

AGENDA

RĀRANGI TAKE

NOTICE OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE

Cycling and Walking Subcommittee

to be held on **Thursday 16 November 2023** commencing at **3:00pm** in the Council Chambers, 36 Weld Street, Hokitika and via Zoom

Chairperson	Cr Davidson
Members:	
Cr Gillett	Kw Madgwick
Kw Tumahai	Cr Baird
Cr Neale	Cr O'Connor, Grey District Council
J. Gurden, West Coast Wilderness Trail	J. Wood, West Coast Wilderness Trail
I. Perkins, Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa; The Outdoor Access Commission	O. Kilgour, Department of Conservation
	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

Tim Brownlee, Manawa Energy

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 Risk and Assurance (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/email

- **Cycling and Walking Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – 17 August 2023** (Pages 5-11)

5. ACTION LIST

Simon Bastion, Chief Executive

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6. NGĀ TĀPAETANGA PRESENTATIONS

- **West Coast Wilderness Trail - Update** (To be circulated separately)
Melanie Anderson, Chief Executive Officer, Destination Westland (time if applicable)

7. PŪRONGO KAIMAHI WRITTEN REPORTS

- **West Coast Wilderness Trail** (Pages 13-14)
Jackie Gurden, Trail Manager, West Coast Wilderness Trail
- **Grey District Council** (Page 15)
Cr Jack O'Connor, Grey District Council
- **Department of Conservation** (Page 16-17)
Owen Kilgour, Operations Manager, Department of Conservation
- **Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa – The Outdoor Access Commission** (Page 18)
Inger Perkins, Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa; The Outdoor Access Commission
- **Westland Mountain Bike Club – Verbal Update**
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.	Confidential Cycling & Walking Sub-Committee Minutes – 17 August 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
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 – TBC
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 17 AUGUST 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		
	Cr J. O'Connor	Cr Neale
	J. Wood, West Coast Wilderness Trail	Tony Thrupp, Department of Conservation
	L. Anderson, Westland Mountain Bike Club (via zoom)	
	I Perkins, Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa; The Outdoor Access Commission	
	Melanie Anderson, CEO, Destination Westland (via zoom for part of the meeting)	

NGĀ WHAKAPAAHA

APOLOGIES

Her Worship the Mayor

Cr Baird

Cr Gillett

Kw Madgwick

Tim Brownlee, Manawa Energy

Jackie Gurden, West Coast Wilderness Trail

ABSENT

Kw Tumahai

Moved John Wood, seconded Cr Neale and **Resolved** that the apologies from Her Worship the Mayor, Cr Baird, Cr Gillett, Kw Madgwick, T. Brownlee, and J. Gurden, be received and accepted.

STAFF PRESENT

S.R. Bastion, Chief Executive; S. Baxendale, Group Manager District Assets; T. Cook, Group Manager: Regulatory and Community Services (via zoom); L. Crichton, Group Manager Corporate Services, Risk and Assurance; D. Maitland; Executive Assistant, E. Rae, Strategy and Communications Advisor (via zoom); S. Johnston; Governance Administrator (via zoom), E. Bencich, Operations Manager.

2. WHAKAPUAKITANGA WHAIPĀNGA DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Interest Register had been circulated via Microsoft Teams and email.

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 and email

- **Cycling and Walking Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – 18 May 2023**

Amendment to the 18 May 2023 Cycling and Walking Subcommittee Minutes – Melanie Anderson is the CEO of Destination Westland – not West Coast Wilderness Trail.

Moved Cr Neale, seconded Inger Perkins and **Resolved** that the Amended Minutes of the Cycling and Walking Subcommittee Meeting held on the 18 May 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

The Chair **Approved** that their digital signature be added to the amended confirmed Cycling and Walking Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of 18 May 2023.

