

# Better Off Funding



# Background

- Westland District Council received \$2.79 million in Tranche One, Better Off Funding in 2022.
- Council split this across five different portfolios and proposed to deliver 73 individual projects spread across the Westland District.
- In April 2023 two large council projects required more funding to be completed. Council resolved to reallocate the entire Township Development fund (\$690k) to the Hokitika Swimming Pool and part of the Community Halls fund (\$260k) to the Carnegie Strengthening project.
- In December 2023 council adopted further reallocations. These minor reallocations were a result of projects finishing under budget or no longer being required.
- In June 2024 council reallocated funding once again due to projects not getting started or projects finishing under budget. During this reallocation additional projects were added, such as the Ross Swimming Pool and Carnegie Fit-out.

# Portfolios

Council split the \$2.79m funding into 5 different portfolios. These were ....



## Community Halls

\$900,000



## Township Development

\$690,000



## Community Resilience

\$200,000



## Culture & Heritage

\$500,000



## Community Funding

\$500,000



# Community Halls



# Carnegie

Budget: \$260,000

Spent: \$260,000

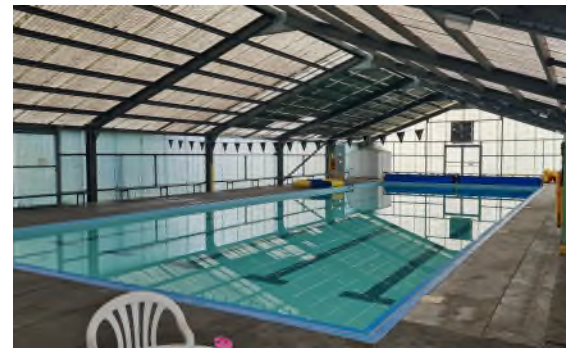
Council contributed \$260,000 towards the Carnegie structural strengthening project. This was not an original Better Off-funded project. This funding was reallocated in April 2023. The structural strengthening project was completed in September 2023 with the Carnegie building being strengthened to 100%NBS IL2

# Ross Pool

Budget: \$40,000

Spent: \$40,000

Council contributed \$40,000 towards the Ross swimming pool structural strengthening projects. This was not an original Better Off-funded project. This funding was reallocated in June 2024. Structural repairs were done in December 2023





# Fox Glacier Hall

Budget: \$10,186

Spent: \$10,147

The Fox Glacier Hall project included installing a new accessibility car park at the entrance to the Fox Glacier Hall.

# Whataroa Hall

Budget: \$12,000

Spent: \$12,033

Work completed at the Whataroa Hall included installing two new heatpumps in the main hall area.





# Ross Hall

Budget: \$85,300

Spent: \$84,660

The Ross Hall project involved cladding samples being taken for asbestos testing.

A positive asbestos reading resulted in the exterior of the hall being re-clad. Door repairs and internal painting has also been completed.



# Okuru Hall

Budget: \$51,860

Spent: \$52,743

The Okuru hall underwent seismic testing which provided Council with a detailed seismic report. Minor maintenance works were also completed at the hall. These included installing a new gas cage and gas bottles and califont to warm water, installation of a backup water tank with filtration system and water heater and water boiler.



# Franz Josef Hall

Budget: \$149,432

Spent: \$43,889

A seismic assessment was completed alongside a Geotech report and structural design report.

# Haast Hall

Budget: \$55,309.00

Spent: \$46,166

The Haast Hall underwent seismic testing which provided the Council with a detailed seismic report and a structural engineering design. Minor maintenance works were also completed at the hall. These included replacing some of the windows, fitting new hinges and latches to the windows, reroofing the entrance veranda and installing a new log burner.



# Waitaha Hall

Budget: \$16,201

Spent: \$13,333

Works completed included installing a new water tank fed from the roof of the hall together with a filtration, pump system and UV light. The bathroom doors and fire escape handrails have also been repaired.

# Kowhitirangi Hall

Budget: \$8,230

Spent: \$8,227

The council contributed \$8,227 towards the Kowhitirangi Hall project. This was to help cover a shortfall in funding received from the Lottery Grant Board.



# Kokatahi Hall

Budget: \$46,334

Spent: \$44,696

The Kokatahi Hall underwent seismic testing which provided the Council with a detailed seismic report and a structural engineering design. Other works completed included replacing the electrical switchboard and tidying up the electrical installation, installing new vinyl and carpet flooring in the kitchen and meeting rooms, installing new ceiling and lighting in the meeting room.

# Hokitika Regent Theatre

Budget: \$88,580

Spent: \$88,561

The Hokitika Regent Theatre community halls project involved a significant amount of exterior maintenance work. Some of these works included a fire safety system upgrade, a performance lighting system upgrade and new CCTV system installation



# Welfare – Civil Defence

Budget: \$41,879

Spent: \$35,507

The civil defence welfare project allowed council to install a civil defence container for the Okarito community. An element to the project included installing Stop Digging screw piles for the container to be installed on. These screw piles mean the shipping container is unlikely to fall over/move during a significant earthquake or flooding event.

