

AGENDA

RĀRANGI TAKE

NOTICE OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE

Cycling and Walking Subcommittee

to be held on **17 August 2023** commencing at **3:00pm** in the Council Chambers, 36 Weld Street, Hokitika and via Zoom

Chairperson	Cr Davidson
Members:	Her Worship the Mayor
Cr Gillett	Kw Madgwick
Kw Tumahai	Cr Baird
Cr Neale	Cr O'Connor, Grey District Council
T. Brownlee, Manawa Energy	J. Wood, West Coast Wilderness Trail
J. Gurden, West Coast Wilderness Trail	O. Kilgour, Department of Conservation
I. Perkins, Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa; The Outdoor Access Commission	L. Anderson, Westland Mountain Bike Club



In accordance with clause 25B of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, members may attend the meeting by audio or audio-visual link.

Council Vision

We work with the people of Westland to grow and protect our communities, our economy, and our unique natural environment.

Purpose

The Council is required to give effect to the purpose of local government as prescribed by section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. That purpose is:

- (a) To enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and
- (b) To promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future.

1. NGĀ WHAKAPAAHA APOLOGIES

T. Brownlee - Manawa Energy

J. Gurden – West Coast Wilderness Trail Manager

2. WHAKAPUAKITANGA WHAIPĀNGA DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members need to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as a Member of the Council and any private or other external interest they might have. This note is provided as a reminder to Members to review the matters on the agenda and assess and identify where they may have a pecuniary or other conflict of interest, or where there may be a perception of a conflict of interest.

If a member feels they do have a conflict of interest, they should publicly declare that at the start of the meeting or of the relevant item of business and refrain from participating in the discussion or voting on that item. If a member thinks they may have a conflict of interest, they can seek advice from the Chief Executive or the Group Manager: Corporate Services (preferably before the meeting). It is noted that while members can seek advice the final decision as to whether a conflict exists rests with the member.

3. NGĀ TAKE WHAWHATI TATA KĀORE I TE RĀRANGI TAKE URGENT ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Section 46A of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 states:

- (7) An item that is not on the agenda for a meeting may be dealt with at the meeting if –
 - (a) the local authority by resolution so decides, and
 - (b) the presiding member explains at the meeting at a time when it is open to the public, –
 - (i) the reason why the item is not on the agenda; and
 - (ii) the reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.
- (7A) Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting, –
 - (a) that item may be discussed at the meeting if –
 - (i) that item is a minor matter relating to the general business of the local authority; and
 - (ii) the presiding member explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting; but

(b) No resolution, decision, or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further discussion.

4. NGĀ MENETI O TE HUI KAUNIHERA MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Minutes circulated separately via Microsoft teams and email.

- **Inaugural Cycling and Walking Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – 18 May 2023** (Pages 5-11)

5. ACTION LIST

Scott Baxendale, Group Manager, District Assets

(Pages 12-13)

6. NGĀ TĀPAETANGA PRESENTATIONS

- **West Coast Wilderness Trail - Update**
Melanie Anderson, Chief Executive Officer, Destination Westland

7. PŪRONGO KAIMAHI WRITTEN REPORTS / VERBAL UPDATES

- **Capital Projects Update- Verbal Update**
Erle Bencich, Operations Manager, District Assets
- **West Coast Wilderness Trail** (Pages 14-18)
Jackie Gurden, Trail Manager
- **Grey District Council** (Page 19)
Cr Jack O'Connor, Grey District Council
- **Department of Conservation** (Page 20)
Tony Thrupp, Senior Ranger, Operations, Department of Conservation
- **Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa – The Outdoor Access Commission** (Pages 21-22)
Inger Perkins, Regional Field Advisor, The Outdoor Access Commission
- **Westland Mountain Bike Club**
Liam Anderson, Club President, Westland Mountain Bike Club

8. KA MATATAPU TE WHAKATAUNGA I TE TŪMATANUI RESOLUTION TO GO INTO PUBLIC EXCLUDED

(to consider and adopt confidential items)

Resolutions to exclude the public: Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

The general subject of the matters to be considered while the public are excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of the resolution are as follows:

Item No.	General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
1.	Public Excluded Cycling & Walking Sub-Committee Minutes – 18 May 2023	Good reason to withhold exist under Section 7	That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists. Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on sections 48(1)(a) and (d) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests or interests protected by section 7 of that Act, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Item No.	Interest
1	Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons (Schedule 7(2)(a))
1	Protect information where the making available of the information: (i) would disclose a trade secret; and (ii) would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information (Schedule 7(2)(b)).
1	Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) (Schedule 7(2)(i))

**DATE OF NEXT CYCLING AND WALKING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING – 16 NOVEMBER 2023
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 36 WELD STREET, HOKITIKA AND VIA ZOOM**

CYCLING & WALKING SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE CYCLING AND WALKING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING OF WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 36 WELD STREET, HOKITIKA AND VIA ZOOM ON THURSDAY 18 MAY 2023 COMMENCING AT 3:00 PM

The Subcommittee Meeting was live streamed to the Westland District Council YouTube Channel and presentations are made available on the council website.

