE WILLIAMS	HOKITIKA	
Dick O'Connell	Hokitika	
Huyen Tran	Hokitika	
MARILYN LEEMING	HOKITIKA.	
Dorothy Bostwick	"	
Monica Tuck	"	
COLIN RYAN	"	
CORRINE WHITISKI	"	
Brenda Mulder	"	
Sonia Cochrane	"	
TeAroha Wilson	Hokitika	
BILL CARTER	"	
Matthew McMenamy	Hokitika	
Deakin	HOKITIKA	
Joseph Trevor Malloy	Malloy	

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Charles Ferguson	Hokitika	<i>C. Ferguson</i>
Carol Gaskell	Hokitika	<i>Carol Gaskell</i>
Norma Spelman	"	<i>N. Spelman</i>
Deanna Singer	Hokitika	<i>Deanna Singer</i>
Russell Erickson	" "	<i>Russell Erickson</i>
Jeanette	-11 11	<i>Jeanette</i>
Diana Panapa	Hokitika	<i>D. Panapa</i>
W. GUNSON	" "	<i>W. Gunson</i>
H. & A Hall	Ch Ch	<i>H. & A Hall</i>
Arthur Hall	CHCH	<i>Arthur B Hall</i>
Steven Pettich	Hzechoe	<i>S. Pettich</i>
Stine Korff	Flenzburg, De	<i>Stine Korff</i>
Niclas Gropentier	Rostock, De	<i>Niclas Gropentier</i>
Jill Shriver	Wanaka	<i>Jill Shriver</i>
GARY SHEPHERD	Wanaka	<i>Gary Shepherd</i>
ADELA KADEROVA	CZECH	<i>Adela Kaderova</i>
Filip Michel	Czech	<i>Filip Michel</i>

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Aleigha	Hokitika	
D Dawn	Hokitika	
Hannah Pacey	Hokitika	
Adele	Hokitika	
Gwen	HOKITIKA	
Te Amo Tamaira	Hokitika	
Narcy Curtis	Hokitika	
Mary Ann Tam	Hokitika	
Maria Robinson	Hokitika	
Glenda Bingham	Hokitika	
Alison Vincent	GREYMOOUTH	
Jordan Leake-Tairua	Hokitika	
Thane Ganesan	Hokitika	
Leslie Barbour	Hokitika	
Clare Peters	Hokitika	
Eric Johnson	Queenstown	
Naomi Eyre	Hokitika	

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KEVIN SWEETMAN	HOKITIKA	K. F. Sweetman
Joan Blacktopp	Hokitika	J Blacktopp
Matthew Cowie	Hokitika	M Cowie
Kirstie Plimmer	Hokitika	K Plimmer
Diana Panapa	Hokitika	D Panapa
Michelle Wyllie	Hokitika	M Wyllie
Julie Toward	Hokitika	J Toward
Neil Bolton	Namie	N Bolton
Natalie Shrimpton	Hokitika	N Shrimpton
Nico	Hokitika	Nico
Jamer	Hokitika	Jamer
Shirley Grand	Hokitika	S Grand
Mike Owens	Hoki	M Owens
Peter Breeza	Hoki	P Breeza
Brent Doncliff	Hokitika	B Doncliff
Dianne Marera	Ross	D Marera
Ruth White	Hokitika	R White

Peter McLaughlin Karere
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Jayden Fearn Hokitika
Michael Schimmmer Hokitika
Sandra Inwood Hokitika

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Hami Mason	Hokitika	
Reuben Williams	Hokitika	
Tony Mahuka	Hokitika	
Rhonda Shute	Hokitika	
Eugene Nicholls	HOKITIKA	
Pearce	HOKITIKA	
Paul Mason	Hokitika	
John Kerr	Hokitika	
Kevin Moro	Hoki	
Jason Wilson	Hokitika	
G. Schmetz	Hokitika	
J. Mason	Hokitika	
BARRY GEATER	HOKITIKA	
RC Fearn	Hokitika	
Basil Wyness	Hokitika	
Joey Bradley	Hokitika	
Leslie Blackman	Hokitika	

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M. Gill	Hokitika	[Signature]
Heather Dwyer	Hokitika	[Signature]
Hannah Yarnall	"	[Signature]
HARRY WILSON	Hokitika	[Signature]
Kyla Johnson	Hokitika	[Signature]
Amy Sutherland	Hokitika	[Signature]
Katelyn Smith	Hokitika	[Signature]
Marlene Chant	Hokitika	[Signature]
Liam Anderson	Hokitika	[Signature]
Frances Harris	Hokitika	[Signature]
Robert Harris	Hokitika	[Signature]
Lynley Hargreaves	Ross	[Signature]
Maria Cunningham	Hokitika	[Signature]
John Birch	Hokitika	[Signature]
Leanne Pike	Hokitika	[Signature]
Glenda Hall	"	[Signature]
Jess Brown	Hokitika	[Signature]

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Miriam McClowie	HOKITIKA	M McClowie
Amy Gray	Hokitika	A Gray
Kath Maitland	Ross	K Maitland
W.G. Swamy	ex Kanierve	W.G. Swamy
Jim Laughlin	Chch	J Laughlin
Mark Crompton	Hokitika	M Crompton
Helen Cate	Hokitika	H Cate
Raeven McLenan	Hokitika	Raeven McLenan
Gloria Mulholland	Hokitika	G Mulholland
Noelle Sted	Hokitika	N Sted
Mary Delore	" "	M Delore
Sue Davis	Hokitika	S Davis
Alu Davidson		A Davidson
Sherry Woodside	Whataroa	S Woodside
Ian Barbootha	Brisbane	I Barbootha
Gene Wilson	Hokitika	G Wilson
ANTHONY WILSON	HOKITIKA	A Wilson

