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Westland District Council  
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Hokitika 7842

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Re: Submission for Draft Annual Plan 2013

The Haast Promotions Group wish to submit a request for funding for construction and installation of two threshold signs welcoming people to Haast.

We have been corresponding with the council and Mayoress M Pugh since 2008 and in this time we have accrued a huge pile of correspondence. (I have attached a copy of the first two letters to and from the council.)

The progress has been very slow but we have finally got to the stage where both the Haast Promotions Group and the Council have agreed on the design and position of both signs. Now all that is needed are the promised funds from the council. Apparently we now need apply for these funds.

The Haast Promotions Group hereby applies for the funding to purchase and erect the aforementioned signs at the price of \$4,050.00 GST exclusive for one sign.

Let it be noted that The Haast Promotions Group would like to present this as a verbal submission.

I have attached a copy of plans drawn by Simon Eyre.

We are hoping that you can help us and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'H Johnston', written in a cursive style.

Haast Promotions Group  
Heleen Johnston



Our Reference:  
Your Reference:  
For enquiries contact:

TRA 8.1 & COG 1.4  
Maureen Pugh

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30 October 2008

Heleen Johnston  
The Haast Promotion Group  
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Haast 7844

Dear Heleen

Thank you for your letter regarding threshold signs for the area of Haast. I agree that the signs are important and have promoted the need for some form of "arrival" signage to be included as part of the destination management project underway with Development West Coast and their Major Regional Initiative (MRI) focused on tourism. I have forwarded your letter to the MRI steering group as further support for the need to install signage in your area. I am being kept informed of the progress on the MRI and will continue to promote the signage issue with them.

I will ask Councillor Kerry Eggeling to liaise with you on progress. It was very encouraging to receive your letter and I hope that you will continue to promote the needs of your community with Council.

Kind regards

**Maureen Pugh**  
**Mayor**

MP/KM

Copy for you information: Rebecca Strang

12-10-2008



The Haast Promotion Group  
C/- Post Office  
Haast 7844

Dear Mrs Maureen Pugh

Re: Threshold signs Highway 6 The Haast

I am writing on behalf of the Haast Promotions Group to request that you consider facilitating the procurement and erection of threshold signs to announce the imminence of the travellers arrival in the area known as "The Haast."

We envisage these proposed signs to be similar in size and style to those at Fox and Franz Joseph, yet different enough to be unique.

When tourists arrive in our area they have travelled for about two hours from either Fox to the north, or Wanaka to the east and are looking for The Haast but have no idea where The Haast starts or ends.

The Haast as you would be aware is unique in having a population of 250 or so, covering over 50km, and with it being 2 hours travel to the next facilities if travellers drive past, effective signage is very important.

Many tourists at present drive past not realizing that they have done so, only to have to drive back to get services they require. This inconveniences and annoys those that have to double back, and worse, those that carry on are a loss to the local economy.

We feel these signs are important as tourism is a major bread winner in The Haast, and as it is the first settlement encountered when entering Westland from Otago, a sense of arrival is paramount, (the first impressions always being important).

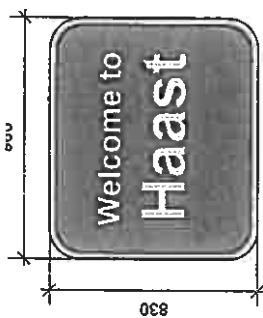
If tourists travelling toward The Haast have prior notice, they then can then more readily identify where they are, and not have to double track to find the services they require.

This in turn will remove some stress from their trip, and hopefully improve their enjoyment of our beautiful West Coast, which in turn must be good promotion for all.

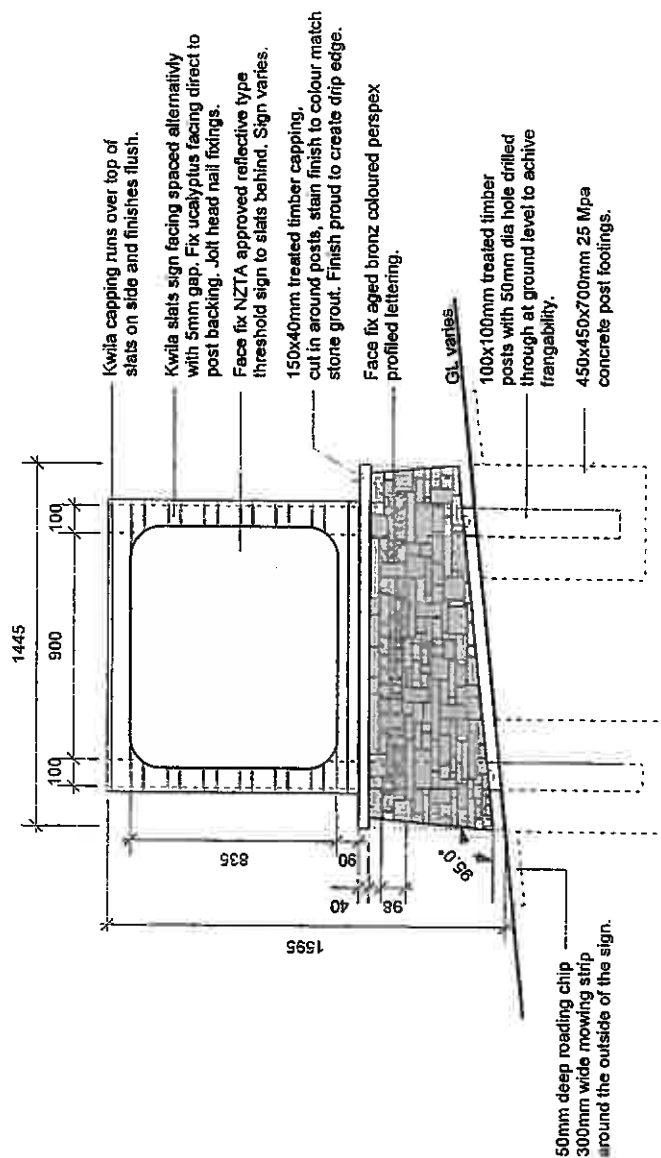
I am hoping that you will look upon ~~this~~ request favourably.