1. MEMBERS PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Chairperson	Cr Davidson	
Members	Her Worship the Mayor	
Other Members:	Cr Baird	Cr Burden
	Cr Gillett	Cr Neale
	T. Brownlee, Manawa Energy	Kw Tumahai
	I. Perkins, Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa; The Outdoor Access Commission	O. Kilgour, Department of Conservation
	John Strange – On behalf of the Westland Mountain Bike Club	M. Anderson, CEO, West Coast Wilderness Trail (for part of the meeting)

NGĀ WHAKAPAAHA APOLOGIES

Jackie Gurden – West Coast Wilderness Trail Manager

John Wood – West Coast Wilderness Trail

Liam Anderson – Westland Mountain Bike Club

Paul Madgwick – Iwi Representative

Apologies for lateness – Owen Kilgour

ABSENT

Kw Tumahai

Moved Inger Perkins, seconded Cr Baird and **Resolved** that the apologies from Jackie Gurden, John Wood, Liam Anderson, and Kw Madgwick be received and accepted.

STAFF PRESENT

S.R. Bastion, Chief Executive; S. Baxendale, Group Manager District Assets; L. Crichton, Group Manager, Corporate Services, and Risk Assurance; D. Maitland; Executive Assistant; S. Johnston; Governance Administrator (via zoom).

2. WHAKAPUAKITANGA WHAIPĀNGA DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Interest Register had been circulated via Microsoft Teams and available on the Council Chambers table.

3. NGĀ TAKE WHAWHATI TATA KĀORE I TE RĀRANGI TAKE URGENT ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no urgent items of business not on the Agenda.

4. NGĀ MENETI O TE HUI KAUNIHERA MINUTES OF MEETINGS

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were circulated separately via Microsoft Teams.

- **Inaugural Cycling and Walking Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – 7 March 2023**

Moved Cr O'Connor, seconded Tim Brownlee and **Resolved** that the inaugural Minutes of the Cycling and Walking Subcommittee Meeting held on the 7 March 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

The Chair **Approved** that their digital signature be added to the confirmed Inaugural Cycling and Walking Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of 7 March 2023.

Owen Kilgour, Department of Conservation arrived at the meeting at 3:03pm

5. ACTION LIST

The Group Manager, District Assets spoke to the Action List and provided the following updates:

- **Milltown Weir Crossing**
 - Conversations still happening on how to keep that proposal moving forward
- **Mahinapua Historic Bridge – Highway Crossing & West Coast Wilderness Trail Exiting onto SH6**
 - Discussions are continuing with NZTA. Was raised at the last liaison meeting – will need to be taken up with someone senior if no response.
 - Health & Safety Hazard review – this is now being picked up with Westland District Council Health & Safety Committee with a hazard register being put into place to pick up and identify all issues on the Trail.
- **Pine Tree Road Connection**
 - A report is to come to the Sub-Committee at a later date from Council. Replace Inger Perkins name with Scott Baxendale's on the Action list.
- **Track Realignment Behind Racecourse**
 - Council had an action to investigate the proposed realignment at the Racecourse near Brickfield Road. There are investigations currently underway regarding this item.

Cr Gillett queried the Milltown Weir Crossing regarding a permanent easement.

The Chief Executive advised that there is a permanent easement through that area already. One option is to divert a highwater route via Tim Brownlee and his team allowing Council to go across the bridge and down the weir which is primarily the alternative route. The challenge managing the weirs is to get to the weirs if there has been an event, to ensure it's closed in time.

Cr Gillett's understanding was that the easement through a neighbouring property was a 12-month lease.

The Chief Executive advised that this would need to be investigated.

The Chief Executive provided further comment regarding the Health & Safety Hazard review and advised that a number of safety reports have been done in the past however, they were never converted into a hazard register. All known hazards from previous reports are being compiled into a hazard register and from there a critical assessment will be done which will prioritise future capital works on what needs to be done to mitigate or address those hazards on the Trail. It will come back to Council, affordability, and rate payers to resolve those issues.

Moved Owen Kilgour, seconded Inger Perkins and **Resolved** that the updated Action List be received.