5. **ACTION LIST**

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

No.	Item	Update
1	Milltown Weir Crossing	There is an alternative route available if the weirs are in flood. Council and Destination Westland Limited are responsible for managing the process if it needs to be diverted to the high-water route. This can now be removed from the action list.
2	Mahinapua Historic Bridge – Highway Crossing	Discussions with NZTA are still on-going.
3	West Coast Wilderness Trail exiting onto State Highway 6	Progress has been made with the creation of a hazard register. To be workshopped initially with staff prior to including wider stakeholders. A workshop date is yet to be set for this.
4	Pine Tree Road Trail Connection	A report to come back to a future Committee meeting.

5	Track Realignment behind racecourse	A Tourism Infrastructure Bid has been submitted and are anticipating the outcome of that soon.
6	Cycling & Walking Committee Workshop	Set for Thursday 21st September 2023.

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

6. NGĀ TĀPAETANGA PRESENTATIONS

Melanie Anderson, Chief Executive Officer, Destination Westland Limited provided a verbal update regarding trail maintenance that has taken place over the past 3 months including:

- Clearing culverts & a lot of leaf blowing
- Kumara to Larrakins upgrade of hill section with resurfacing.
- Storm damage repairs have been done out Milltown way.
- Safety enhancements have been installed at Milltown (Switch back safety rails)
- A shelter had been vandalised on the trail.
- Work has been done on erecting and taking down signage regarding the stop bank work.
- Work has been done in the Ross section of the trail - clearing vegetation and culverts.
- Clearing windfall damage which is normal for this time of the year.

M. Anderson gave a general reminder to the Sub-Committee that reporting of any maintenance issues on the trail need to go through the proper channels – not directed to the maintenance staff. Maintenance issues are to be reported through Erle Bencich, Operations Manager, Westland District Council in the first instance.

Moved Cr O'Connor, seconded John Wood and **Resolved** that the verbal update from Melanie Anderson, CEO of Destination Westland Limited be received.

7. PŪRONGO KAIMAHI REPORTS

• Capital Projects Update

Erle Bencich, Operations Manager, District Assets provided a general overview of what has been taking place on the trail of recent months including:

- Water Race section has been completed.
- Larrakins Road Project – is in final design, pending some items back from Heritage NZ.
- Totara Bridge review – documentation will be provided next week from WSP (please put in full all the abbreviations in the minutes) regarding future design for the bridge, safety, and stability.
- A section of trail at the Dillmans Dam has been completed, near the spillway.
- Mahinapua Walkway – funding obtained for design, and pending costings to come back from contractors which will define what can be done on the boardwalks.
- Work on the viewing platform on the Mahinapua Walkway section will be started the week commencing 21 August 2023.
- The remedial work on the section of trail on the Kaniere Tram is progressing.

Moved Cr Neale, seconded Cr O'Connor and **Resolved** that the verbal update from the Operations Manager from Westland District Council be received.

- **West Coast Wilderness Trail**

John Wood, West Coast Wilderness Trail spoke to the report on behalf of Jackie Gurden who provided a written update on the following items:

- **Rider Numbers**
- **Rider Feedback and Demographics**
- **The Work of the Trail Trust**
- **Marketing** – working alongside Development West Coast

Moved Cr Neale, seconded Inger Perkins and **Resolved** that the West Coast Wilderness Trail update report from John Wood, on behalf of Jackie Gurden, Trail Manager, be received.

S. Baxendale, Group Manager District Assets advised that Tim Brownlee from Manawa Energy wanted it noted that Manawa Energy have filled all the potholes in along the Dam leading up to the Kapitea Reservoir.

- **Grey District Council**

Cr Jack O'Connor, Grey District Council spoke to this written report and provided the following update:

- **Re-shaping Streets – Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Submission Process**
- **Living Streets Aotearoa NZ Walking Summit**
- **Lake Brunner Scenic Trail**
A Lotteries funding has been received to allow Grey District Council to reach Bain Bay with a potential off-road option to Kumara.
- **Wilderness Trail Annual Forum**
- **Snap/Send/Solve**
Encouraging trail users to utilise this App.
- **24 Hour Phone Service**
For urgent issues that require response between 5pm and 8am.
- **Play, Active Recreation, Sport (PARS) Plan**

Moved John Wood, seconded Inger Perkins and **Resolved** that the Update Report from Cr Jack O'Connor of Grey District Council be received.