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Rujira Jeangsom	Hokitika	
E. Klahan	Hokitika	
J. Stapleton	Hokitika	
A. Bradley	"	
M. Bloomfield	Hokitika	
G. Rennie	Hokitika	
H. Clark	Hokitika	
Aila Jeary	Hokitika	
Amigo Galo	Hokitika	
Casey Jones	Hokitika	
Kelly Young	Hokitika	
Dylan Young	Hokitika	
Sonia Smith	Cremorne	
Katee Nelson	Hokitika	
Jean Nelson	Hokitika	
Lesley Webb	Hokitika	
Laura Anderson	Hokitika	

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D. Jackson	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
N. Davidson	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
M. Cameron	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Daryl Payer	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Angela Payer	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Marilyn Le Compte	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Y McFarquhar	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
W Cameron	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Judith Jones	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Holly McHugh	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Brett Edwards	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Sue Leash	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Heather Manera	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Adam Quarf	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
John Willis	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Robin Ell	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>

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<i>M W Lash</i>	HOKI	<i>M W Lash</i>
Jeannii Knott	Hokitika	<i>J Knott</i>
Suzanne Wemyss	Hokitika	<i>S M Wemyss</i>
Caarle Waini	Hoki	<i>CA</i>
Lydenys Muir	Hokitika	<i>L Muir</i>
Richard Pierson	Kaniere	<i>R P J</i>
Dianne Breeze	Hokitika	<i>D Breeze</i>
Tom Roesch	u u	<i>T Roesch</i>
Heidi Roesch	u u	<i>Heidi Roesch</i>
Willette Henry	Hokitika	<i>W Henry</i>
Bob McKerron	NORTHWOOD (Hoki)	<i>B McKerron</i>
B Presten	Hokitika	<i>B Presten</i>
P Windle	ROSS	<i>P Windle</i>
M Hulme	Hokitika	<i>M Hulme</i>
J.L.M. Kelderman	Hokitika	<i>JLM</i>
L. Mahuika	Hokitika	<i>L Mahuika</i>
Raquel	Nelson	<i>Raquel</i>

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Ma deleine Castle	Kumara	Ma deleine Castle
Miriam Rees	HOKITIKA	M Rees
Miriam Whale	Kumara Junction	M Whale
Alison Harper	Hokitika	Alison Harper
E. K. Brown	HOKITIKA	E. K. BROWN.
E. C. Brown	"	E. C. BROWN.
E. Bradley	Hokitika	E. Bradley
GARY FEARNOW	HOKITIKA	Gary Fearnow
Annette Jaggard	Hokitika	Annette Jaggard
Carol Martin	Hokitika	Carol Martin
EVA RUMPLED	HOKITIKA	E Rumped
ANNETTE McFADEN	RUATARI	Annette McFaden
Dominic Markiw	Wanaka	Dominic Markiw
Maddelyn Harris	Wanaka	M Harris
LEONISA LABASAN	HOKITIKA	Leonisa Labasan
Eidon Bennett	" "	Eidon Bennett

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Col Pieper	Ruatapu	
Lorraine Pacey	Ruatapu	
Paige Kirby	Hokitika	
Mark Miller	Hokitika	
Lynda Macpherson	Hokitika	
Lindy Roberts Steyn	HOKITIKA	
Angela Turnbull	HOKITIKA	
Ann Rugh	Hokitika	
Richard Halliday	Waikanae (visitor)	
Goldie Halliday	Waikanae	
Victoria Halliday	Hoki	
Grant O'Brien	Hokitika	
Levy Macpherson	HOKITIKA This is also our town hall	
Adam Hall	Albert Town	
Wick Bees	Hokitika	
Jay Costello	Barrytown	

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Evan Blackman	Hokitika	
Jose Timmerman	Hokitika	
Jill Foster	Hokitika	
Pranvi Kuzin	Trotter	
N M GRINE	PAEKAKARIKI	
Michael Nickerson	PAEKAKARIKI	
Tasha Day	Hokitika	
Lily Day	Hokitika	
Jane Johnson	Golden Bay	
Ashlee Papara	Nelson	
Nelisi	Hokitika	
Sora Person	Hokitika	
Sophie Thomas - Hurley	Hokitika	
Indy Green	Hokitika	
Ronan Watson	Hokitika	
Leone Marsden	Hokitika	
G. Smith	Christchurch	

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Brooke Mellisop	Hokitika	
Dink Booner	Christchurch	
Tom watts	Queenstown	
Alice Ramsdell	Queenstown	
Olivia Hoels	Hokitika	
Matt Edgar	Queenstown	
Margie Elton	Queenstown	
Craig Thomson	Hokitika	
Dennis May	HOKITIKA	
Liz Clark	Christchurch	
John Gurney	Christchurch	
John Rowe	Dannevirke	
Kim Rowe	Dannevirke	
Grant Hinchliff	Hokitika	
Janet Gawn	Hokitika	
Rosina Newland	Hokitika	
Bob Newland	Hokitika	

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JAMES BERTINSHAW	Hokitika	
EVA RUMPLEK	HOKITIKA	
Madison Kooze	" "	
Edward Wasthean	Waipara	
Lyndall Watson	Hokitika	
Eli Stone	Wellington	
INZER PERKINS	HOKITIKA	
KERRY WESTON	Hokitika.	
Siohan O'Malley	Hokitika	
W. Roulha	"	
J. Evans	"	
L. Harden	Hokitika	
Bill Sandston	Greymouth	
Waikohatu Scott	Hokitika	
Will Keen	Hokitika	
Sarah Hawill	Awatuna	
Susie Venable	Hokitika	