The following items were taken out of order to the Agenda:

7. PŪRONGO KAIMAHI REPORTS

• West Coast Wilderness Trail

Jackie Gurden, Trail Manager; West Coast Wilderness Trail provided a written update for the sub-committee, and was spoken to by Chief Executive Simon Bastion in Jackie's absence and provided an update on activity since the last sub-committee meeting:

- The Trail was visited by Mr Ross Ormsby who is a paraplegic and has historically done a number of evaluations on Major Great Rides. Mr Ormsby advised that he was able to ride the whole trail as a disabled athlete, and highlighted a couple of tight points that he was just able to navigate within his experience. Mr Ormsby will write a report to Council regarding wheelchair users. Council would like to see the Wilderness Trail be promoted as a safe access trail for future wheelchair users.
- Emergency Response Plan - there are a number parties who are keen to gather (including emergency services) to develop an overarching plan in terms of both Evacuation and Emergency response plans to go with it. Jackie Gurden is taking a lead on this along with Council staff.
- The Chief Executive acknowledged the work Vicki Price has done on behalf of Council for the Trail. Vicki has now moved onto another role within Council.
- An Ultra-Marathon was completed on the trail recently with a few hundred attendees which went very well.

Moved Cr O'Connor, seconded Cr Baird and **Resolved** that:

1. The Report from Simon Bastion on behalf of Jackie Gurden, Trail Manager of the West Coast Wilderness Trail be received.

• Grey District Council

Cr Jack O'Connor from Grey District Council provided an update from Grey District Council and highlighted the following points from his report:

- Visit by Rod Tolley was a good eye opener for Councillors, Mayor and Council staff that attended which brought a different view to cycling and walking. Cr O'Connor advised that Grey District already have 30km speed zone in the city space, and are looking at further bike stands, and making it a user-friendly space. Moving forward, Grey District Council are looking at Tourism Infrastructure Funding (TIF) for urban trails – linking small parts around Greymouth.
- Lake Brunner Scenic Trail – this is still an ongoing process and a construction site. It is 8km from Moana, will eventually end up at Mitchell's and will link up with the cycle trail through the roading process. Currently at stage 3 of the project.
- Shanty Town Trail – it is on Grey District Council's long-term plan; however, it is dependent on external funding.

Moved Cr Baird, seconded Inger Perkins and **Resolved** that:

1. The report from Cr Jack O'Conner from Grey District Council be received.

- **Manawa Energy**

Tim Brownlee, Operator; Manawa Energy advised that he had nothing new to update or report to the Sub-Committee.

- **Department of Conservation**

Owen Kilgour, Operations Manager; Department of Conservation spoke to the written report provided to the Sub-Committee, and highlighted the following points:

- DoC Rangers have completed maintenance on Mt Tuhua, Mahinapua, Mananui Tram, Hokitika Gorge and a number of back country tracks, huts, and structures.
- Further maintenance of track surface and bridge on the Mananui tram is scheduled for this winter (minor bridges and approaches to bridges)
- Canoe Cove Track at Lake Kaniere has re-opened after treefall damage has been repaired.
- DoC have provided a letter of support to Westland District Council for TIF application to maintain Hokitika Gorge Bridge.
- Currently reviewing approach to managing dog access on Public Conservation Land in the Hokitika District.

Moved Inger Perkins, seconded Tim Brownlee and **Resolved** that:

1. The report from Owen Kilgour, Operations Manager from Department of Conservation be received.

6. **NGĀ TĀPAETANGA PRESENTATIONS**

- **West Coast Wilderness Trail – Maintenance Update**

Melanie Anderson, CEO, West Coast Wilderness Trail spoke to this presentation and provided an update on maintenance from February to April 2023.

- Signage – replacement of damaged, broken/missing, and directional signs
- Vandalism – Damaged Portaloo - Mahinapua, Camp Creek Shelter and Taramakau Shelter.
- Windfallen Trees – Clearing of trees and debris
- Culverts & Drains – Clearing sections of the track, preventative actions, and post weather events
- Health & Safety & Emergency Services Access points – Hunters gaining access onto cycleway on quads on various sections of the track.
- Scouring & Pot holes – repairing of scouring, and removal of wet, slippery leaves, small surface repairs

The Chief Executive advised that users of the track are advised to use the app 'Snap, Send Solve' which they can use to upload photos of areas of interest. This information provides great data and highlights areas of the track that need looking at or maintenance to be completed. This data will help compile future business cases as well.

Moved Cr Neale, seconded Cr Gillett and **Resolved** that the presentation from Melanie Anderson, CEO, West Coast Wilderness Trail be received.

PŪRONGO KAIMAHI REPORTS CONTINUED...

- **Herenga a Nuku Aotearoa – The Outdoor Access Commission**

Inger Perkins, Regional Field Advisor; The Outdoor Access Commission provided a written report to the sub-committee and highlighted areas of the report:

- **Visit from Dr Rod Tolley**
Inger Perkins asked the Sub-Committee what is happening in Westland, and queried how the Sub-Committee could advance forward with some of the ideas and thoughts raised at the meeting with Dr Rod Tolley such as the International Charter for Walking.
- **Active Transport Friendly Communities**
Inger Perkins queried how this topic could be advanced by this sub-committee.