Yours

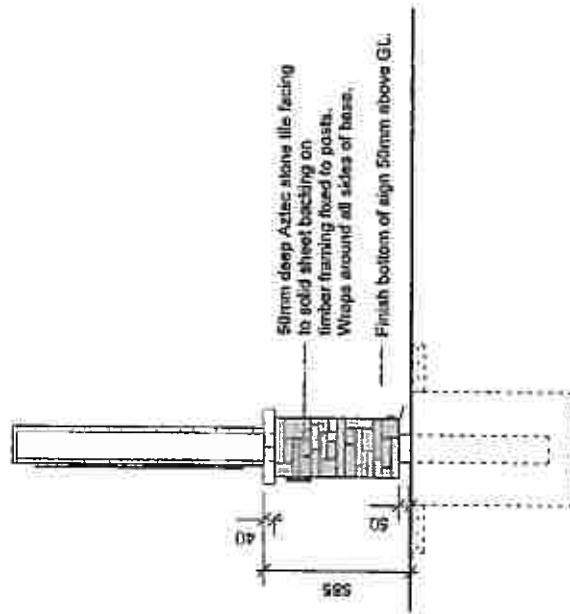
The Haast Promotion Group  
Heleen Johnston (Treasurer)



Sign Example  
Scale: 1:20



Front Elevation  
Scale: 1:20



Side Elevation  
Scale: 1:20

## HAAST SIGNAGE

Proposed Haast area threshold signage

Drawn By: SE Date: 18 April 2013 DWG File Name: haast signage.vwx  
Scale: As shown Project Status: Preliminary Drawing No: 1

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West Coast  
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Tourism West Coast  
Submission to the Westland District Council

on the  
2012-2022  
Long Term Plan

6<sup>th</sup> May 2013

YES – we wish to speak to this submission.

Submitted by;  
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Greymouth  
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## Introduction

1. This submission is from Tourism West Coast (TWC). If you wish to discuss this submission please contact the Chairperson, Richard Benton on ph; 021 669 026 or email [ricard.benton@wildkiwi.co.nz](mailto:ricard.benton@wildkiwi.co.nz) or CEO Jim Little 03 768 6675 or [jim@westcoastnz.com](mailto:jim@westcoastnz.com)
2. The paper comments on the draft 2012-2022 Long Term Plan, on behalf of the West Coast Tourism industry.
3. With input from West Coast operators, this submission puts forth comment on the plan and suggests a number of recommendations.
4. Tourism West Coast also wishes to support this submission in person at the upcoming council submissions hearing on a date to be advised.

## The West Coast tourism industry – current context

Tourism West Coast, (TWC), is the Regional Tourism Organisation for the West Coast region. The organisation is structured as an Incorporated Society with objectives to:

1. Raise awareness of the West Coast and its tourism offering
2. To encourage a quality regional tourism experience
3. To enhance the West Coast visitor experience
4. To promote the principles and benefits of sustainability accruing from a quality tourism experience

**Objective of TWC “More visitors, more often, staying longer, spending more!”**

TWC is funded equally by the 3 District Councils and Development West Coast, with additional funding from TWC generated revenues via advertising in the Official Visitor Guide and website listings.

Tourism is a significant contributor to the West Coast economy, directly accounting for around 12% of employment, 6.6% of GDP and 9.2% percent of business units. This compares to 5.3%, 3.8% and 3.9% respectively for New Zealand as a whole. When you include wider tourism-related industries the contribution increases to an average of 16% of employment and 9.5% of GDP over the past 5 years (BERL Economics March 2012).

However, recent events, not least the poor global economic climate, strong \$NZ and Christchurch earthquakes have provided the sector with some very real challenges.

According to the latest Commercial Accommodation Monitor statistics (CAM) the West Coast region achieved total guest nights of 1.08million for the year ending February 2013. This represents a 2.4% reduction in overall guest nights on the previous 12 months compared to -4.9% last year. This percentage is influenced by a small -2.1% (-4.7% last year) drop in international visitor guest nights, whilst domestic visitor nights dropped by -2.7% (-5.3% last year)

These figures reflect recent international visitor arrival data, which although achieving a small % increase in total arrivals, driven mainly by strong Asian markets, we witnessed a significant drop in certain markets, traditionally important to the West Coast. The UK , USA and Germany for example all recorded decreases during the same period ([www.tourismresearch.govt.nz/By-Region](http://www.tourismresearch.govt.nz/By-Region)). Also Australia has suffered from the Global Economic Crisis and arrivals have also decreased slightly but this has been offset by huge increases in visitors from China, South East Asia and India.

These statistics support the notion that Tourism is an important contributor to the West Coast economy and as such TWC argue that it is imperative to maintain and support a competitive tourism sector through adequate tourism planning and funding.

GDP \$122,000,000 and employment 2371 FTE's (Agriculture 1210 FTE's). Approximately 60% of this is in the Westland District (\$73,200,000.) It is also interesting to note that in terms of international guest nights the West Coast ranks #6 out of 29 RTO's behind Auckland, Queenstown, Canterbury, Wellington and Rotorua. The West Coast is the 3<sup>rd</sup> most popular region in New Zealand for camper vans after Canterbury and Queenstown.

## Comment on the plan; key issues and suggestions

### Promoting and Supporting the Community (p

1. Tourism West Coast (TWC) wishes to thank the Westland District Council (WDC) for their ongoing support and recognition of the value of tourism to economic development in the district.
2. With financial support from the Westland District Council, TWC have a strong role to play in helping council achieve their wider economic development objectives. As such, TWC request their bi-annual funding from WDC.
3. For the 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 years Tourism West Coast seeks to have funding of \$86,000+Gst for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014 & 1st July 2014 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 based on quarterly payments of \$21,500+Gst. Subject to annual review against KPI's and public submissions.
4. TWC support WDC's investment in heritage, events and district promotional activities, as important drivers of economic development.
5. TWC congratulates the WDC for the continued investment in the Hokitika airport. However to make the most of this important asset, TWC encourages further investment in the promotion of the airport as a key gateway to the West Coast, in partnership with TWC promotional activities and possibly with Air New Zealand.
6. The West Coast Cycle Trail, Hokitika Tree Top Walkway and other initiatives will help to attract more people to Westland and the West Coast and it is vital that there is one Regional Tourism Organisation to assist in the marketing of these to both the domestic and international markets.
7. Support for the continued funding for Tourism West Coast includes, Glacier Country Tourism Group, Haast Promotions Group and Enterprise Hokitika who have advised of their support for continued funding over 3 years but we understand WDC can only commit to 2 years at this stage. Tourism West Coast now has the total support of the Scenic Hotel Group located in Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers along with numerous smaller operators. Hard evidence can be furnished if requested however they include significant operators such as Fox & Franz Heli Services, Air Safaris, Distinction Te Weheka Hotel and several motels.
8. Outside the West Coast support has been received from the Executive Officer Regional Tourism Organisations (RTONZ), Christchurch International Airport, Tourism Export Council and the CEO of the Distinction Hotel Group.

Tourism West Coast is grateful of the opportunity to make this submission to the Westland District Council Annual Plan on behalf of the wider tourism industry.

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Life Education Trust



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**Submission to Annual Plan**

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Dear Maureen and Westland District Council Members,

On behalf of Life Education Trust West Coast, I wish to thank you for the continued support that your council has given over the last few years. Having local our council and other sponsors who are equally passionate about helping our West Coast kids live healthy, educated lives, is paramount to our success. Because of your support, over 3,300 West Coast students (all of the pre, primary and high schools in the Westland District were visited by Carmen and Harold) were able to learn valuable lessons around our four main goals:

- Teach the children of the West Coast the knowledge and skills, through health based education, that will keep them free from harmful substances such as drugs, alcohol and smoking.
- Teach the children of the West Coast Self Esteem, prevention of bullying and using positive reinforcement on how to avoid bullying.
- Teach the children of the West Coast about their bodies and provide advice on good diet and healthy living.
- Teach them they are unique, fabulous young people who, as they get older can do anything they want to do if they put their hearts and minds into it!