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Fau Davidson	Hokitika	
Kate Thwaites	Hokitika	
Erlang Thomson	Hokitika	
Tom Vincent	Christchurch	
Fraze Roberts	Hokitika	
Jenny Thom	Hoki	
Saskia Langeronj	Oxford	
Max Schmid	Oxford	
Nigel Figgins	HAVEZOEIC	
Darbra Figgins	Hawkes Bay	
Tomy Godwin	Ross	
Deborah	Ross	
Vicki Hurley	Hokitika	
LEE-ANN OWEN	HOKITIKA	
Janene Burden	"	
Kacerean Level	Greymouth	
Linda Dewie	Greymouth	

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John Trotter	Hokitika	
Fiona Woodthorpe	Hokitika	
Dean Fearn	Christchurch	
Hayden Capstick	Hokitika	
Alcighn	Hoki	
Kara	Hoki	
Jade	Kaitiaki	
Marty	Hoki	
Carole	Hokitika	
Eli	Greyhound	
Jamie Condy	Hokitika	
NP Johnson	Hokitika	
Meru Islip	Hokitika	
Tracey Stanford-Smith	Hokitika	
Darrel Campbell	Hokitika	
Blayne Cunneen	Hokitika	
	Hokitika	

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Dylan	hari hari	<i>[Signature]</i>
Philippa Freeman	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
MICK FLETCHER	waitara	<i>[Signature]</i>
Lee Davidson	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Simon Waver	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Amy Halliday	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Angela Singh	Christchurch	<i>[Signature]</i>
Jane Hopkinson	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Esau Tautala	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Emily Kammerlohr	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Martin Harris	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Ron Harris	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Annabella May Donald	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Minna Johansson	Barrytown	<i>[Signature]</i>
Joel Tipa	Methven	<i>[Signature]</i>
Clare Luton	Methven	<i>[Signature]</i>
Sam Steele	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>

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Lisa Harris	Grey/hoki	[Signature]
Sandy Smith	Grey/Hoki	[Signature]
Judith Austin	Hoki	[Signature]
Breanna Vercoe	Hoki	[Signature]
Iris M. James	Hokitika	[Signature]
Jim Beard	Hokitika	[Signature]
Christina Moxley	Oamaru	[Signature]
Ronnie Bassett	Otarahi	[Signature]
Ihaka Weepu	Moana	[Signature]
TANYA WEEPU	ARAHURA	[Signature]
Roselee McE D. HORS	HEKITIKA	[Signature]
Sarah Edwards	HOKITIKA	[Signature]
Andrew McKay	Christchurch	[Signature]
Skylla Waller	Christchurch	[Signature]
Mike McKee	HOKI HARI	[Signature]
Alex Parow	Christchurch	[Signature]
Garret Homoy	Greymouth	[Signature]

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Amanda Chapman	Hokitika	
Becky Robinson	Hokitika	
John Hepi	Hokitika	
Philip Olivier	Hokitika	
Kevri-Anne Wilson	Kumara	
Melissa Bowke	Greymouth	
M Wilson	Hokitika	
Katrina Ilton	Serpentine	
Tracey Ilton	Serpentine	
Hélène LE PEUTRÉC	FRANCE	
Marianne HENRIO	FRANCE	
DAVE BARBER	HOKITIKA	
Dave Foster	Kumara	
Thomas bibean	Hokitika	
Kay Godfrey	Hokitika	
Richard Molloy	Franz Josef	
M Molloy	Kumara	

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E. SPEECHLEY	BELMONT	
G. TOWNSTON	MELBOURNE	
G. TOWNSTON	MELBOURNE	
K. Miller	Noosa	
V. CUOMORE	HOKITIKA	
J. CUOMORE	HOKITIKA	
Murray Bowes	HOKITIKA	
Keith Allen	Greyston	
Deise Allen	Greyston	
Bharathi	Hokitika Hokitika	
Marlon W-T	CHCH	
Donna Harvey	Greymouth	
Yvette Thomson	Hokitika	
Sue Huswick	"	
Alan Nelson	Auckland	
Tracy Culler	Hokitika	
Rosy Kay	Hokitika	

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Justin Mahead	Hokitika	<i>jm mahead</i>
Jo Watson	Greymouth	<i>[Signature]</i>
Kayla M Jensen	Kaniere	<i>[Signature]</i>
Jaimeng	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Zemkrut	Greymouth	<i>[Signature]</i>
Rhys Chambers	Hamilton ^{NZ} / visitors	<i>[Signature]</i>
Eric Pircon	" "	<i>[Signature]</i>
Olga Potgich	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Karen Nancekivell	Hokitika	<i>[Signature]</i>
Kyle Payborn	Canada	<i>[Signature]</i>
Lynny [unclear]	Ros	<i>[Signature]</i>
Zoe Wood	Cromwell	<i>[Signature]</i>
Tim Wood	Cromwell	<i>[Signature]</i>
K. Lyred	Greymouth	<i>[Signature]</i>
L. Lynch	Greymouth	<i>[Signature]</i>
J. MacDonald	Kokatahi	<i>[Signature]</i>
J Tauwhare	Rimua	<i>[Signature]</i>

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Derek Barnes	CARTERTON	DG Barnes
Christine Barnes	"	CA Barnes
Fergus Bryant	Hokitika	[Signature]
Brian McKinley	Hokitika	[Signature]
Louisa Quigley	Hokitika	[Signature]
K McKeown	QID	[Signature]
K McIvor	BRISBANE	K McIvor
M. Mather	"	[Signature]
L. McKeown	QID	[Signature]
Ra Strachan	Hokitika	Ra Strachan
URSINA PERRY	HOKITIKA	[Signature]
Maree Johnson	Hokitika	[Signature]
Wally McEwan	Rutheglen	[Signature]
[Signature]	Hokitika	[Signature]
Wayne Dieckhoff	HOK. + LA	[Signature]
[Signature]	Hokitika	[Signature]
J. Coor	Greymouth	[Signature]