The Chief Executive advised that when Council puts the Draft Annual Plan together (including budgets) it looks at opportunities that have been put in front of Council. If there are specific targeted programs with specified outcomes that can be put to the annual plan process, then that is something the sub-committee can do, and advised that as a sub-committee it would be advisable to workshop some ideas first to look at opportunities, and future planning and advised that it comes back to affordability for the residents.

The Chief Executive advised that he believed the Council had signed up to the International Charter for Walking and would come back and confirm this.

- It was agreed there be a Workshop for the Sub-Committee to look at opportunities and future planning.

Moved Cr O'Connor, seconded Cr Neale and **Resolved** that:

1. The report from Inger Perkins, Regional Field Advisor of Herenga a Nuku Aotearoa be received.

- **Westland Mountain Bike Club**

John Strange spoke on behalf of Liam Anderson for the Westland Mountain Bike Club and provided a verbal update to the sub-committee on activity since the last meeting:

- Westland Mountain Bike Club have provided a letter of support for the Tourism Infrastructure Funding (TIF) application by Council for the Blue Spur Heritage Loop Realignment, which is focused on removing the very steep section of the heritage trail as it rises to Brickfield Road. In addition to the letter of support, Westland Mountain Bike Club provided an estimate of volunteer hours that had gone into building and maintaining the tracks at Blue Spur Forest – this is conservatively estimated as 10k hours over the last 12 years.
- Blue Spur Forest Activity
 - Have been carrying out access road improvement works, with small machinery input from neighbouring landowner.
 - General Trail Maintenance being undertaken
 - Planning a new entry/exit trail which will be an easy grade – which will be great for general access and promote less driving in the forest.
- Hokitika area - club members continue to do maintenance on the Airport track, Skylar Track, and Pipeline track to access the Blue Spur area.

- Department of Conservation Lake Kaniere track – our resident club member trail rider and observer continues to do small general maintenance on the ride, including maintaining rideability through the creek crossings, which is proving to be very helpful.

John Strange advised that there is an APP called TrailForks (Trail APP) and that the Blue Spur Forest trails are well known on this.

The Chief Executive queried if there were any local competitions, or any plans to have a Westland Mountain Bike Competition in the future.

John Strange advised that the Westland Mountain Bike Club has evolved into a club of keen trail builders, trail maintainers, and trail riders and that there were aspirations to run races, however, the Club just needs to find the right people to organise races and advised that this is an on-going topic of discussion at the AGM meeting – which was happening soon.

Moved Tim Brownlee, seconded Inger Perkins and **Resolved** that:

1. The report from John Strange on behalf Liam Anderson, Club President from the Westland Mountain Bike Club be received.

8. KA MATATAPU TE WHAKATAUNGA I TE TŪMATANUI RESOLUTION TO GO INTO PUBLIC EXCLUDED

(to consider and adopt confidential items)

Moved Cr Gillett seconded Cr Neale and **Resolved** that the Cycling and Walking Subcommittee confirm that the public were excluded from the meeting in accordance with Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 at 3:59 pm.

The general subject of the matters to be considered while the public are excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of the resolution are as follows:

Item No.	General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
1.	Confidential Inaugural Minutes of the Cycling & Walking Sub-Committee 7 March 2023	Good reasons to withhold exist under Section 7	That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists. Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on sections 48(1)(a) and (d) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests or interests protected by section 7 of that Act, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Item No.	Interest
1	Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons (Schedule 7(2)(a)).
1	Protect information where the making available of the information: (i) would disclose a trade secret; and (ii) would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information (Schedule 7(2)(b)).
1	Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) (Schedule 7(2)(i))

Moved Cr Gillett, seconded Cr Baird and **Resolved** that the business conducted in the 'Public Excluded Section' be confirmed and accordingly, the meeting went back to the open part of the meeting at 4:00pm

**DATE OF NEXT CYCLING AND WALKING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING – 17 AUGUST 2023
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 36 WELD STREET, HOKITIKA AND VIA ZOOM**

MEETING CLOSED AT 4:00 PM

Confirmed by:

Cr Paul Davidson
Chair

Date:

17.08.23 – Cycling and Walking Subcommittee Action List

Date of Meeting		COMPLETED IN PROGRESS OVERDUE	Item	Action	Completion Date/Target Date	Officer	Status
West Coast Wilderness Trail							
1	13.10.20		Milltown Weir Crossing	Alternative routes to be presented to the Subcommittee for discussion.	December 2020	CE/S Baxendale	Site visit completed, design under evaluation. Put on hold while exploring alternative route options. Alternative proposal put to MBIE for consideration Business case to MBIE was declined. Discussions continuing on how to keep the proposal moving forward. Confirmation that council does hold an easement through Cowboy Paradise property however easements for the high-water route are not in place.
2	13.10.20		Mahinapua Historic Bridge – Highway Crossing	The CE to provide an update to the Subcommittee about progress made on a safer crossing at the Mahinapua Historic Bridge, across the highway from the golf course.	December 2020	CE/S. Baxendale	Site visit in March and Stantec commissioned to complete a new design incorporating hazard management. Stantec provided a draft review at the July 2021 meeting. Need to be considered for additional funding via the annual plan process. To be reviewed as part of the next MGR funding round Discussions with NZTA are ongoing. Vegetation has been cleared.
3	13.04.21		WCWT Trail exiting onto state highway 6.	Assess zones down the trail that exit onto the state highway.	July 2021	CE/S. Baxendale	Further hazard assessments to be completed as part of a larger safety audit for the trail. To be included as part of a wider safety review in conjunction with Jackie Gurden, Trail Manager, Destination Westland and Council staff. Focus on the trail area on the south side of the Taramakau. Progress has been made with a full hazard analysis program for the trail and create a WCWT Hazard Register. Expect this to be workshopped with council staff initially prior to including wider stakeholders

17.08.23 – Cycling and Walking Subcommittee Action List

Date of Meeting		COMPLETED IN PROGRESS OVERDUE	Item	Action	Completion Date/Target Date	Officer	Status
West Coast Wilderness Trail							
4	19.05.22		Pine Tree Road Connection	formal report comes back to the next Cycling and Walking Sub-Committee with scope of project, design, and costings	18/8/22	S. Baxendale	Report to come to this committee at a later date.
5.	07.03.23		Track Realignment behind racecourse	That Council action to investigate a proposed realignment behind the Racecourse near Brickfield Road.		S. Bastion / S Baxendale.	A Tourism Infrastructure Fund application has been submitted for this work.
6.	18.05.23		Cycling & Walking Committee Workshop	Opportunities & Future planning i.e.: Active Transport Friendly Communities		S. Bastion	



Date: Thursday 17th August 2023

To: Cycling and Walking Sub-committee Meeting Paper

From: West Coast Wilderness Trail Manager

Subject: West Coast Wilderness Trail Trust Update

Each year we assess the performance of the trail over the past year and, where practical, match it against last year. We take the year as being from 1 July to 30 June enabling a full season to be considered.

Rider Numbers

Overall rider numbers have decreased over the last year. The counters are recording a 9% drop. The data is taken off the seven trail counters, one in each section of the trail. It is noted that some sections of the trail were closed for periods. Mahinapua had a number of closures and the Kaniere Water Race will have also missed the June riders due to the closure for the new bridges. There are two weeks data yet to be downloaded from the Ruatapu counter.

In drilling down into the numbers recorded on each section the following is noted:

- Visitor numbers riding the full trail remain virtually the same as previous years. This figure is shown on the Ruatapu counter which is down by 1%. Most riders who pass the counter are assumed to be riding the full trail and few would ride this as a single highlight section. The number of local riders would also be much smaller than in other locations.
- While overall numbers are down (and some of this is accounted for above), the main areas that are being ridden less are Greymouth, Kaniere Tram and Mahinapua. Noting the Mahinapua closures above, this suggests that locals may be on the trail less.
- In looking at the monthly comparisons, with the exception of January (that was down 1000 riders on last year), it is mainly the winter months that are lower. The other summer months are in fact higher than the previous year.
- Taramakau is up 13%. There is no obvious answer for this. It could be outstanding food and coffee at the Theatre Royal with lots of day riders heading out there.

Rider Numbers

- Total Cyclist Movements 90,514 -9.1%
- Cyclists Riding the Entire Trail -1.1% (7,966)
- Mahinapua -22.2 Karoro -14.7% Kaniere Tram -12%
- Kaniere Water Race -3.6 Kawhaka -1.2 Taramakau +13.1

