## **Overview of the Westland Cultural Heritage** Tourism Development Plan

### 1. CULTURAL HERITAGE THEMES DEVELOPMENT

- Foundation Māori Settlement Heritage Theme Pounamu: To be developed by Poutini Ngāi Tahu with Te Ara Pounamu Project
- Foundation Pākehā Settlement Heritage Theme West Coast Rain Forest Wilderness Gold Rush
  - Hokitika Gold Rush Port, Emporium and Administrative Capital actually on the goldfields
  - Ross New Zealand's most diverse goldfield in terms of types of gold deposits and mining methods
- Cultural Themes Artisans, Food, Products, Recreation derived from untamed, natural wilderness

## 2. TOWN ENVIRONMENT ENHANCEMENTS

### 2.1 Hokitika Revitalisation

- Cultural Heritage Precincts, Walkways, Interpretation, Public Art and Tohu Whenua Site
- Wayfinders and Directional Signs (English, Te Reo Māori, Chinese)

### 2.2 Ross Enhancement

- Enhancement and Experience Plan Development
- Wayfinders and Directional Signs (English, Te Reo Māori, Chinese)

## 3. COMMERCIAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

- Go Wild Hokitika and other businesses at TRENZ 2020
- Chinese Visitor Business Cluster
- Mahinapua Natural and Cultural Heritage Iconic Attraction

### 4. COMMUNITY OWNED BUSINESSES AND ACTIVITIES

- Westland Industrial Heritage Park Experience Development
- Ross Goldfields Heritage Centre and Area Experience Development

## 5. MARKETING



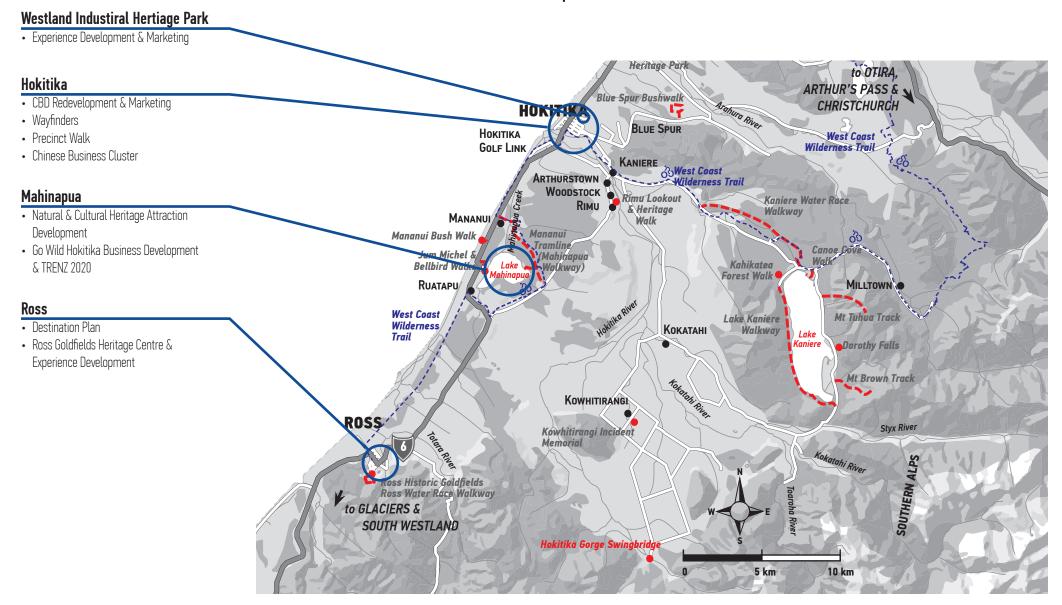






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## **Tourism Development Plan**