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Eileen Chappell	Hokitika	
Carlene Backham	HOKITIKA	
Samatha Selwyn-Ennis	GREYMOUTH	
Sarah Rayner-Turner	HOKITIKA	
Steph Macrae	GREYMOUTH	S.S. MACRAE
EVK Rumpel	HOKITIKA	
Pete Bleeker	HOKI	
Dean Martin	HOKI	
Caroline Parke	HOKITIKA	
Becca Noble	HOKITIKA	
Brittany Loft	HOKITIKA	
Gerald Heward	HOKITIKA	
Donna Stewart	Ruatorua	
Theo	HOKITIKA	
Amy LUKASSEN	HOKI	
Jan Heward	HOKITIKA	
Ron Heward	HOKITIKA	

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Ray Rooney	Hokitika	[Signature]
Saxon Stewart	GREY mouth	[Signature]
Phil Diedrich	Hoki	[Signature]
Lorraine Crowhen	Cross	[Signature]
Pete Te Rakau	Hokitika	[Signature]
Geena Te Rakau	Hoki	[Signature]
Katry Dyzel	Hokitika	K. Dyzel
Meredith Griffin	Hokitika	[Signature]
Alex Lebillant	Hokitika	[Signature]
Gillian Belton	Hokitika	[Signature]
Solisabodie Gibb	Hokitika	[Signature]
Jessica McCobb	Hokitika	[Signature]
Murray Marsh	Hokitika	[Signature]
Helen Newman	Nelson	[Signature]
Nicole Dalley	Hokitika	[Signature]
Darby & Juliet Anderson	CHRISTCHURCH	[Signature]
Julia Anderson	"	[Signature]

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Chelsea Keston	Hokitika	
Karen Menlee	Hokitika	
Lou Macpherson	Hokitika	
NIKEL TIER	Hokitika	
MALCOLM CRESSWELL	Hokitika	
Cathy Holmden	Nelson	
WILLIAM HOLMIDEN	Nelson	
Neil Sheldell	Greymouth	
Phil Lambour	Greymouth	
Anne Kelly	HOKITIKA	
Joanne Harris	Perth	
Tod Harris	Perth	
Diana Omond	Korohitanga	
WARREN FRIEND	Hokitika	WARREN
PHIL MEYER	HOKITIKA	
Neil Gray	Greymouth	

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Dun Greene	Hokitika	
Lisa Greene	"	
Mick Butler	Kanara	M. Butler
Nichelle Phelps	Hokitika	
Sharon McNish	Hokitika	Sharon McNish
Shene Thomas	Hokitika	Shene
Bianca Thompson	Hokitika	B Thompson
Ross Coleman	Hokitika	
Maxine King	Hokitika	
Kim Baker	Hokitika	
Jeff Evans	Hokitika	
Leigh Gillman	Hokitika	
Craig Fearon	Hokitika	
Linda Sweeney	Hokitika	
G L Olson	Hokitika	G L Olson
JOHN DEVINE	USA	
IRENE DEVINE	USA	

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Simon Garden	HOKITIKA	[Signature]
Erin Norton-Taylor	Hokitika	[Signature]
Ian Harrison	HOKITIKA	[Signature]
NIGEL SWEET	HOKITIKA	[Signature]
Terry Gee	Hokitika	[Signature]
Neil Bradley	Hokitika	[Signature]
Elaine Ogilvie	Gladstone	[Signature]
Natalie Watwright	Ottawa, Canada	[Signature]
Jordan Ross	Ottawa, Canada	[Signature]
Maddy Daley	Pontypool, Wales	[Signature]
Ellie Bartlett	Bristol, England	[Signature]
Anita Bond	HOKI	[Signature]
Rumour Bond	HOKI	[Signature]
Wayne Taylor	Christchurch	[Signature]
Karen Feam	Hokitika	[Signature]
IAN PARKER	HOKITIKA	[Signature]
John Roland	Hokitika	[Signature]

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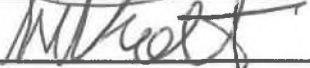
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Nathan	Hoki	
Ann's Gary	Auckland	
Helen & Steve	Auckland	
Laura Harris	Wellington	
Renee Leary	GERMANY	
Jack Knight	Australia	
Danny Dwyer	Australia	
Annemary Dewis	Australia	
Liam Stone	Greymouth	
Grace Walters	Greymouth	
Dr. Martin	Blenheim	
Lobby Marshall	Blenheim	
W. Kitzinger	Hokitika	
Terrie Wilson	Greymouth	
Sue Least	Hokitika	
Tare Ruanoo	Kennerly	
Amanda Chapman	Hokitika	

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DAVID VERRAN	HOKITIKA	
MIKE KNOTT	HOKITIKA	

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Draft Annual Plan Submission – April 2024

Introduction

Kia Ora, my name is Lucretia Maitland. Previously I have worked for two agricultural companies, one as a business manager for a 10-million-dollar operation, and a sales manager, with 140 key clients under my portfolio. I have been trained in both business and sales and have had intensive leadership in both areas previously. Being born and raised on the West Coast, I moved away for 8 years, to Canterbury, for university and then my first full time role.

Summary of what I will cover:

- Civil Defence Support
- National Body of Support
- Benefit of Us
- Future of how we operate.

Civil Defence Support

The Hokitika isite not only retains important information on local operators/businesses and accommodation providers but has strong communication channels and connections with these people. It is our core role to continuously communicate with operators, not only in the tourism season but also in shoulder seasons/off seasons. This becomes a vital support to the Civil Defence team, as shown by the most recent Civil Defence Emergency – in April.