Rider Feedback and Demographics

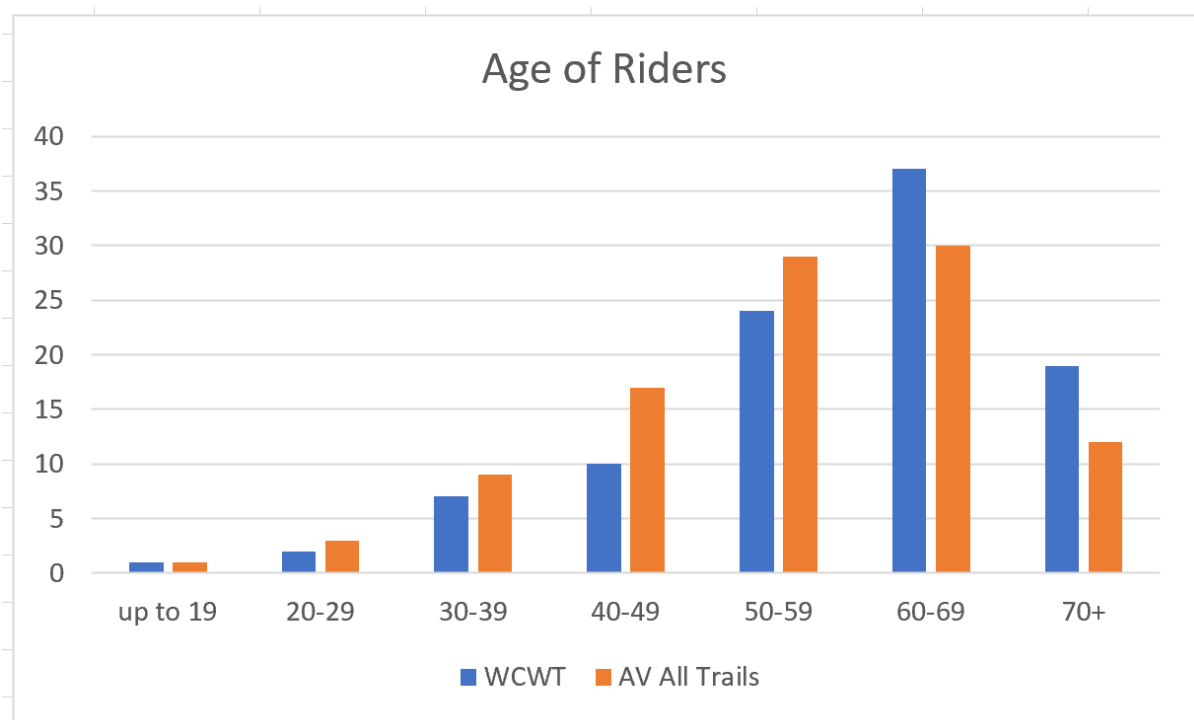
The information below is reported from the monthly survey work undertaken on the trail. We have to complete a minimum of 300 per year, however 500 is desired. Our trail recorded 537 responses. We are amongst the top trails in terms of survey responses.

Virtually all indicators show the trail performing above the average for all trails. The tables below show the indicators, the Wilderness Trail score, the average for all trails and the arrow showing if the Wilderness Trail was above or below the average. Much of this data aligns with the results of previous year's however it is noted that the score for toilets has improved. This likely reflects the improved amenities on the trail.

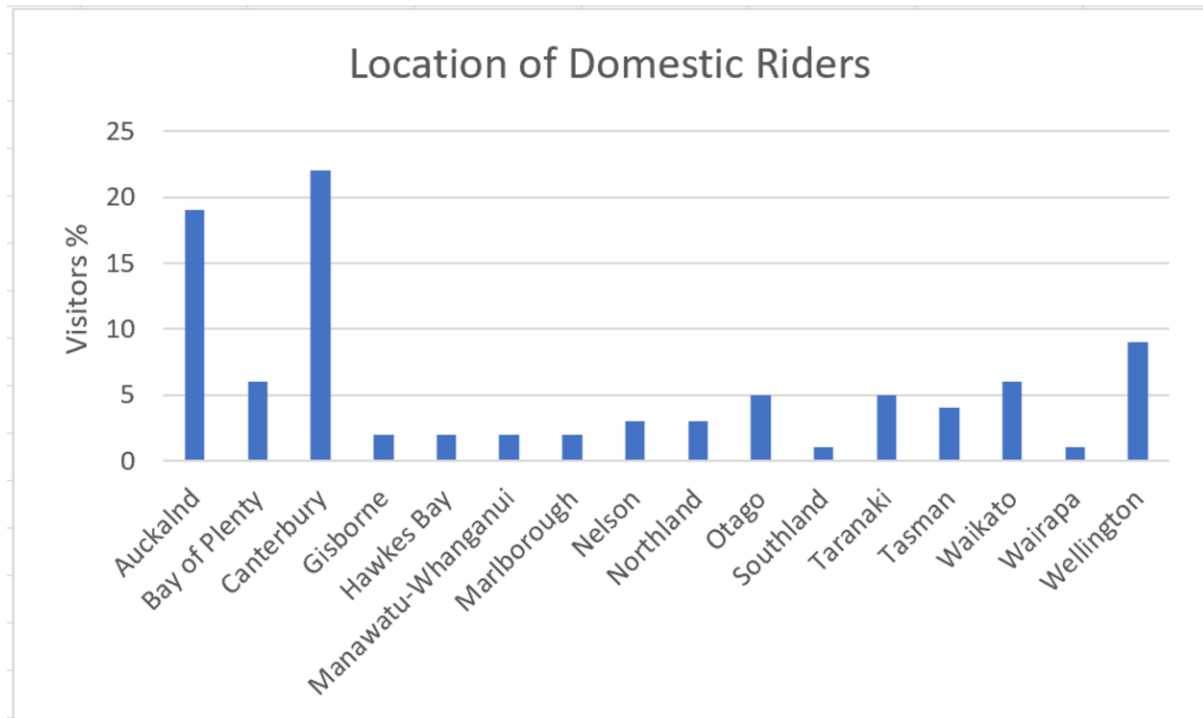
Factor	WCWT	AV All	
NPS	86	78	↑
Satisfaction	9.2	9	↑
Visiting for trail	73	77	↓
Nights on Trail	4.7	4.4	↑
Av Time on Trail	4.5 days	1-4 hrs	↑
E-bikes	54%	40%	↑