- **Department of Conservation Update**

Tony Thrupp, Senior Ranger, Operations, Department of Conservation spoke to this report and provided an update on the following items:

- **Mananui Tramline (Mahinapua Walkway) resurfacing is a work in progress.**
- **Lake Kaniere Water Race installation of 2 bridges.**
- **Mahinapua Creek Lookout installation.**
- **Backcountry Tracks**
- **Public Access**
- **Regional Work**

E. Bencich advised he had received some complaints about issues with track maintenance at Kaniere Water Race and Mahinapua. T. Thrupp requested the list of complaints be sent to him of the problematic areas to review.

The Chair commended the work that the Department of Conservation do on the track and their collegial working relationship with the Westland District Council staff to upgrade and develop the track.

Moved Cr Neale, seconded Inger Perkins and **Resolved** that the update report from ~~the~~ Tony Thrupp, Senior Ranger, Department of Conservation be received.

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

Inger Perkins, Regional Field Advisor, The Outdoor Access Commission spoke to this item and provided the following update:

- **Actions from last meeting**

A workshop has now been scheduled for 21 September 2023 and I. Perkins advised she is keen to gather resources for the group to read prior to the workshop in order to be prepared and enable those attending to be fully informed, which will aid discussion on the day.

The CE advised that the Workshop would generate a lot of discussion and advised that they are trying to get someone from Sports Canterbury who has practical experience and aspirational knowledge to help facilitate at the Workshop. The workshop is to facilitate open discussion, and to start piecing together a programme of work moving forward.

- **Racecourse Development – Hub Potential**

Potential as active cycling / walking hub.

The CE advised that there is a report going to Council on 24 August 2023 which will outline the process of being able to contribute thoughts and ideas towards the Racecourse Development.

- **National Walking and Cycling Plans**

New plans in the pipeline from Waka Kotahi. Herenga ā Nuku Submission made points that could inform the sub-committee at the workshop next month.

- **Locked gate across unformed legal road**

There is still on-going concern regarding access and the locked gate at Ruatapu. I. Perkins is hoping to have an update on Monday from Destination Westland Limited regarding this issue and commented that she was disappointed that it has taken this long, well over seven years to resolve.

Cr Neale had asked M. Anderson earlier in the meeting about progress to resolve the locked gate on legal road in Ruatapu. M. Anderson had declined to respond explaining that her presence at the meeting was in relation to maintenance on the West Coast Wilderness Trail only.

Moved Cr O'Connor, seconded Cr Neale and **Resolved** that the update report from Inger Perkins, Regional Field Advisor, The Outdoor Access Commission be received.

- **Westland Mountain Bike Club**

Liam Anderson, Club President, Westland Mountain Bike Club, provided a verbal update on the following items:

- The planning of a new entry trail into the forest has progressed, and the Club has identified a local, commercial, trail builder who is happy to dig the trail for the club. Approval has been obtained from Ngāi Tahu Forestry to use the digger to build the trail.
- Westland Mountain Bike Club are working with Sign-Link Graphics to develop signage into the forest as well as key points around the trail to help with navigation.
- Next year a celebration is planned for the 150 years of Connection between the West Coast and the surrounding areas. The Westland Mountain Bike Club are looking at ideas and ways to show case this celebration with a possible Cycle Festival.

Moved Inger Perkins, seconded Cr Neale and **Resolved** that the verbal update from Liam Anderson, Club President of 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 John Wood, seconded Cr O'Connor 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 4:05 pm.