## Hokitika Revitalisation Plan

**Projects/Stakeholders** 

Beachfront Project

HWC Precinct Walk

Signage Project

Tohu WhenuaWAI Seat Project

• Lion's Club

Visitor and Transport Planning

• Destination Hokitika – Wayfinders and

• Heritage Hokitika – Gibson Quay Development

• New Museum, Carnegie Building, Pounamu

Centre, Library, Visitor Hub

West Coast Wilderness Trail

• 4 Banks – Private Projects

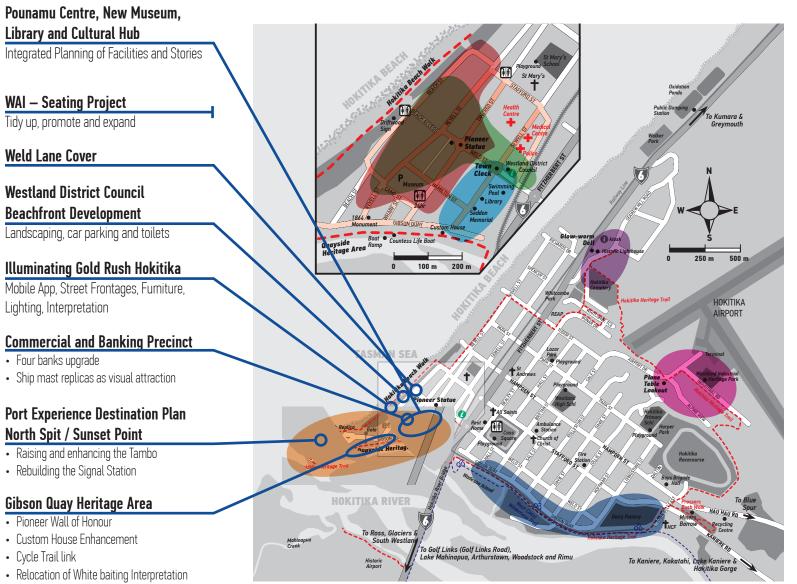
• Westland Industrial Heritage Park

• Totalisator Project — Hokitika Racing Club

• Seddon House – Seddon Trail start/finish point

Hokitika Driftwood and Sand Festival

Westland District Council – Utilities. Services.



- Tohu Whenua Pou
- Relocate Flag poles

## **Hokitika Cultural Heritage Precincts**

Includes panels for 10 of Hokitika's 18 Heritage NZ List Cat. 1 &2 Sites marked \* below.

#### Goldfields and Provincial Capital Precinct

 Site overview 
 — whole block, Government House, Supreme Court, Government Buildings, Chief Post and Telegraph Office, World Meteorological Heritage Observatory

2. Government Building \* Cat 1.

3. Seddon Statue\*Cat 1 - Seddon Story and start of Seddon Trail to Stafford, Goldsborough, Kumāra and Seddon Statue at Parliament Buildings, Wellington.

#### Port Precinct

4. Gibson Quay – Tohu Whenua Landmark -Origin of name "Hokitika" and Hokitika's role as Goldfield Port, Commercial and Government Centre.
5. North Spit – European Discovery Stories – Abel Tasman 1st sighting of NZ
6. North Spit – Gold Rush Ports Overview – Roadstead, River, Up-River Freight and Passenger Service, , Vessels and Challenges.

 Signal Station and River Training Walls and Breakwaters – Replica structures.
 Customhouse \* Cat 1. – Customs, Trade, Multi-nation immigration, unusual arrivals / departures / stories.

#### Commercial and Banking Precinct

Revell St South – Story of Crooked Mile – Commercial Overview
 & 11. Gold Rush banking - gold buying and smelting - 4 former banks;
 BNSW\*, BNZ\*, NBNZ\*, Hokitika Savings Bank \* all Cat.2
 Renton Hardware Building \* Cat. 2 – stories of retail / wholesale trade and warehousing.

#### Entertainment (pubs, theatres, casino) and Artisans Precinct

 Revell St Central – entertainment overview – 82 of Hokitika's 102 hotels, fires, red light district, Revell Street widening, development of artisan businesses.
 Regent Theatre \*Cat. 2 – stories of all 5 theatres

#### Industrial Precinct

15. Gibson Quay @ Davie St. Breweries, sawmills, Kanieri-Hokitika Tramway stories.

16. Westland Milk Products History

#### Racecourse

17. Horse racing history – referring to Totalisator Building \* Cat 1

#### Airport Terrace Precinct

 Airport Drive / Plane Table site ? NZ' 1st commercial air service, visual link between Southside Aerodrome and Hokitika Airport. Link to Fox Moth replica?
 Westland Industrial Heritage Park.

#### Seaview Terrace Precinct

20. Parihaka Prisoners' Memorial (explanation of history and international significance. Irish Fenian disturbances; cemetery protests and dispatch of Armed Constabulary and Royal Navy to quell feared uprising. Links to existing panels for Cemetery (Includes Cat.2 Mausoleum), Hospitals, Gaol and Lighthouse\*Cat. 2.



## **Hokitika Wayfinders and Directional Signs**

The way finder and directional signs are designed to provide a double benefit. To visitors they will advise what is in Hokitika and how to get to what interests them. For the businesses, they are designed to encourage visitors to walk around town, spending more time in Hokitika and going past more businesses and spending more money.