Not only does the isite have a nationwide and internationally recognisable brand, it also has the ability to be flexible in how we operate. I made the key decision, even though this latest emergency was technically in our shoulder season, to open two hours earlier than usual, and stay open two hours later both days. This resulted in our door count sitting 312 and 309 respectively. Our team has a focus of everyone getting home safely – which includes visitors to our region, and as a community we have a moral obligation to ensure this. If this latest emergency had happened in the middle of the peak tourism season, I would have expected to see numbers through of up to anywhere between 450-750 people daily. Visitors in this time are often searching for late notice accommodation bookings, and queries on roading information, future forecasts and trip advisory. Approximately 70% of people that come through the isite do not have regular internet access or are not aware of where to find the localised information when we are in the middle of an emergency – which is where we provide an essential service.

National Body of Support

Hokitika isite is supported by isiteNZ. This cannot be understated how important this is. This provides nationwide training for staff and a consistency of location points for visitors within NZ to converge to. Streamlined knowledge between sites, with a focus on each regional knowledge, leads to a high quality of service, backed up with a QualMark accreditation.

The isite network comes with huge advantages. A large project they have undertaken includes their rebranding, which has included an upgrade to the external signage on the building, which looks exceptional. The branding focuses three core values:

Manaakitanga

- We welcome manuhiri (visitor) as we would guests in our home - with open arms and a generous spirit that puts them at ease and opens their hearts and minds to transformational experiences, giving them the confidence they need to explore Aotearoa New Zealand in their own way.

Whanaungatanga

- We build connections and relationships that go beyond the superficial - with our manuhiri and with our local communities. We understand that each individual has their own wants, needs and ideas of what to do in Aotearoa, so we provide information specifically curated for them, and even handle their bookings, setting them off on their journeys fully equipped.

Tiakitanga

- We are guides for our manuhiri — independent, expert and passionate. We offer advice not just on what to do in Aotearoa, but how to do it in a way that is sustainable: that protects, preserves and cares for this place today and for future generations. And in so doing, we enrich the experiences of all, by connecting them more deeply and uniquely with the places they are travelling.

We strive to have people arriving at the Hokitika isite as a visitor, but to leave equipped with the tools and means to have a successful trip – not only through our region, but throughout New Zealand and the rest of their travels.

What we bring to the table

Our team is made up of myself, and four other locals. This team is trained in their respective fields, supported by tourism New Zealand. Our peak tourism season sees our door counts of anywhere between 250-450 people a day through the isite, which operates 7 days a week. We also hold the contract for NZTA/AA services, which soon we will have two fully qualified staff, with a third beginning in the middle of May, enabling us to be operating 5 days a week with no breaks. This is important for us as a region, as the next closest for these NZTA/AA services is Greymouth, and for areas such as Haast/Fox Glacier, their next closest is Wanaka, meaning they must travel outside of their respective regions.

Advertising Contracts

Advertising contracts are a large part of our business. These showcase activities, accommodation, dining and all manner of tourism attractions – lining the walls of our environment. All these panoramas, filmstrips and digital viewings enable us to tell a story of New Zealand, where we are from and what we are proud of. This provides benefit to us in terms of discussion base with visitors to the isite, and a great showcasing platform for nationwide businesses. This also provides a reasonably consistent stream of revenue – which is a focus for the 2024-25 season.

Booking Services

Not surprisingly, the way bookings are being done has changed since covid times. This has now swung in favour of online bookings. What we do have an advantage over online bookings is the personable aspect. On the spot polls of visitors to the centre, focus on the importance of local knowledge and information, which then transgresses to bookings via the isite.

Support Structure

We are a support base for businesses within New Zealand. This not only focuses on local based businesses – which are our primary focus but also enables us to give consistent information on the country. Through our local knowledge, we are the front of Westland, and it is our duty to enable people to make informed decisions, and targeted decisions for the type of traveller they aspire to be.

Retail Services

The isite stocks both local and New Zealand made products, as well as a small portion of external retail goods, which are on sale to the public. These provide a strong margin return, as well as extending the retail offerings within the town. It is not uncommon to have both visitors and locals alike buying goods to send home to family members, or for themselves.

Future Operation

I believe the isite has a huge opportunity to not only become the ultimate support structure for Westland businesses, but also an opportunity to increase revenue via retail sales, bookings and advertising. We are centrally located and easily found by visitors, with a welcoming and spacious environment within the isite.

It is not uncommon on a weekend to have one or two tour buses double parked out the front of the isite, with visitors jumping off and coming in. These buses are often on a restricted schedule, as are most companies with large numbers on board, and are often asking at the counter for coffee and food, as at times other businesses within town are finished for the day. I believe that the isite has had missed opportunity for an increased door count, therefore an opportunity to increase revenue, by the lack of bus parks at the entrance to the town. The opportunity should be reinvestigated to reinstate two bus parks in Weld Street, at the entrance to the town. These visitors should be first and foremost coming to the local isite for unbiased information, to then enter the central business district. This would also be a huge advantage of increased foot traffic in the CBD, with no preferential location. Along with this, it would also be safer for local drivers, as busses would not have to negotiate multiple roundabouts and intersections.

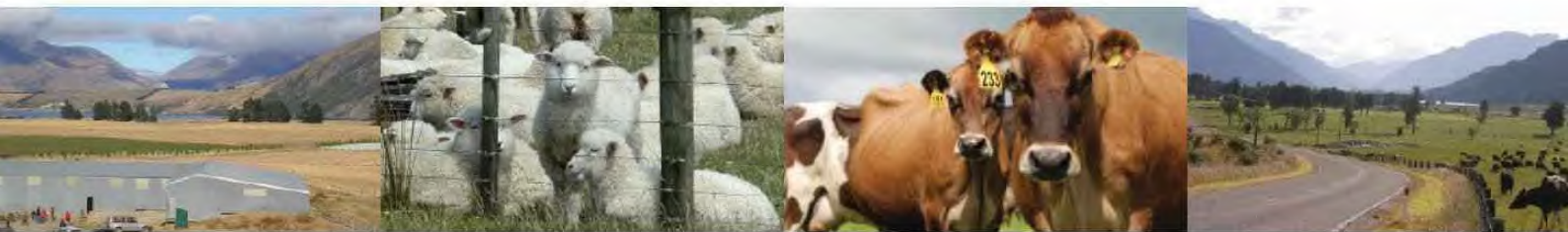
Thank you for taking the time to read this submission. I look forward to speaking to you on the 15th of May.