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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 John Wood, seconded Cr O'Connor 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 4.14 pm

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

MEETING CLOSED AT 4:14 PM

Confirmed by:

Cr Paul Davidson
Chair

Date:

16.11.23 – 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		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.
2.	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. Workshop date yet to be set.
3.	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. ?? Needs to be progressed further?
4.	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 and anticipating the outcome of that application soon



Date: Thursday 16th November 2023

To: Cycling and Walking Sub-committee Meeting Paper

From: West Coast Wilderness Trail Manager

Subject: West Coast Wilderness Trail Trust Update

This month is the 10 year anniversary of the trail officially opening. The vision and what has been achieved is a credit to everyone involved. It is delivering as a recreation asset to the local communities and has grown to become one of the leading trails amongst the Nga Haerenga Great Rides attracting around 16,000 visitors each year. The Trust is proposing to celebrate this with a function in December in conjunction with the opening of the Mahinapua Lookout. The dates and nature of the event are yet to be finalised.

Below is an update on all the key work undertaken in the last three months.

Accessible Ride Guide – This is nearing completion and is likely to be launched at the anniversary event.

Website Upgrade – A new website has been created and is about to go live.

Guide Book – The content has been prepared. The design work is about to be undertaken. We are aiming to have this completed in early December.

Wards Road Panel – This has been completed and is about to be printed and installed.

West Coast Wilderness Trail Trust Strategy Plan – The Trust has reviewed the strategic plan. Much of the content remains the same, however the projects within the Westland District Council's LTP for the trail and those of the Trust have been added to present a fuller picture of all the work being undertaken. Trustees are also keen to see more local media on the trail and to try and gain more major sponsorship for the Trust and the projects planned.

10 Year Celebration – As mentioned above, some initial planning has been undertaken to celebrate the 10 year milestone, potentially on the 16th December.

GDC Section – I have met with Aaron Haymes about the repairs to their section. When the new transport planner is appointed we aim to meet regularly and work together on an enhancement plan for the Grey section of the trail. The Council is also working on some changes to the trail in the wharf area to accommodate new business at the port. This is likely to require a small diversion.

NZCT Survey – As we move into the season, we are now picking up the collection of email addresses for sending the link to the survey. Over Labour Weekend I spoke with a large number of riders and collected around 70 addresses. The trail has remained as the second largest contributor of surveys amongst the trail network. This is surprising as some trails have many more riders than us. Last year we engaged a student to help with the collection over the peak holiday period. We are repeating this again this summer.

Donation Flyers – We have had a further 7,000 flyers printed. These are kept in the shelters, given to some operators to have in rooms and handed out with the survey work. This aims to target the independent riders. A number of the companies with riders on the trail either contribute per rider or encourage their riders to make a donation.

NZCT Annual Forum – I attended this at the start of October. It brings all Trail Managers together with the NZCT Board, MBIE, DOC, Waka Kotahi and others. This was a good networking event. The topics discussed included unpacking the Government's role in the Great Rides and MBIE funding reductions; exploring operating models for the Great Rides on public conservation land; the work being undertaken nationally by a working group led by Recreation Aotearoa in improving the accessibility of trails; an update from Waka Kotahi; what's happening with trails and cycling in Australia; the Great Rides Persona market research insights; restoring nature on trails; waste elimination; the power of purposeful consultation with Iwi; NZCT's marketing update and the positioning of the trails in Destination Management Planning. All up, there were a lot of interesting topics and discussion and a recognition of how far the Great Ride Network has come.

Communications –

Media - Over recent weeks I have released several media articles on a range of topics. These have included voluntary projects on the trail, separate articles on dogs and motor bikes on the trail, the Mahinapua Lookout and work on that section of the trail. I have also provided an article to The Herald on 10 years of development of the trail.

Facebook – We continue to upload regular posts on trail alerts and activities. I have also started short videos and aim to record these with many of our OPPs on them and their products.

E- Newsletter – Another e-Newsletter has gone out and has been well received.