Enclosed are a few photos of what Carmen, Harold and the kids have been up to lately.

Our Trust relies solely on the financial support of private sponsors as we receive no government funding for our programme. The previous support from the Westland District Council was greatly received by the Trust, and we would like to know if we can count on your support this year for a further \$5000.

Please feel free to contact me with any queries you might have regarding Life Education or sponsorship. The Trustees acknowledge and appreciate your enthusiasm and willingness to help support the Life Education Trust West Coast.

We look forward to hearing from you, and thank you again for your previous support.

Yours sincerely,

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**Charis Huhta Sweeney**  
Fundraiser/PR

# Our Educator and Harold in Action

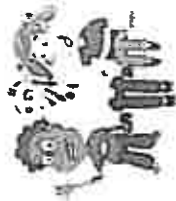






Harold.  
 I think you are  
 funny. I like  
 your jokes. I like  
 your videos and  
 your songs. I like  
 your farm. I like  
 your bus. I like  
 your car. I like  
 your house. I like  
 your garden. I like  
 your animals. I like  
 your everything. I like  
 you.





OUR POLICY IS BASED ON THREE PRINCIPLES



**You are unique.**  
Never before and  
never again will there be  
another child just like you.  
We try to make each child  
feel comfortable with their  
identity and to show them  
how special they are.



**The human body is  
magnificent.**  
We capture children's  
imagination using technology  
that shows them the  
magnificence of the human  
body, how it functions and  
what its needs are.



**We need to  
support and respect  
each other, because  
of the delicate and  
complex nature of  
life.**



[www.lifeeducation.org.nz](http://www.lifeeducation.org.nz)



To find out more about Life Education Trust in your local area visit  
[www.lifeeducation.org.nz](http://www.lifeeducation.org.nz) or call 0800 454 388





## Behaviours developed during childhood and early adolescence are predictors of adult behaviours.

Life Education is a health resource and we offer schools a range of lessons grouped into five strands: self-esteem, food and nutrition, body knowledge, social relationships and substances.

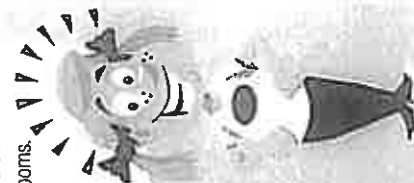
Children and adolescents are faced with all the challenges of developing their own identity. A need to fit in, a need to belong, a need to like the person in the mirror, be comfortable with who they are.

Bullying, falling out with friends, the worry of being different and peer pressure are just some of the emotions growing children live with daily.

We aim to provide children with knowledge, so they can make informed decisions that will affect them.

Life Education started in New Zealand in 1987 when founder Trevor Grice brought the programme from Australia after seeing the immense benefits. Two mobile classrooms one in Auckland and one in Christchurch were initially launched. Today the 44 mobile classrooms are a familiar sight from Far North to Southland.

Each year over 220,000 primary and intermediate aged children from 1,300 schools attend lessons in Life Education classrooms.



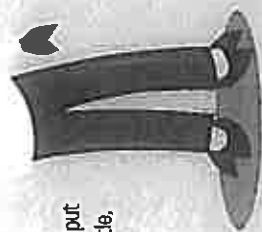
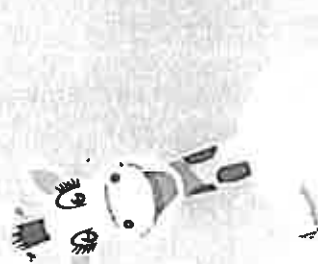
"Life Education reinforces key messages about health and the programme fits with the school programme and curriculum."

## Harold the giraffe is our mascot. He helps our specially trained educators teach the Life Education Programme.

Children's responses show that Harold has a huge impact in reinforcing the messages of the programme.

Harold the giraffe was chosen to remind children to stand tall like a giraffe. Giraffes, like humans, are all unique. They have different spot patterns just like each person has a different fingerprint.

Giraffes are careful about what they eat and only put fresh food into their bodies. Giraffes are also gentle, caring animals that live in families and work together.



## Life Education Trust is a charity that relies on donations and the time of volunteers.

If you would like to make a donation to our efforts or volunteer with your local trust please visit [www.lifeeducation.org.nz](http://www.lifeeducation.org.nz) for more information.

**YEAR**  
[ AGE ]

**STRAND**

**Pre School**

**Yr 1 & 2**  
5-6 years

**Yr 3 & 4**  
7-8 years

**Yr 5 & 6**  
9-10 years

**Yr 7 & 8**  
11-13 years

**SELF ESTEEM**

**It's Great to be Me**

**FOOD & NUTRITION**

**Food for Energy**

**BODY SYSTEMS**

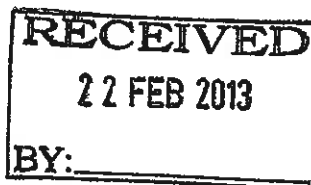
**Caring for the Body**

**SUBSTANCES**

**Quot From the Shadows**

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The Chief Executive, Mayor & Councillors  
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Ngāi Tahu Tourism  
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Christchurch

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22 February 2013

Dear Sirs and Madams

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### Tourism West Coast

I would like to advocate, as the Westland District Council's representative on TWC board, that the council supports the three year funding cycle for Tourism West Coast.

It is apparent that there has been a significant shift in the organisation which has engendered an increased confidence from stakeholders. There is now a strategy and vision to build the promotion of the West Coast through what is going to be a dynamic and changing market. The importance of tourism in the region cannot be underestimated, particularly at this time with other traditional industries facing uncertain times.

Glacier Country, one of the major critics of Tourism West Coast and who had actively sought to have it disbanded, is now positive about the future and working cooperatively with TWC to promote the region, having seen the new clarity around TWC's role as the RTO.

Without the security of a funding stream, TWC will not be able to continue to focus on promoting tourism on the coast. The last year has been largely overshadowed by the question mark over the future thereby diverting some resource from the core of increasing visitation.

I hope that the Council will not only continue to support Tourism West Coast but would be open to increasing its investment into such an important promotion of the region.

Yours faithfully



Fraser Leddie



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Tanya Winter, Mayor & Councillors  
Westland District Council  
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Dear Tanya Winter, Mayor & Councillors

We wish to express our support to the continued funding of Tourism West Coast from Westland District, with a three year funding cycle. This could be reviewed yearly against agreed KPI's.

EH have previously shown our support of Tourism West Coast and continue to do so, we encourage the Westland District Council to do the same in the next annual plan.