Kind Regards,

Lucretia Maitland



02.05.2024



Federated Farmers of New Zealand

Submission to Westland District Council on the draft Annual Plan 2024/25

03 May 2024



SUBMISSION TO WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL ON THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2024/25

To: Westland District Council
Via email: consult@westlanddc.govt.nz

Submission on: **Proposed Annual Plan 2024/25**

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We do wish to be heard in support of our submission.

ABOUT FEDERATED FARMERS

Federated Farmers of New Zealand is a membership organisation, which is mandated by its members to advocate on their behalf and ensure representation of their views. Federated Farmers does not collect a compulsory levy under the Commodities Levy Act and is funded from voluntary membership.

Federated Farmers represents rural and farming businesses throughout New Zealand. We have a long and proud history of representing the needs and interests of New Zealand's farmers.

Federated Farmers aims to empower farmers to excel in farming. Our key strategic outcomes include provision for an economic and social environment within which:

- Our members may operate their business in a fair and flexible commercial environment;
- Our members' families and their staff have access to services essential to the needs of a vibrant rural community; and
- Our members adopt responsible management and sustainable food production practices.

1.1 SUBMISSION

- 1.2 Federated Farmers welcomes the opportunity to submit to the Westland District Council's draft Annual Plan 2024/25.
- 1.3 Federated Farmers takes every opportunity to engage and maintain a positive constructive relationship developed with the Council, and we appreciate the consultative approach Council has taken to this year's Annual Plan. We thank Council for providing the opportunity for ratepayers and interest groups to 'have a say'.
- 1.4 Federated Farmers is supportive of the Council's approach to delay the proposed Long Term Plan to June 2025, to allow for time to digest the changes in legislation to Three Waters, Resource Management Act, and the National Policy Statements that stem from those Acts.
- 1.5 Federated Farmers is generally supportive of the rate increase that the Council has proposed. The increase this year is significantly weighted through Targeted Rates, which the Council reduced in its entirety in your last Annual Plan. Rural rates have continued to increase in the Hokitika area at an alarming rate. These rates have increased on the back of the rate rise of 28.67% in 2023. Rural landowners are now faced with a rate increase of 34.11%. That is a rate increase in two years of 62.78%. Federated Farmers is confused about what rural landowners are receiving for that 62.78% increase. Federated Farmers is very supportive of increasing targeted rates when it is going to benefit a certain area of the district but the increase for Hokitika rural ratepayers has made us question how fair is the targeted rating within the district.
- 1.6 Federated Farmers understands the need for the Council to operate in sustainable and safe buildings. Federated Farmers is supportive of a mix between Option One and Two. Federated Farmers believes that the Council providing a 15–25-year building upgrade plan with estimated costings not only allows ratepayers to factor in the possible rate increases for that period. This ensures that the Council is transparent and can factor in any cost blowouts within the proposed rates. Presently as it stands in the consultation document there is little information about the breakdown of the costs of either option. Federated Farmers is concerned that the capital costs are not representative of the total costs of the works and fitting out the buildings once the strengthening has occurred. Furthermore, Federated Farmers expects a more detailed analysis in the Long Term Plan about the proposed upgrades.
- 1.7 Federated Farmers sees value in the multi-use space of the Pakiwaitara Building and developing that further into retail and community space to generate revenue. The council has identified in this Annual Plan that there needs to be a long-term solution for the EOC building issue. Yes, this would cost significantly in the short term but would be offset via rent received from retail spaces on the ground floor. Federated Farmers also see the importance of having all the community services in one area, whilst also keeping the CBD occupied with Council activities, which is vital for rural service townships.
- 1.8 Federated Farmers does not support Option Three to build a new building at the airport, as costs have not been evaluated, yes it would mean lower costs to maintain over 25 years. However, it takes away a workforce from the center of town which provides an economic stimulant to local businesses and eateries. Furthermore, it would be detrimental

to the elderly who have to travel out to the airport for Council services and does not solve the costly issue of the long-term viability of the public library.

- 1.9 A combination of Options One and Two is the best for the future of the township but also for keeping services in a central location that is accessible for future generations to enjoy.