Jackie Gurden

Trail Manager

Cycling and Walking Sub-Committee Report: November 2023

- Grey District Council are currently working through the Long-Term Plan 2024-34 preliminary stages. Included in the planning for recreational spaces.
- We are working with Sport Canterbury to develop a Play, Active Recreation & Sport strategy to guide future decision making in the District with a diverse working party feeding into this.
- We are still seeing events happening on the Wilderness Trail. The Greymouth Harriers 2/4-person relay held most recently from Kumara to Greymouth.
- Fantastic Flow track developed at Blackball School with the concept from the children and design by the children with a huge community input to developing the track. It was officially opened this month and is worth visiting to see what can be achieved by one of the regions smallest schools.
- From Sport Canterbury, we're pleased to have supported the facilitation of the recent Cycling & Walking Workshop held at Westland District Council.

Cr Jack O'Connor

Grey District Council

Department Of Conservation Update
to Westland District Council
Cycling and Walking Sub-Committee
16 November 2023

Mananui Tramline (Mahinapua Walkway):

Track resurfacing and structure upgrades and replacements continuing between Woodstock-Rimu Rd and Picnic point.

Hokitika Gorge:

Closed track either side of the lower Swing Bridge

Realigned track into 2 separate in and out trails with new orientation maps and signage. Positive feedback re visitor experience received.

Additional safety barriers installed following storm related track damage.

Backcountry Tracks:

Taramakau Valley work – track, huts, and structures

Public Access:

Working with landowners in several areas to provide well marked and signed access where it passes through private land – Otira and Kokatahi.

General Front-country Track Maintenance

Ramping up as summer approaches.

Regional Work:

Lake Paringa Shelter

Heaphy Bridge works

Ces Clark Hut Warden Quarters

Pike 29 Track Interpretation Kiosk and Seating



*Owen Kilgour,
Operations Manager
Department of Conservation - Hokitika*

Update from Inger Perkins, November 2023

Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa, the Outdoor Access Commission

1. Racecourse Development – hub potential

At the recent presentation to stakeholders, it was very encouraging to hear about and see illustrated the concept of the racecourse as a hub for active transport and recreation, including walking, cycling and horse riding.

2. Workshop

Many thanks to those who arranged the workshop last month ...

Workshop summary included areas the committee could consider and support through long term plans etc. Safer school access is a place to start, and then extend to supporting a culture shift that gives priority to pedestrians at crossings and gives equality of access opportunities for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists generally rather than putting vehicles first. An excellent concept that was raised in the workshop is to consider safety for those aged 8 and aged 80. If they are safe, it's likely that all users will be safe.

What do we do next?

- Review and apply International Charter for Walking?
- Use Waka Kotahi's Walking Action Planning guidance?
- Assess streets using Healthy Streets template and find the 'low hanging fruit'?

As Simon Bastion advised at the last meeting, the workshop aims to start piecing together a programme of work and at the workshop advised that there are opportunities to contribute to LTP, 10 year plan, transport budget, and racecourse plan.

Perhaps we could agree on how that will work in practice.

3. National Walking and Cycling Plans – Waka Kotahi

I noted previously that Waka Kotahi have been developing a National Walking Plan and a National Cycling Plan. They will be briefing the incoming Transport Minister on those plans to get the new Minister's direction. For now, their focus in this area of work is delivering actions on their [interim cycling plan](#).

I understand that Waka Kotahi support [Low Cost Low Risk projects](#) with co-funding through the National Land Transport Programme. Qualifying activities include projects under the Road to Zero campaign and walking and cycling improvements. It may be that the Pine Tree Road link for walking and cycling connectivity could fit this programme, with half the cost to be met by the Council.

4. Pine Tree Road

Could we put a date on this action – to report back on how and when this connection between communities and other bike trails could be achieved? Perhaps this committee could support the project through the Long Term or Annual Plan.