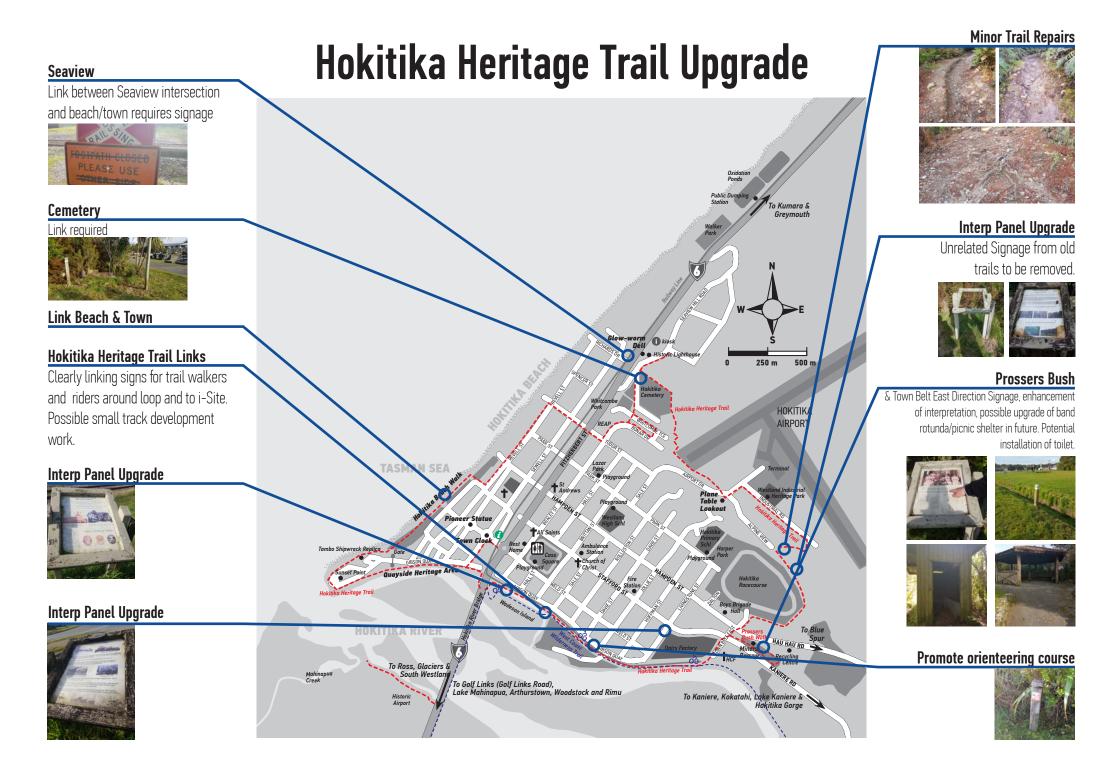
The current concept design for the way finders is:





The directional signage is proposed to replace a range of diverse signage including signage for Council assets such as public toilets and the museum. There would be up to six arrows in each direction. The priority for these would be district amenities, landmarks and community services such as the medical centre. Additional places would be managed by Destination Hokitika and available for individual businesses.

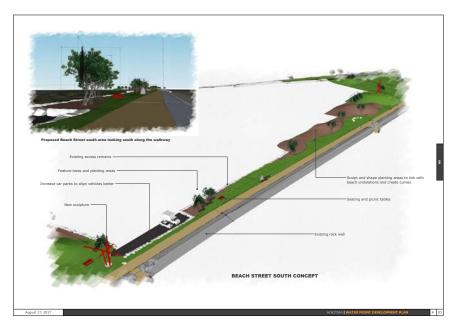
The yellow letters on the map above represent way finder signs and the red numbers indicate directional signs.



## **Beachfront Development**









### Walkway from Fitzherbert St

to Customhouse to North Spit / Sunset Point

- Upgrade existing walkway
- Obtain views to river and mountains align seating with view shafts
- Extend walkway and timber delineation structures to North Spit / Sunset Point Extend Pioneer Wall of Honour
- Install replica ship masts as visual attraction from SH6 and CBD  $\,$
- Relocate Whitebait Interpretation to Pierson Esplanade
- Extend West Coast Wilderness Trail -to North Spit safely integrate with walkway