Yours sincerely

Shirley Gardiner  
Administrator for EH

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FILE REF: RDG 19.1

02 November 2012

Shirley Gardiner  
Enterprise Hokitika  
PO Box 126  
Hokitika

Dear Shirley

**RE: RUSTIC 'TOWN CENTRE' SIGNAGE**

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 24 October 2012.

All comments are noted. All matters regarding the signage will be addressed in the 2013-14 Annual Plan.

Sincerely

**Vivek Goel**  
**Group Manager – Assets and Operations**

VG/KM



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24<sup>th</sup> October 2012

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**Rustic 'Town Centre' Signage**

Dear Vivek

Enterprise Hokitika in conjunction with their sub group, the Central Business Retailers Group would like to see what can be done to make the Rustic Town Centre lettering more prominent. We notice that the shrubs have been cut back recently which did help a little but we feel that the lettering is still very obscure.

Some ideas that came out of recent meetings were:  
Lettering could be painted to stand out – perhaps gold?  
Shrubs cut back (already done)  
Back board placed behind the lettering to help them stand out.

We understand that Council is currently looking at some options and we would like to add our support to this and ask that it is put on the list for sooner rather than later.

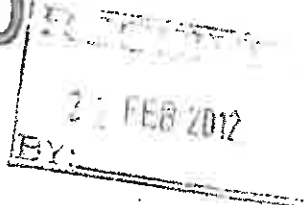
Regards

Shirley Gardiner  
For EH (Incorporated)

Cc Tanya Winter



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PO Box 101  
Fox Glacier

12 February 2013

The Chairman – Mr Richard Benton  
Tourism West Coast  
PO Box 490  
Greymouth 7840

CE	HW	MP	GM AO	CFO	EA	CSO	TLO	ASST ADCT

Dear Richard

#### FUNDING TOURISM WEST COAST

Firstly, we would like to congratulate you on your recent appointment as Chairman of Tourism West Coast (TWC). Glacier Country Tourism Group (GCTG) wishes you all the best in this important role for the region and tourism industry. We are also pleased with the recent appointment of Fraser Leddie as the Westland District Council (WDC) Representative, who is also a valued member of GCTG. We are confident the combination will have a positive impact within the organisation and generate some tangible tourism results for the whole West Coast region.

GCTG management team recently met to discuss TWC's request to support the 3 year funding cycle proposal to the district councils. As we are all well aware, Westland District Council currently provides only annual marketing funding to TWC.

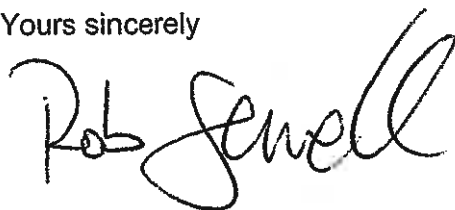
I will provide a brief history of GCTG's position. GCTG's position on WDC funding TWC has been to support funding for one year periods (currently to June 2013). This direction was chosen as GCTG was generally unhappy with the overall performance of TWC and wanted change. At this time GCTG was investigating alternative options to promote and market the Westland region. The WDC marketing fund was targeted to support a different structure and was going to be crucial for the future direction. However, agreement within the Westland region about a new entity, structure and funding failed and the matter has rested with no further action.

The appointment of TWC CEO Jim Little has brought some positive changes in the marketing and promotion of the region which GCTG has largely supported. At long last there is willingness to leverage off the glaciers as major icons and drawcards for the New Zealand and West Coast visitor markets.

On this basis GCTG supports TWC seeking the approval of WDC for a 3 year funding structure. The security of having 3 year funding in place will mean the focus is about producing and delivering a 3 year strategic plan with long term marketing investment and returns.

GCTG looks forward to working more closely with TWC and being strategically involved in marketing the full potential of the region and growing our key visitor markets.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Jewell', written in a cursive style.

Rob Jewell

**Chairperson**

**Glacier Country Tourism Group Inc**

Cc Fraser Leddie, Westland District Council TWC Representative  
Maureen Pugh, Mayor, Westland District Council  
Tanya Winters, Chief Executive, Westland District Council

**Diane Maitland**

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**From:** Tanya Winter  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 February 2013 3:08 p.m.  
**To:** Diane Maitland  
**Subject:** Fwd: Support for Tourism West Coast  
**Attachments:** WDC-TWC3yrfunding round.docx; ATT00001.htm

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**From:** haast promotion group incorporated <[haastnz@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:haastnz@hotmail.co.nz)>  
**Date:** 22 February 2013 10:02:22 AM NZDT  
**To:** <[tanya.winter@westlanddc.govt.nz](mailto:tanya.winter@westlanddc.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Support for Tourism West Coast



Dear Tanya

Please find in attachment a letter of support for the funding of Tourism West Coast for the next 3 years from the Haast Promotions Group.

Kind Regards  
Nathalie Giroux  
Haast Promotions Group  
Secretary

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*"To promote and retain the natural beauty and resources of the Haast, to share the experience of our lifestyles and to encourage the visitor to stay longer".*

12<sup>th</sup> February 2012  
To: Westland District Council  
Attn: Tanya Winter  
Private Bag 704  
Hokitika

Haast Promotions Group Inc

Dear Tanya

**Management of Tourism in Westland and the Westland District Council  
Long Term Plan**

The Haast Promotions Group(HPG) would like to inform the Westland District Council (WDC) that it continues to be a strong supporter of Tourism West Coast (TWC) and the work they have done over the past year. We would like to see TWC continue to promote tourism on the West Coast in the future and strongly recommend that the WDC continues to fund TWC in the up and coming years. In order to provide stability to TWC and to allow TWC to put long term plans into action we recommend that the WDC approves a 3 year roll over funding with an annual review based on agreed Key Performance Indicators (KPI's). We would also like to see TWC included in the WDC long term plan.

Kind Regards  
Nathalie Giroux  
Secretary Haast Promotions Group Inc.

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BY:

HERITAGE HOKITIKA INC.



The Secretary  
PO Box 156  
HOKITIKA  
Phone: 755 8232  
Fax: 755 8239

26 February 2013

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The Chief Executive  
Westland District Council  
HOKITIKA

The Treasurer  
113 Hampden Street  
HOKITIKA  
Phone/Fax: 755 6559

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Kirsty to acknowledge  
Annual Plan Box,

At a recent Heritage Hokitika Committee meeting, it was resolved to request Council to have the funding of repair work to the Pioneer Statue and ongoing maintenance programme submitted for consideration in the 2013/2014 Annual Plan.

Yours sincerely

B. E. Ward

Brian Ward  
Secretary

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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Chief Executive  
**FROM:** General Manager WDPL  
**DATE:** 30 January 2013

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### WDC Annual Plan - Aged Care Capital Asset Budget 2013-14

Please be advised that the roof on the two blocks of Aged Care units at 205 Revell Street, originally built in the 1960s, will require re-roofing during the next financial year 2013-14.