# Grey Power Hall

Budget: \$41,879

Spent: \$34,065

Better Off Funding allowed the council to replace a large proportion of the Grey Power Hall windows and sliders.

# Culture and Heritage





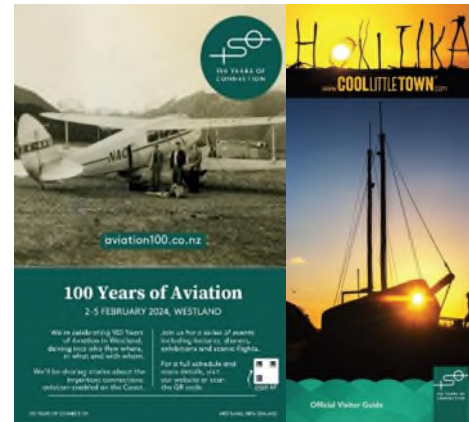
# Westland Anniversary – 150 Years Celebration

Budget: \$200,000

Spent: \$200,000

Projects/Events delivered include:

- 150 years of connection website. New WIHP website. Hokitika brochure design
- 100 years of aviation website/event
- Otira Tunnel commemorations event
- Jacksons Bay Sesquicentennial



The 150 Years of Connection project successfully celebrated and preserved Westland's cultural heritage, focusing on the district's historical ties to the world through its transportation and wider infrastructure developments. By supporting a diverse range of community-focused events and developing a cutting-edge self-guided heritage app.

# Regent Theatre

Budget: \$36,000

Spent: \$35,292

Better Off Funding supported the Hokitika Regent Theatre in completing the following electrical works

- Exterior building lighting
- Main Auditorium LED lighting and display
- Milk Bar area lighting – Main foyer



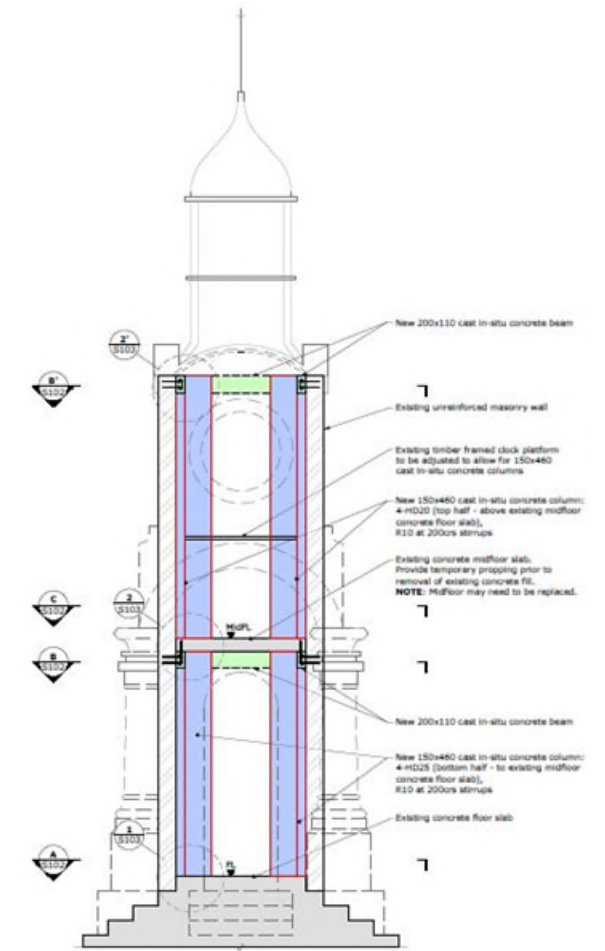


# Hokitika Town Clock

Budget: \$15,000

Spent: \$15,000

Better Off Funding allowed council to get a seismic report and design of the Hokitika Town Clock. This will help council in the future to get cost estimates to structurally strengthen the heritage listed clock.



# Westland Industrial Heritage Park

Budget: \$200,000

Spent: \$198,916

With the support of Better Off Funding Council was able to install two new buildings at the Westland Industrial Heritage Park. The heavy machinery building was completed early in 2024, and the Boatshed building was completed in November 2024. The Heritage Park is in a growth phase, with steady annual increase in visitors and revenue. This project helped achieve this and will contribute to further growth over time as the displays are steadily developed.





# Carnegie - Fitout

Budget: \$50,000

Spent: \$50,000

Better Off Funding contributed \$50,000 towards the Carnegie Fitout Project. This funding specifically covered the cost of the external project manager.