Land Transport Levels of Service

- 1.10 Federated Farmers is sympathetic that the Council is combatting rising costs with the maintenance and upkeep of Council roads, as well as the resilience needed to mitigate the effects of Climate Change on the roading network. Roading is some of the most vital infrastructure in the district that enables the economy to grow and residents to move from A to B. With the distinct lack of alternative arterial routes, public transport, or railway networks, it is vital that these roading networks are looked after, maintained, and invested in. Westland is the least subsidised in terms of cents in every dollar spent on roading compared to your West Coast neighbours on the West Coast. Federated Farmers urges the Council to lobby the Central Government for more funding assistance with your roading network for future resilience and upkeep.
- 1.11 Federated Farmers supports the need for a resilience roading network. Although Council has stated that you prefer Option Three which is to 'Do the minimum', which could result in lower levels of service for areas of the roading network. At the worst, it could see infrastructure on the network when it reaches the 'end of its useful life' not replaced. Federated Farmers members in South Westland have raised concerns with the Federated Farmers policy team that maintenance is already not occurring on the region's unsealed roads. What the Council is proposing is further cuts to the roading budget at a detriment to the wellbeing of the Coast. The impacts of this would be wide reaching, further than the proposed budget cuts.
- 1.12 Federated Farmers does not support the Council's preferred option, instead Federated Farmers supports Option Four. Federated Farmers acknowledges the cost pressures that the Council is currently facing, but for such a rural and dependent district on its roading, it appears concerning with the approach Council recommends. Federated Farmers believes Option Four allows for maintenance to be maintained at the current levels for the maintenance and renewal programs. It is important that structures are maintained, and evidence-based works would allow the Council to target those areas that need investment more effectively. Compared to the estimated capital cost of \$4.93 million for Option Three, Option Four would only cost \$110,000 more at \$5.04 million estimated capital costs. This allows the Council to protect and preserve its roading network which is so important to rural residents within the district who rely on it daily to take the kids to school, transport stock, or get from A to B.
- 1.13 Federated Farmers strongly urges the Council to continue to invest in its roading network and support the Council in adopting Option Four.

Ross Swimming Pool Upgrade

- 1.14 Federated Farmers acknowledges the rising costs associated with the Ross Swimming Pool. Federated Farmers sees community pools as assets for the community. Rural

children need to have access to a pool facility to learn how to swim, and also gain skills to survive in the coastal environment.

- 1.15 Federated Farmers supports Option One of repairing the school pool structure as a community asset.

Franz Josef / Waiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier County Community Development Funding

- 1.16 Federated Farmers acknowledges the value that the Community Development Funding provides to the community, not only in terms of jobs for locals but also promotions of the area. The extra paid-in rates provide the community with the opportunity to diversify and promote the local area. It also provides a sense of belonging and connection which is so important for rural isolated communities through the events organised. It is a chance community to come together to build neighbourly bonds. Federated Farmers supports Option Two which continues the rate for Glacier Country and Community Development roles.

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

- 1.17 Federated Farmers sees the importance of the Hokitika Area Promotions Rate, as a source of promoting the Hokitika area to visitors. Federated Farmers supports the Council's proposal to cease the Hokitika Area Promotions targeted rate and instead collect a lower rate. Federated Farmers would like to see the Council revisit this decision come the Long-Term Plan drafting to see if the reduction in rates has had any negative effects on the business revenue of the Hokitika area.

West Coast Wilderness Trail

- 1.18 The West Coast Wilderness Trail provides significant economic benefits to the district. Federated Farmers acknowledges the rising costs associated with running the trails, however, does have a net economic benefit in terms of visitors to the West Coast and the money they spend in the townships and accommodation along the trail.
- 1.19 Although the cost of the projects for 2024/25 year seems significant at \$830,660 seems a significant burden to place on a small rate-paying base. It could be an option that Council approaches the Regional Economic Development Minister with a business case to either; a. Cover the cost for the upgrades or b. See if the Central Government would cover some of the capital costs for the next financial year. This would reduce the financial burden that is expected from the Council.

- 1.20 The council could also undertake a campaign to drive donations from users of the trail to try and offset some of the costs that are associated with the trail. The Otago Central Rail Trail has managed to successfully raise much-needed funds for trail upkeep.

Review of Council-Controlled Organisations

- 1.21 Federated Farmers supports the changes that the Council has identified in the proposed Annual Plan to make changes to the Council Controlled Organisations. Federated

Farmers hopes that these changes will result in better outcomes both socially and economically for the residents of the district.

Aligned Services

- 1.22 Federated Farmers strongly supports the Council to continue to work with the four Councils to deliver better-aligned services. Any area where the Councils can combine resources and reduce costs on ratepayers is strongly encouraged.

Fees and Charges

- 1.23 Federated Farmers raises concerns about the justification to increase Fees and Charges to around 6% which was what the inflation rate was when the survey was undertaken (According to the Proposed Annual Plan). Inflation in real terms is 4.7%¹. Inflation has not been at 6% since June 2023, which was when the last Annual Plan was adopted by the Council (2023).
- 1.24 These include Dog Control fees, which is a significant cost for a farmer, especially when the average pack of dogs on a farm is usually around 8. That is almost \$400 a year which is significant for many farms within the district. A 6% increase as proposed is excessive when the inflation rate is 4.7%. Any increase to the Dog Fees Federated Farmers would support be in line with inflation. Council should reconsider the Fees and Charges
- 1.25 Federated Farmers is also concerned about the Resource Management Charges. Many of the consents that farmers or rural landowners would need to apply for are due to Government Regulations. Federated Farmers is aware that this has placed pressure on the Council. However, we acknowledge that this needs to be passed onto the consenting process. In the consultation document Council has identified that the fees are \$602,000 higher than expected in the Long-Term Plan. In the future Federated Farmers would appreciate any increase in Resource Management Fees kept to the bare minimum.

Rates Increases

- 1.26 Westland District Council has again raised rates significantly two years in a row. Both increases have been over 10% which is quite staggering in a 'Cost of Living Crisis'. Council in its last Annual Plan, reduced its targeted rates to almost 0% last year and increased the General Rates to the almost legislative maximum. This caused a rate increase for rural landowners of almost 30%. Federated Farmers finds it very interesting that the Targeted Rate this year has since increased by 88.77% this rating year and the General Rates have only increased by .68%.
- 1.27 The rates impact this year is largely affecting Residential and Commercial rates increase which on average is above 25%. Rural Rates this year have remained significantly lower this year with rates being either in the negatives or under 7.5%. Federated Farmers congratulates the Council for reducing rates for rural properties.