### **Replica Signal Station**

and Training Wall — Viewing Platform, Interpretation Node and Visitor Shelter

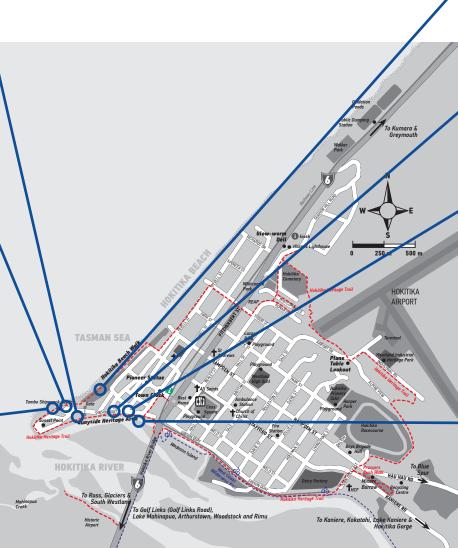
- New structure built into Sunset Point raising and carpark development, utilising new levels.
- Provide attraction visibility from SH6 and Gibson Quay / Revell St cnr
- Provide power supply for night lighting.
- New interpretation Southern Alps peak indicator, Maori navigation stories, Abel Tasman first sighting of NZ, navigation safety and river training walls and breakwaters, roadstead transfers of passengers and freight.
- Visitor shelter incorporated in design.

## Tambo Shipwreck Memorial

- Restore visibility from SH6, Gibson Quay/Revell St cnr, and Weld Lane — lift structure above new
- ground level?
- Restore power supply and lighting night-time attraction.
- Restore anchor, chain, name plates, origins plaque.
- Make more authentic ship's wheel, hatch covers, deck cargo (coal sacks, barrels as seating, tables.
- New interpretation.
- Repair damage / general maintenance

# North Spit / Sunset Point

& Gibson Quay



### **Beachfront Walkway**

from North Spit / Sunset Point to Weld Lane

- Develop walkway
- Extend West Coast Wilderness Trail -to Weld Lane safely integrate with walkway.
- Extend Pioneer Wall of Honour

### **Countess of Onslow Lifeboat**

- Upgrade boat shed
- Improve display of boat
- New interpretation
- Install lighting

### Gibson Quay Heritage Areav

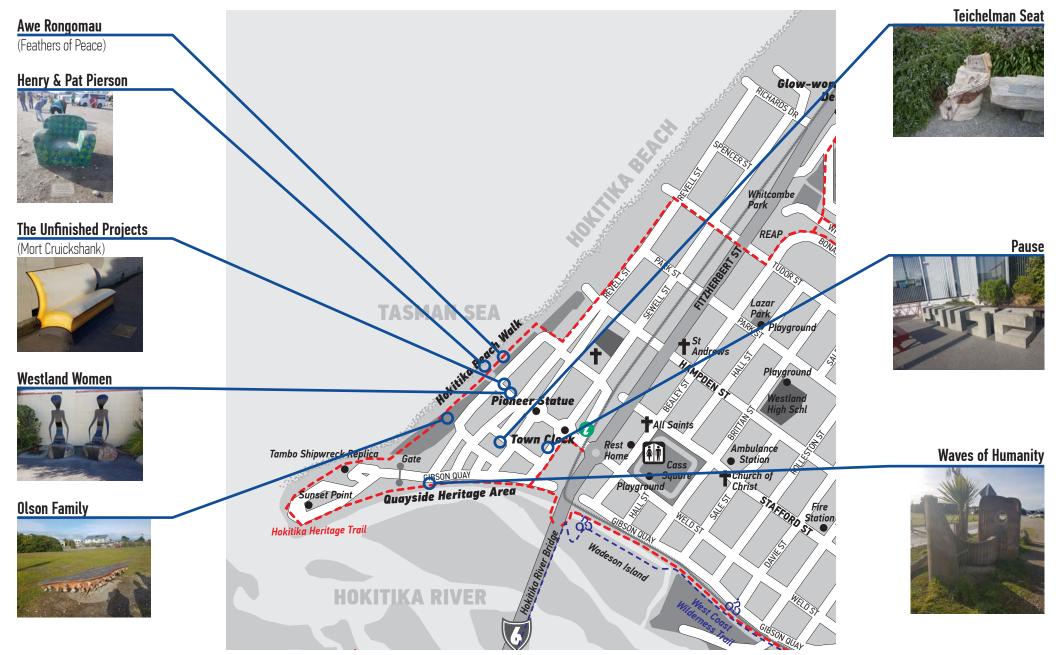
Emporium and Capital Interpretation Node (& Preferred Tohu Whenua Pou Site) — Tancred St Viewing Platform