Factor	WCWT	Av All Trails	Trend
Bike Hire	4.8	4.6	↑
Bike Shuttle	4.9	4.7	↑
Guiding	4.6	4.3	↑
Toilets	4.1	4	↑
Accommodation	4.5	4.4	↑
Food and Beverage	4	4.1	↓
Other Activities	4.3	4.1	↑
Scenery	4.9	4.8	↑
Trail Difficulty	4.6	4.5	↑
Trail Gradient	4.6	4.5	↑
Signage	4.6	4.4	↑
Overall Trail Conditions	4.7	4.5	↑

We are seeing that the majority of riders are females at 59% with males on 41%. The age demographic remains older riders and the 70+ age group has increased slightly.



Canterbury and Auckland remain the main locations riders are coming from. A reasonable number of riders come from the centre of the North Island. If anything, the Nelson region appears lower than expected. Being within close proximity we could expect rider numbers to be much higher.



The economic benefit of the trail continues to be significant. Riders are staying on average four days and spending \$265 per day. As a ballpark figure, this equates to around \$17 million direct spend back into the region. If the MBIE trail multiplier is used this brings the total benefit to around \$63 million per annum. If the figure of 73% of riders just coming for the trail is considered, this means over \$12 million in direct spend and \$46 million total spend would not have come into the two districts if the trail didn't exist.

Economic Benefit		
	WCWT	All Trails
Spend	\$265	\$244
pp per night		
Regional Contribution	\$1180	\$958
<u>Overall Economic Benefit</u>		
15,000 riders @ \$265 per day X 4.5 =		
\$17.8m		
Add the MBIE economic multiplier for trails of 3.55 and the overall economic benefit \$63.2 million per annum		

The Work of the Trail Trust

The Annual Forum was held with over 30 participants and a very good presentation from guest speaker Shayne O'Connor from the Lake Dunstan, Roxburgh Gorge and Clutha Gold Trails. A trade session was also organised for Patrick Dault of Development West Coast Tourism.

Two new Trustees, Kevin Stevenson and Peter Hinds were appointed at the Trust's AGM.

In addition to all the ongoing planning and communications on the trail, work continues on the new Guide Book, Accessible Ride Guide and new website. We are also working with the emergency services to create a map of the entry points for ambulances and helicopters.

Interpretative work continues with a panel being created for the pelton wheel at Wards Road.

We have also assisted NZCT with their trail Audit.

We continue to advise the Grey District Council of repairs required in their sections of the trail.

Recommendation:

That the report be received.

Jackie Gurden

West Coast Wilderness Trail Trust Manager

Cycling and Walking Sub-committee: Aug 17th.

Grey District Council Report

- Re-shaping Streets [Reshaping Streets | Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency \(nzta.govt.nz\)](https://www.nzta.govt.nz/reshaping-streets/)
The recommendations from the Re-shaping Streets submission process will give Councils some freedom to experiment with ways to make our streets safer and a shared spaces focus rather than the realm of the motorists.
 - Street Pilots [Street Pilot fact sheet \[PDF, 756 KB\]](#)
 - Community/Play Streets [Community Streets fact sheet \[PDF, 582 KB\]](#)
 - School Streets [School Streets factsheet \[PDF, 625 KB\]](#)
 - Filtering and Restricting Streets [Filtering and restricting traffic factsheet \[PDF, 505 KB\]](#)
- Living Streets Aotearoa recently held a NZ Walking Summit (Chch). Their website is a use resource particularly for developing community streets
<https://www.livingstreets.org.nz/node/5141>
- Lake Brunner Scenic Trail
Successful with Lotteries Grant which should allow them to reach Bain Bay and consideration is also being given to an off-road option through to Kumara. An cycle/walking lane on the new bridge at Kumara was added to the recent bridge renewal to future proof any trail development.
- Wilderness Trail Annual Forum
This was an extremely valuable hui, to have so many interested parties in the same room. Having a guest speaker giving insights from a more established trail network was inspiring and thought-provoking in terms of opportunities and particularly sustainability of operating these spaces after the initial build phase.
- Snap/send/solve and 24 hour phone service.
Grey District Council have launched their version of the App to support faster identification of issues within the district including the Cycle Trails, roads and streets where we cycle and walk. You can download the app free from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#), or submit reports as a web page in your browser at report.snapsendsolve.com
- Grey District Council have launched a new 24 hr phone service operating for enquiries outside of business hours and on weekends. This service is for urgent issues that require a response between 5pm and 8am, and will allow us to deal with these issues more efficiently. If you need urgent attention call 03 769 8600 and you'll be put through to someone, no matter the time of day.
- Play, Active Recreation, Sport (PARS) Plan is being developed with Grey District Council and Sport Canterbury. Exploring opportunities to ensure a PARS lens is applied to all areas of council decision making and not just the sport and recreation sector should support sector development.