¹ <https://www.stats.govt.nz/news/annual-inflation-at-4-7-percent/>

- 1.28 Federated Farmers although impressed with the Council keeping rural rates low, however, it appears that Hokitika rural ratepayers will be faced with a 34.11% rate increase. This is due to Community Rates increase. Federated Farmers do acknowledge that this increase is due to the capital projects associated with Three Waters and the Pool Upgrades which are important parts of any community. Federated Farmers sees the importance of investing in this infrastructure and that rural ratepayers would also benefit from the upgrade of these facilities.
- 1.29 Federated Farmers does urge the Council to ensure that any future rate increase is weighted more towards urban ratepayers if they are going to benefit the most from the upgrade of those services, it is important to ensure that the cost is spread to those who interact with those services daily, not intermittently. Federated Farmers also urges the Council to communicate the breakdown of each rate increase more clearly and easier for ratepayers to understand. This will be incredibly important when the Council is drafting your Long-Term Plan.
- 1.30 Federated Farmers does support the need to upgrade the Hokitika Pool and Three Waters Assets.

Land management for conservation values

- 1.31 We recommend a specific remission policy to be implemented under s.109 of the Local Government Act 2002 for land that is managed for conservation values. Local authorities have the power to remit some rates in situations where it is through to serve the great good or to iron out anomalies in their rating system.
- 1.32 We encourage the Westland District Council to consider whether a specific remission policy can be adopted in relation to land that has conservation value, including.
- a. Land that is designated a significant natural area.
 - b. Land where pests are actively managed (given the strong correlation between pest control and maintaining indigenous biodiversity).
 - c. Land where there is a natural wetland.
- 1.33 Where land is managed for conservation as opposed to productive values, there are equitable reasons to provide for rates remission. Additionally, many of the primary sector properties in the Westland region have been meeting the costs associated with protecting, maintaining, and enhancing indigenous biodiversity through pest management. We encourage the Westland District Council to recognise the regional benefit of such work.
- 1.34 This feedback addresses aspects of the Council's Draft Annual Plan that relate to our members' concerns.
- 1.35 We support the Draft Annual Plan as it stands, with the Council implementing Federated Farmer's suggestions in this submission.
- 1.36 The Council will be engaging in the Long-Term Planning process shortly, we would like to engage with the Council earlier outside the legislative framework to ensure that our

members and ratepayers are better represented in the Draft Long-Term Plan through a meaningful engagement.

1.37 We wish to be heard on this submission.

ENDS

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Franz Josef/Waiiau and Fox Glacier – Glacier Country Community Development Funding

Option 2: Council continues to rate for Country Tourism and Community Development roles.

Comments

It is imperative for our communities that the paid positions of Community Development Officers continue in their current form. The only reasonable way for this to be administered financially is via the targeted rate system already in place. A community such as ours has a very transient population and cannot rely on just volunteers keeping the community facilities active, running events, looking after the community assets such as the hub of the communities being the community centers. There are many absentee property and business owners, who do not contribute to the community other than by paying their rates and staff who manage them on their behalf, these too are often transient people. The CDO connects the community, forms a great

network of communication for all residents in the area, they are a one point of contact back to support agencies, such as the WDC, and this also forms much better relationships as they represent a united front for the community. Without the CDO the community will miss out . The targetted rate is not a significant amount per individual/rate payer/business owner, yet it provides for such a great assest to our communities. Without this adinistartion assistance , the positions will cease to exist and the communities will just go back wards trying to rely just on a dedicated few as volunteers ! We have been here for 23 years, owning property and operating business's and throughout this time we have seen the true benefit of the CDO role in our community. Please keep the tragetted rate . Thankyou

Hokitika – Hokitika Area Promotions Rate

Comments

Do you have any feedback on any of the proposed Community grant funding?

Do you have any feedback on other matters in the Draft Annual Plan 2024/2025?

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Can I ask if this can be accepted as a Submission

TOTARA RAIL BRIDGE

I would like to see the required maintenance done on the Totara Rail bridge, and less funds spent on consultants - especially as annual inspections and required maintenance over the past 10yrs or so should have been on the Council cards to action - bearing in mind the original engineers consultation report when the bridge was a firm consideration for the cycle trail to get to Ross. Did the engineers submit information in the original report - indicating a future inspection and maintenance plan for council to follow through on?

I think the Engineer firm that originally consulted on the Totara Bridge, were in recent years , engaged by Westland District Council on the upgrade of the Jacksons Bay Wharf.....correct me if I'm wrong.

This Bridge is a life link to the Ross Tourism business sector, it is used by Ross locals daily. Independent cyclists, and walkers for that matter, come into Ross township (and the beach area) look around the town, go through the business doors and spend money. Tourism businesses of Ross, employ locals, they pay rates, their children go to the school - the failure to have the Totara Bridge at a maintained level does not just impact on cyclists.

The town was 'uplifted' when the Trail was proposed - encouraged and supported in many ways at Public meetings; this community has created more tourism opportunities for the town moving forward - importantly building or retaining employment opportunities for the future.

We have been bolstered and encouraged by the council and government departments to get ready for the cycle trail. We are at the end and beginning the trail, and the historic railway bridge is a huge drawcard.

On any given day you can see a large amount of push bikes parked up outside the Empire Hotel, dining. Cyclists go into the Ross store, coming out with coffees, ice creams, sitting at the table and chairs outside.

Ross Goldfields Information and Heritage Centre - Groups of cyclists dropped off/picked up...entering the building, spending, and looking at the museum and heritage area.

The accommodation providers, all buoyed by the Cycle Trail to Ross.

It will be a sad day for Ross if this goes belly-up for the town.

Savings could be made by cutting out consultant costs using the original report

Local residents use the trail to assist with predator free operations - checking traps

Local group, WRENIS, assisted with funding for a 3 year pest weed spray programme along the trail, an installing information panels

Biddy Manera

W.R.E.N.I.S Secretary