We have received cost estimates as follows:

Roofing Iron	Ellerys	Greymouth	\$9,490.00
Timber	McMullans ITM	Hokitika	\$2,935.00
Labour	D Tuffnell	Hokitika	\$5,625.00
Contingencies			<u>\$1,950.00</u>
			<b>\$20,000.00</b>

Would you please incorporate this capital funding requirement in the WDC Annual Plan budget for 2013-14.

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Annual Plan

Bruce Smith  
General Manager

Ross Swimming Pool Committee  
C/o Lisa Greig,  
Bold Head Road,  
RD1  
Ross 7885

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Mayor and Councillors  
Westland District Council  
Private Bag 704  
Hokitika

28<sup>th</sup> February 2013

RE: Annual Plan 2013 Submission

Dear Mayor and all Councillors

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	M.P.								✓

The Ross Swimming Pool Committee request Council allocates funds from the 2013 Annual Plan for the following:

- A PVC liner in the pool
- Regular repairs and maintenance budget
- Winter maintenance budget

#### PVC lining

We have researched many ideas and materials to line the pool and have decided on what we understand to be the best possible solution, being a PVC liner. This is a cost effective option which can be repaired easily if punctured, will be easier to install and have a longer life span than any other option provides. A quote has been obtained from the only New Zealand supplier and is included. This product has been used in the Greymouth Aquatic Centre and references can be obtained if you so require. We are making a request to the Ross Community Society to use Ross Borough Endowment Fund money held by Council and, from there, to the residents of Ross for their support. If this doesn't provide a positive result from the community we will apply for grants, in conjunction with council's assistance, to the Lotteries Commission and also to Council. The total amount required is \$86,000. If the funds come from the Ross Borough Endowment Fund then there should be no cost to the Ratepayers.

In late December a meeting was held with Tanya Winter and Vivek Goel and again in February another meeting was held with Vivek Goel and Simon Eyre who will be able to provide you with plenty of background information on the reasons for urgent attention to the pool. We are sure you have been briefed on the fundraising efforts from our committee and the ongoing work we are carrying out on the pool and we expect to continue in this vein. We do, however, really need significant regular financial support for not only repairs and maintenance but also more major works, like the ones mentioned above.

#### Regular repairs and maintenance

The Ross ratepayers pay a targeted Pool Rate which is used for power, depreciation, insurance, repairs and maintenance. We request this money is kept aside specifically to deal with the above mentioned so that regular repairs and maintenance are no longer a serious issue. We understand that there is currently \$5000.00 of the targeted rate which cannot be accounted for.

#### Winter maintenance

We would also request an allocation of funds to carry out an off-season maintenance schedule. The pool operates several different plumbing and electrical equipment systems which require specialist maintenance

to ensure correct function and decrease possible failures during the swim season.

The pool is incredibly well supported and used by the community and outlying areas and we are developing a healthy relationship with the current Council staff and Management to ensure repairs and maintenance are carried out regularly and budgeted for.

In conclusion, while not wishing to look back in time we feel that Councillors should be made aware of the fact that just a few years ago our Committee, over a period of 2-3 years raised funds to purchase a \$30,000.00 solar heating system. This money was handed to the Council with the previous Operations Manager taking over the role of negotiating and arranging the supply and fitting of the solar heating system. Within 18 months the system had started to fail and has since proved disastrous with major ongoing problems and costs not of our Committee's making, yet we have had to "carry the can" financially even though we pay a targeted rate.

You may consider that, in view of our ongoing fund-raising efforts and our poor treatment by the previous Council Management we deserve special consideration and support for our requests.

Thank you.



Lisa Greig (Secretary)  
Ross Swimming Pool Committee

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** Lance Jacobs <lg-jacobs@xtra.co.nz>  
**To:** dombev@xtra.co.nz  
**Sent:** Friday, 15 February 2013 12:34 PM  
**Subject:** SWIMMING POOL

Dear Beverly,  
We wish to submit an estimate to refurbish the Ross pool using New Evolution PVC and stainless steel with PVC coating to the top coping around the pool.  
We have included the supply and fitting of six new skimmer boxes and 10 inlets.  
We have also allowed for 3mm Fleece under the floor PVC to take up imperfections in the floor.  
We have also included four lane lines and targets.  
The pool size is estimated at 23 metres by nine metres and 1.0 to 1.800 deep.  
Our estimate for this refurbishment is \$74,000.00 plus GST.  
Included in this estimate is five nights accommodation and meals at \$2,250.00 plus GST.  
Yours faithfully,  
Lance Jacobs.  
JACOBS CONSTRUCTION LTD  
Mobile: 0274 446 296 | Phone: (+646) 858 8808 | Fax: (+646) 858 8851  
Email: [lg-jacobs@xtra.co.nz](mailto:lg-jacobs@xtra.co.nz)  
PO Box 283 | Waipukurau | Central Hawkes Bay | New Zealand

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**Diane Maitland**

**From:** bidnpix <rosschicks@clear.net.nz>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 29 May 2013 2:49 p.m.  
**To:** Diane Maitland  
**Subject:** grimmond ave submission

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**Biddy Manera**  
**45 Tramway Street**  
**Ross 7812**

**ph 03 7554193**



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**WREN SUBMISSION - GRIMMOND AVENUE**

**Hi Diane**

**Re - our conversation this morning.**

**Any correspondence that Council may have, regarding the submission from WREN, can be directed to me as I am the secretary of the group.**

**Regards**  
**Biddy Manera**

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**WESTLAND REGION ENVIRONMENT NETWORK**  
**INCORPORATED SOCIETY**

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WRENIS CHAIRPERSON  
Stuart Brown  
PO Box 321  
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20<sup>th</sup> May 2013

Westland District Council  
Weld Street  
HOKITIKA

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**SUBMISSION**

To The Westland District Council

We, the **Westland Region Environment Network Incorporated Society**, wholeheartedly support Bidy Manera's proposal of memorial tree planting along Grimmond Avenue. We are prepared to work alongside her on this project and are willing to do any fundraising if necessary.

Bidy has done a large amount of planning for this proposal, along with support from locals and businesses. With the number of people wanting to plant trees, we would be able to extend the planting around the recreation ground as well.

The Department of Conservation are supporting Bidy's idea of opening up the Chinese Mining Walkway, which will only add to the potential of the township in readiness for the Ross extension of the cycle trail. Grimmond Avenue is the roadway to the Chinese Mining Walkway area, and the tree planting can only enhance the area, which was mined some time ago.

As Biddy has pointed out, the planting is all being done with donations from the public, and at no cost to Council. The re-naming of Grimmond Avenue to Grimmond Memorial Avenue would be testament to the planting day, as Biddy's idea of trees being planted by families as a memorial to past family members and residents is certainly a heartfelt gesture that everyone agrees with.

The resealing of Grimmond Avenue in the near future would be of benefit to the traffic that frequent the roadway to the local transfer station; therefore eliminating the dust.