# Community Resilience



# Civil Defence

Budget: \$200,000

Spent: \$200,000

The Civil Defence portfolio involved supplying local communities in Westland with Starlink kits, VHF radios and small mobile generators.





# Township Development





# Hokitika Swimming Pool

Budget: \$690,000

Spent: \$690,000

Council adopted to reallocate Better Off, Township Development funding originally intended for transport infrastructure to the Hokitika Swimming Pool Stage Two development. Vital Better Off Funding ensured the Hokitika swimming pool budget deficit would not impact on Westland's ratepayers.



# Community Funding



# Bruce Bay Hall

Budget: \$40,020

Spent: \$40,017

Better Off Funding meant the council could invest in more intrusive maintenance works to the hall. Works completed included sanding and sealing the wooden floors, installing new vinyl flooring in the kitchen and select windows were replaced.



# Fox Glacier Arboretum

Budget: \$44,000

Spent: \$43,341

Better Off Funding allowed the Fox Glacier Community to design and build an Arboretum at the Fox Glacier Community Hall site. The Arboretum was officially opened on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024.



# Harihari Civil Defence Plan

Budget: \$45,944

Spent: \$43,166

Better Off Funding meant an emergency water tank could be installed at the Harihari hall. The funding also allowed the community to purchase bulk dry food supplies for use in the event of a natural disaster. In May 2024, the project scope was increased to include the installation of solar panels for backup power to the hall.

# Lake Kaniere Civil Defence

Budget: \$43,633

Spent: \$45,665

The Lake Kaniere Community Association installed two civil defence shipping containers with the support of Better Off Funding. One container was installed at Hans Bay and the other at Sunny Bight. The containers act as civil defence supply storage and during an activation they act as a civil defence hub/meeting space.





# Lions Club – Lazar Park

Budget: \$103,628

Spent: \$46,796

The original Lazar Park hall project involved extending the hall to accommodate a larger commercial kitchen as well as address structural strengthening requirements. The project was cancelled in May 2024. Funding spent to date on the project covered the cost of design and consents.

# Kumara – Gentle Annie Track

Budget: \$29,115

Spent: \$29,112

Better Off Funding supported the Kumara Junction Community Inc in building the Gentle Annie walkway and Scouts pass track.



## **West Coast RDA - Electrical**

Budget: \$35,733

Spent: \$35,504

Council were able to support the West Coast RDA in completing the electrical works in the new indoor riding arena. As well as in the new administration area.

## **West Coast RDA – Arena Surface**

Budget: \$57,234

Spent: \$56,236

Better Off Funding supported the West Coast RDA in providing the Westland community with an indoor riding arena. Better Off Funding specifically funded the fit for purpose arena surface.



# Ross Civil Defence Hub

Budget: \$39,964

Spent: \$23,196

Council were able to support the Ross Community in installing an emergency water supply system at the Ross Hall. Including the installation of a 25,000L water tank.

# Otira Civil Defence Hub

Budget: \$14,593

Spent: \$8,787

With Better Off Funding council was able to install a civil defence shipping container for the Otira community.



# Whataroa Civil Defence Infrastructure

Budget: \$78,882

Spent: \$78,544

Council worked closely with the Whataroa Community to understand what civil defence infrastructure would best benefit the community. The final project included installing two civil defence shipping containers. One at the community hall and one at the local fire station. The funding also allowed the community to purchase a generator for the community hall. As well as put the electrical requirements in place to be able to provide power to the local school next door in the event of a natural disaster.



# Kumara Hall

Budget: \$39,964

Spent: \$21,219

A civil defence container was able to be installed at the Kumara Hall thanks to support of Better Off Funding.





# Portfolio Summary

| Portfolio            | Budget             | Expenditure        | Remaining Funding |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Community Halls      | \$900,000          | \$774,577          | \$125,423         |
| Culture & Heritage   | \$500,000          | \$499,208          | \$792             |
| Community Resilience | \$200,000          | \$200,000          | \$0               |
| Township Development | \$690,000          | \$690,000          | \$0               |
| Community Funding    | \$500,000          | \$471,586          | \$28,414          |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$2,790,000</b> | <b>\$2,635,371</b> | <b>\$154,629</b>  |

# Remaining Funding

- In July 2024 Crown Infrastructure Partners instructed Council that where funds or savings were identified from a project, this remaining funding was to be reallocated to a Water related project.
- Council has now completed all Better Off projects with \$154,629 in funding remaining available. The council will reallocate this to the Livingston St Pump and Reticulation Upgrade project. This project scope includes replacing failing infrastructure (confirmed by CCTV) on Livingstone St between Gibson Quay and Weld St. This project was originally 50% loan funded, and 50% depreciation funded. Better Off Funding will help reduce the loan funding amount from \$750,000 to \$595,371.