- Renew lighting
- Upgrade viewing platform
- Obtain views to goldfields, river entrance, Tambo, Seddon House / Government Building, Pioneer Monument
- New interpretation panels origin and meaning of "Hokitika", reasons for Tohu Whenua — Landmark significance
- Tohu Whenua pou
- Relocate Weighbridge Station nearby

### Customhouse Trade and Immigration Centre

- Restore & maintain Customhouse –
   original colours, name plate, signs, flagpole
- Landscape grounds
- Make existing Migrant country flagpoles more visible from SH6, CBD and North Spit / Sunset Point
- Commence Pioneer Wall of Honour
- New interpretation

## **WAI / Seats Project**



## Westland Industrial Heritage Park – Hokitika Airport

- Experience Development Plan
- Marketing Plan
- Arrival Experience and Entrance Development visible from Airport Drive— including parking and signage
- Promote New Zealand's First Licenced Air Service original Fox Moth airliner replica display –potential Tohu Whenua Site with visual links to the current Hokitika Airport (Seaview) and the original Southside Airport on the south side of the Hokitika River.



## Mahinapua

Aim: Develop a Linked Group of Natural and Cultural Heritage Attractions and Businesses to Support the Hokitika-Mahinapua-Ross area as an Iconic Visitor Destination with increased visitor numbers, stays and expenditure.

#### Actions:

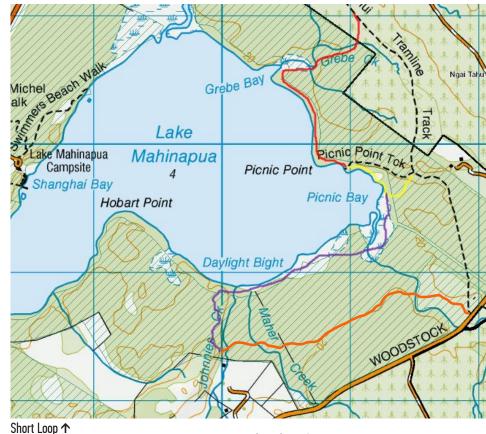
#### 1. Mahinapua Business and Marketing Group

Develop co-operative development and marketing among about 20 businesses in the area between Hokitika Mahinapua and Ross.

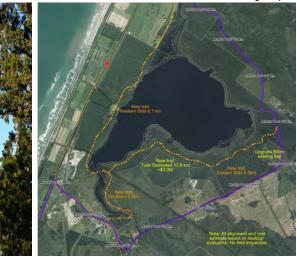
Develop opportunities for accommodation, food, guiding, transport, arts, recreation, complementary activities, etc, businesses within this area

Connect with Go Wild Hokitika collective, Destination Hokitika, and Ross Gold Town Destination development group. Attend TRENZ 2020

- 2. Establish Round Trip Opportunities with New Cycling / Walking Loops.
  - 2.1 Develop 2-hour return off-highway cycling route linking natural and cultural heritage areas.
  - 2.2 Develop longer Around Lake Mahinapua walking/ cycling route off-highway, incorporating 2.1
  - 2.3 Link with return options via Mahinapua waterways or road transport.
- 3. Mahinapua Waterways Link to West Coast Tree-Tops Walk Develop landing place and short walk from Lake Mahinapua to Tree-Tops Walk.
- 4. Mahinapua Visitor and Natural and Cultural Heritage Interpretation Centre Develop visitor and Interpretation centre at junction of State Highway 6, West Coast Wildemess Trail and Mahinapua waterways, near Mahinapua Heritage Railway Bridge.
- 5. Develop Linkages With Ross Gold Town Destination via West Coast Wilderness Trail and Totara Waterways











## **Ross Goldtown Destination Plan Action Points**



**Creation of an icon feature** for the town potentially relating to its mining history

### Lake Walk Developed

**Chinese Garden Completed** 

Seven Golden Gullies Walk / ride developed





- Ross Goldfields Heritage and Information Centre Redevelopment to a key visitor attraction. Including:
  - 1.1 3 sided video theatre experience focusing on:
    - Mt Greenland and oldest geological formation in NZ
    - 19th to early 20th Century gold mining
    - 2000 remining of the lake area
    - Today's operations
    - The future importance of minerals
  - 1.2 Roddy Nugget Interactive feature
  - 1.3 Interpretative Mining Models including Geological Explanation
- 2. Enhanced Gold Panning Experience including Interactive Modern Gold Screen
- 3. Town Icon
- 4. Chinese Garden Completed
- 5. Mont D'Or and 7 Golden Gullies Walk/ Ride being explored. Complementary to Water Race Walk and Osmond Walk.
- Signage and wayfinding developed