We look forward to a favourable response from Council on Biddy's proposal. We believe that any enhancement of the township of Ross, will not only benefit Ross and its residents, but the Westland District as a whole.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Stuart Brown', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Stuart Brown



## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Copy of Biddy's letter to CEO with initial proposal.
2. Ross Information Centre - support letter.
3. Ross Rugby Club - support letter.
4. Support signatures.
5. DOC - support letter. Chinese Gold Workings Walkway map.
6. Southside Nursery support letter.
7. Aerial photos of original Ross Recreation Ground and Grimmond Avenue.

Biddy Manera  
45 Tramway Street  
Ross 7812  
ph 03 7554193  
email rosschicks@clear.net.nz

15 February 2013

Dear Tanya

My name is Biddy Manera and I have lived in Ross all of my life (a l-o-n-g time!).

I recently attended a local Community Society Meeting and put forward the idea of doing another walkway in Ross, in the old Chinese campsite/mining areas. I came across the mapped walkway in a book called *The Changing Faces of Ross*, which was collated by an Access Group and DOC in 1988, the book has all of the archeological sites which are registered. Some previous mining here, has already 'accidentally' wiped out a number of the Chinese archeological mining sites.

With the recent increase in Chinese visitors to the Coast, Ross especially has a huge increase of Chinese visitors, midday - dining at the Empire Hotel, some weeks up to 300; within the time frame here, they are walking around the township and visiting the Information Centre etc. I thought it was a good opportunity to maybe get the ball rolling and increase the potential of the town for visitors; with the Cycle Trail due to be completed to Ross at the end of this year also, it seemed to me to be a venture worth looking at, to perhaps hold visitors in the town a little longer, maybe even overnight! The Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust are willing participants in helping to fund any of the history of Chinese.

I also explained to the meeting the heritage walk in Kumara and the effort the town has put in to enhancing the main street with the historic placards, which were sponsored, ensuring minimal costs, (and the PD/Community Service workforce) yet at the same time, giving the town a resurgence and making the place look like somewhere people would like to take a look around, hence, staying a bit longer.

The roadway to the old Chinese workings etc, is Grimmond Avenue. It used to be an avenue, named after a pioneering Mayor of the town, which was lined with large Oak. Birchfields mined the road as well as the local recreation ground, and since finishing, it is just a dusty road, with some sad excuses for trees planted near the 'lake'. The proposed landscaping for the area has been a white elephant. I would like to see Grimmond Avenue, become an attractive Avenue again and sealed as it used to be, enhancing the area of the recreation ground and the 'lake' at the top end of the town. With little cost to council, I would like to propose that Grimmond Avenue be renamed Grimmond Memorial Avenue and invite members of Ross, ex-pats and present residents, to perhaps purchase and plant a tree in memory of a friend or relation ,alongside the roadway - erecting a board (near the tin man) with a map of the trees and who they are dedicated to etc.

There was also the idea put forward of 150 years celebration of the discovery of Ross etc at the meeting, and any enhancement to this area would be of benefit to the whole town, especially when 150 year celebrations are forthcoming and of course the Cycle Trail.

My friend, Jo Pearce, has already, briefly, approached DOC about the Chinese Walkway.

Is it at all possible, to come and meet with you, to discuss this topic and perhaps get some guidance in some way to get my idea 'seriously' considered, by whom-ever the powers may be.

Any positive comments would be appreciated.

Regards  
Biddy Manera



## Ross Goldfields Information & Heritage Centre

4 Aylmer St, ROSS, West Coast, New Zealand, Phone 03 7554 077, Fax 03 7554 078  
[www.ross.org.nz](http://www.ross.org.nz), [rossgoldfields@netaccess.co.nz](mailto:rossgoldfields@netaccess.co.nz)

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10<sup>th</sup> May 2013

Westland District Council  
Private Bag,  
Hokitika.

To Whom it May Concern.

The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge our support for the proposal of planting heritage trees along Grimmond Avenue in Ross.

Yours faithfully,

W.G. Handisides  
Chairman  
Ross Goldfields Information & Heritage Centre Inc

ROSS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

c/o Ray Manera  
66 Moorhouse Street  
Ross

15-4-2013

To whom it may concern,

The above Rugby Club is in favour of the propoasl to replant tree's along Grimmond Avenue.  
They will shelter the new Rugby Field from the Southerly wind that prevails at times.

Yours faithfully,



Ray Manera

Secretary

Ross  
Community Support  
For  
Grimmond (Memorial) Avenue  
Tree Planting  
To  
Re-establish The Avenue  
Chinese Walkway  
Address

Biddy Manera  
45 Tramway St  
Ross  
ph 7554193

Name

Signature

Dianne Manera	66 Moorhouse St - Ross	D. Manera
Biddy Manera	45 Tramway St - Ross	B. Manera
Michelle Darrell	55 Moorhouse St Ross	M. Darrell
Greg Brocone	1 Bond St Ross	G. Brocone
Pixie Manera	45 Tramway St Ross	Pixie
Dea Minton	Totara Valley, Ross	D. Minton
James Harrison	20 Sale St Ross	J. Harrison
Hilary Paul	28 Aylmer St Ross	H. Paul
Mark Keenan	194 Rolleston St Hokitika	M. Keenan
Sandy Blackapp	141 Moorhouse St Ross	S. Blackapp
Dale Thomson	7 St. James Str. Ross	D. Thomson
Brian Wildbore	ARTHURSTOWN HOKI	B. Wildbore
Gary & Jean Beamish	46 Tramway St Ross	G. Beamish
JOHN MANERA	19 BOND ST ROSS	J. Manera
Yuana Manera	64 Moorhouse St Ross	Y. Manera
Anna Manera	3 Phillip May Pl Ross	A. Manera
Kirsty Manera	64 Moorhouse St Ross	K. Manera
Annie Lohas	175 Bold Head Rd Ross	A. Lohas
Ray Manera	66 Moorhouse St Ross	R. Manera
Ang Foster	141 Moorhouse St Ross	A. Foster
Debra Taylor	11 Moorhouse St	D. Taylor
Suzie Breyer	36 McLeods Road	S. Breyer
Nikita Jarden	146 Sabina St Chch	N. Jarden
Darryl Upcher	68 Moorhouse St Ross	D. Upcher

Biddy Mawera  
45 Tramway St.  
ROSS  
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Cindy Ireland	Australia. (Pat + Bernie Atteys daughter.)	Verbal	Bid
Dave Scott	Ross	Verbal	Bid
Rebecca Pearson	Itokihka.	Verbal.	Bid
Trish Hutana	Ross		
Ben Hutana	Ross.		
Car Murray	Ross		
Haydon Pick	Pukekura		
Marilyn Turner	Ross		
Bernie SLACK	Ross		
Drew Liddell	Cremmath.		
Keith + Bev Sheard	Ashburton.	Verbal	Bid
Mark Sheard	"	"	Bid
Al, Jo Hobbs + JD Pearce	"	"	Bid
M. J. Broderick	"		
St Maitland	Ross		
Kath Maitland	Ross		
Basil + Heather Detlaff	Ross		
D. MINNICK	Ross		
Ben Mawera	Ross		
Ron Mawera	Ross		
Joy Rockford			
Dawn Morgan	Ross		
George Morgan	Ross		