Cr Jack O'Connor

Grey District Council.

DOC update to WDC Cycling and Walking Sub-Committee 17 August 2023

Mananui Tramline (Mahinapua Walkway):

Track resurfacing and structure upgrades and replacements

Lake Kaniere Water Race:

Supported installation of new bridges

Worked with the contractor around vegetation clearance

Installed new bridge on Wards to Kennedys section (at the carpark) and re-aligned track entrance

New signage at both track entrances

Initiatives to prevent WCWT users from missing the trail junction and heading onto the grade 4/5 water race section

Mahinapua Creek Lookout:

Supported installation of the lookout

Provided feedback on design

Backcountry Tracks:

Replacement of the Mudflats Swing bridge anchor

Replacement of cableway bearings (Rapid Creek / Crawford Junction)

Confirmation of site for new Rapid Creek Bridge

Public Access:

Middlebranch Road Signage - Clearer access for the Toaroa and Kokatahi Valleys

Regional Work:

Lake Gault Shelter, toilet, and jetty

Heaphy Bridge approach ramp

Tony Thrupp

Senior Ranger, Operations

Department of Conservation - Hokitika



Department of
Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

17.08.23 - Cycling & Walking Sub-Committee Agenda

DOC - xxxxxxxx

New Zealand Government

Page 20

Update from Inger Perkins, August 2023

Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa, the Outdoor Access Commission

1. Actions from last meeting

At the last meeting, we discussed the possibility of a workshop for the sub-committee to consider possible active transport programmes, developing outcomes that could be put forward for inclusion in the next Annual Plan. Simon Bastion, in discussion with Councillor Davidson, has now arranged a workshop for 21st September to discuss opportunities for enhancing walking and cycling as a mode of transport – with a primary focus on the Hokitika wider residential area.

Simon has also confirmed that the Council has signed the [International Charter for Walking](#). This sub-committee could review what that means at the workshop.

2. Racecourse Development – hub potential

On behalf of Herenga ā Nuku, I attended and contributed at two of the stakeholder/public meetings and then in writing through the survey. The findings of community engagement on the future use of the Hokitika racecourse were tabled at a full council meeting recently. The concept of an active transport track/path hub did not come through clearly from the summaries but was registered in notes from engagement meetings. I understand that council and stakeholders will have a chance to contribute their expectations for the site, which, if accepted, potential developers must then include in their plans. I will continue to advocate for more walking, cycling and horse riding onto and through the site.

3. National Walking and Cycling Plans

Waka Kotahi is currently working on new [National Cycling](#) and National Walking Plans via interim action plans. They state that the interim cycling action plan provides:

“direction on Waka Kotahi investment priorities as councils develop their Regional Land Transport Plans, Long-term Council Community Plans and Urban Vehicle Kilometres Travelled Reduction Programmes. It will also guide teams at Waka Kotahi in the changes we need to make to our processes, guidance, and policies to better support councils with their work.”

The plans are being developed with input from central and local government, advocacy and accessibility groups – including Herenga ā Nuku. Following a meeting with the leaders of both plans, I prepared our submission with key points as follows:

- we supported the vision for 'connected networks of safe and attractive cycleways and quiet streets', and a transport system that is 'safer and healthier and that helps us to protect our climate',
- we encouraged the creation of cycleways that move cyclists off and away from roads,
- we emphasised the value of using and safely accessing greenspace,
- we encouraged greater support for cycling in more rural communities – much of the focus of the new cycling action plan is on urban areas,

- we emphasised Waka Kotahi's healthy, safe people outcome of "Protecting people from transport-related injuries and harmful pollution, and making active travel an attractive option",
- we supported Waka Kotahi in its aim to have a greater ability to invest in projects that are not directly related to roads, including tracks and walkways that take active transport away from roads, noting that we are well placed to be able to advise on small-scale improvements (\$30,000-\$100,000) across the whole country that can address severance (or division/separation of communities, e.g. Pine Tree Road connection) and improve the resilience of communities.

Many of our comments above relate to both walking and cycling.

Waka Kotahi's executive summary for the cycling plan states that:

- our **local government partners have a particularly critical role to play in delivering most of the networks required to create safe, connected and attractive cycling networks,**
- we have a pivotal role to play alongside local councils,
- we are increasingly contributing to local and regional plans and to legislation as **we advocate for this access, promoting active transport, community connectivity, reduced reliance on vehicles and the consequent benefits to health, wellbeing and the environment.**

(My emphasis).