SUPPORT FOR  
GRIMMOND MEMORIAL AVENUE  
TREE PLANTING  
AND  
CHINESE WALKWAY

NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
SHERYL ROLLESTON	2/81 HOFFMAN ST	S Rolleston
CHRIS MANERA	TOTARA VALLEY (ROSS)	C Manera
Tania Wilson	159 Sale St	T M.
Shirley Crook	45 Bealey St	S. Crook
Dill Sinclair	1 West Drive.	D Sinclair
Ken Williams	204 Revell St	J. M. Williams
David Oaks.	Revelstoke	D. W. Oaks
Gavin Holmwood	Blaketown	G Holmwood
Jill Gillman	22 Britton St	J Gillman
Joi Pieper	36 Paiera Rd	Joi
Sid Burt	45 Bealey St	Sid Burt
Tip Rouhan	45 Bealey St	Tip Rouhan
June Trott	45 Bealey St	June Trott
Kitty Vanshall	45 Bealey St.	Kitty Vanshall
Margaret Manera	45 Bealey St	Margaret Manera
John & Helen	45 Bealey St	John & Helen
Fiona Redwood	45 BEALEY ST	Fiona Redwood
Lauren McLean	182 Sale St	Lauren McLean
Margaret Manera	Totara Valley	Margaret Manera
Kayla Molloy-Jensen	163 Rolleston St	Kayla Molloy-Jensen
Thomas Manera	Totara Valley	Thomas Manera



contact:

Biddy M. Lane  
45 Tramway St.  
ROSS  
ph 7554193

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G.M. Ledgerwood	30 Gibson St Ross	G.M. Ledgerwood
Charles M. Beath	25 Stewart St Ross	Charles M. Beath
Celia Hewer.	21 Simpson St Ross	G.M. Hewer.
M. S. L.	34 Agnes St Ross	M. S. L.
R. Schaepe	71 MOONLIGHT RD put them trees back.	R. Schaepe
R. SMALES	30 AYLMER ST	R. Smales
B. Sheard.	83 Aitken St. Ashburton.	B. Sheard. ex Ross.
Di Kavanagh.	Main Road, Dobson	Verbal Bid.

17 May 2012

Biddy Munera  
Tramway Street  
Ruess

Dear Biddy

**Proposed walk - Chinese Gold Workings at Ruess**

This letter is to confirm that the Department of Conservation (DOC) supports in principle your proposal to investigate and establish a walking track to and through historic Chinese gold workings on Public Conservation Land near Ruess.

As Ted has discussed with you earlier we are very happy to provide whatever support and advice we can as you work through the detail.

As your progress we will need to discuss a Management Agreement for any track and associated structures that might be established on land managed by DOC.

All the best,

Yours faithfully

  
Ian McIlroy  
Hokitika Area Manager

**bidnpix**

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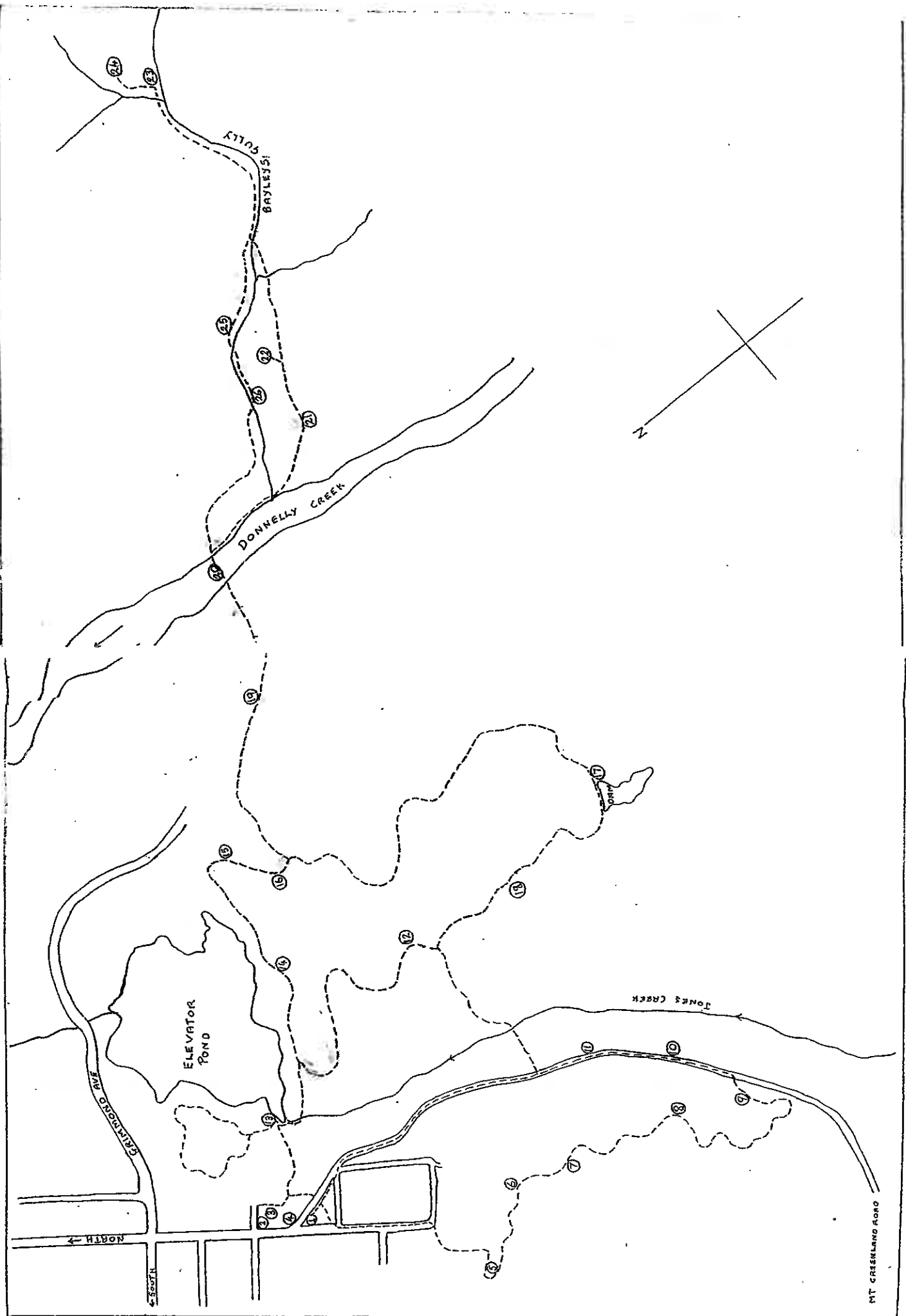
**From:** "Southside Garden Centre" <info@southsidegardencentre.co.nz>  
**To:** "bidnpix" <rosschicks@clear.net.nz>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 February 2013 1:20 p.m.  
**Subject:** Re: biddy manera  
On 20/02/2013 10:34 a.m., bidnpix wrote:

**Hi there**

**Just wondering if you can tell me, what sort of trees/shrubs etc would grow well near the Ross 'lake' area. And what sort of deal could you offer for bulk buying of these trees.**

**cheers  
biddy**

Hi virtually every tree/shrub we stock would grow there. What grade/numbers etc are you looking at? Most of our deciduous trees have sold out have ordered heaps for June.july. Are you only wanting natives or a particular height plant? Otherwise the choice would be endless. Happy to do deal if we can help. We hve a lot of small grade natives back in stock at good price and certainly grow to order for lots of businesses. Cheers Mary









**Kirsty Manera**

**Subject:** FW: Formation of Roads - Okarito

**From:** Vivek Goel

**Sent:** Wednesday, 24 April 2013 2:03 p.m.

**To:** [callery@xtra.co.nz](mailto:callery@xtra.co.nz)

**Cc:** Kirsty Manera; Rebecca Beaumont; Richard Simpson

**Subject:** Formation of Roads - Okarito

Hi Gavin

This is in response to your email to CE Tanya Winter dated 22 March 2013. I haven't investigated regarding who applied for the resource consent for Victoria Street as you mentioned to me the other day over the phone. In the meantime here is the response from our Planning Department

Hi Vivek,

Gavin Molloy or Council will require resource consent to undertake the road formation project that he has suggested. Overall, the consent would be a non complying activity.

Forming roads is a restricted discretionary activity under section 6.4 of the District Plan:

*The formation or construction of a road or state highway on land gazetted, reserved or granted as a road or state highway unformed at the time this plan was made operative.*

*Matters in respect of which the Council has restricted its discretion are as follows, namely:*

*The effects of the formation or construction and alignment of the road on:*

- *Aquatic Habitats*
- *Natural character of the coast and waterbodies and their margins*
- *Clearance of indigenous vegetation*
- *Significant landscape areas, including natural features*
- *Habitat of indigenous fauna*
- *Historic and archaeological sites*
- *Amenity values*
- *Wilderness/remote experience recreational values.*

The area is part of the Okarito wetland, so Council would need to determine where the "edge" of the wetland was, and if the road formation is within 25 metres of the wetland (which looks highly likely from the aerials) it is a non complying activity under 5.6.2.2C (Rural Rules) of the Plan. If the formation clears over 2000m2 of native vegetation this will also trigger the need for a consent.

Other matters that will be taken into account when processing any consent are the landscape effects of the road formation and I would suggest there are high landscape values in that area. The proposed route that Mr Molloy suggests involves formation past the Okarito trig walk that Doc has previously upgraded, which will impact on the assessment of "recreational values" and "amenity values".

The area may also be listed under the WCRC wetlands, but this needs to be checked with the WCRC.

I haven't had any discussion with Ms Kennedy about the future land use that the access is required for. This may in itself require consent, which may impact on the necessity for the road formation.

Thank s

**Vivek Goel**

Group Manager Assets and Operations

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Subject:

FW: Formation of Camp/Queen and Arthur Sts - Okarito

From: Gavin Molloy [mailto:callery@xtra.co.nz]

Sent: Friday, 22 March 2013 4:44 p.m.

To: Tanya Winter

Subject: Formation of Camp/Queen and Arthur Sts - Okarito

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The Chief Executive  
Westland District Council  
Weld St  
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Good Afternoon Tanya

I act for M Kennedy who is the owner of Reserve 40 – Arthur St Okarito.

The property was purchased from Westland District Property Ltd in August 2011 to build a dwelling on. The land is approximately 260 metres from the nearest formed road –The Strand / The Parade intersection.

The owner now requests WDC to construct a narrow access road to this section along the unformed legal road being parts of Camp, Queen and Arthur Streets.

This route is the easiest to construct being almost all hard ground, the least visually obtrusive from most of Okarito and does not disturb the open tidal reed flats of the Okarito Lagoon.

An attempt was made to exchange the land with the Department of Conservation whereby this section which has high conservation value surrounded by National Park would be transferred to the DOC for an equivalent land area (low conservation value) in already formed Victoria St, no new road access required. The exchange proposal has founded at this point after approx. 18 months hence our application to form road access.

I now seek an outline of the process / timeframes and request funding for this project be included as part of the annual plan process.

I am happy to meet you or Council staff if required to clarify any matters and look forward to your earliest convenient reply.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Kind Regards

Gavin Molloy



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Kirsty Manera

**From:** Linda Newstrom-Lloyd <treesforbeesnz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, 25 February 2013 11:08 a.m.  
**To:** Kirsty Manera  
**Subject:** ATTN: Maureen Pugh Trees for Bees Update  
**Attachments:** THE TREES FOR BEES UPDATE.pdf

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Dear Mayor Maureen Pugh

We wish to seek support from the Westland District Council in your upcoming budget process.

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The collapse of bee colonies is a major global concern. Our Bee Friendly Farming Group (BFFG) has obtained funding from the Sustainable Farming Fund (SFF) for 3 years ending November 2013, to analyse pollen protein content to ascertain which species can be planted that are the most nutritious for honey bees.

The attached information sheet demonstrates our achievements to date, but we now need to continue the project to deliver a list of plants with sufficient diversity to meet the needs of anyone planting trees for bees including Councils.

Continuation of the SFF Trees for Bees project depends on us finding co-funding to support our new bid, hence this request.

The scheme was initiated by Federated Farmers with support from the beekeeping industry, but there are clearly wider benefits and we have extended our scope to include "Urban Trees for Bees" as well.

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Beekeepers, of course, have a lot of knowledge of "good" bee plants, but the research on the nutritional value has not been done on many species. This is especially true of native species, so by encouraging their use, there is a benefit from our efforts for biodiversity as well. The SFF funding requires dissemination of our findings from our database and establishment of field demonstration sites. The greatest value will be in determining the best plants to provide nutrition for bees in the periods of pollen shortage either side of the main summer honey season.

As a Hurunui District and former Regional Councillor myself, I am aware that the "Better Local Government" paper has a revised purpose for local authorities to focus on core services, that is to provide "good quality local infrastructure, public services and regulatory functions at the least possible cost to householders and ratepayers".

We believe our programme will contribute usefully to both good quality infrastructure and public services through Councils' plantings in reserves, recreational facilities and other community infrastructure such as roadside plantings.

For Regional Councils, the benefit for both sustainability and biodiversity is of particular significance. It would be difficult to find a more cost-effective agent than a honey bee busy pollinating! They need our help!

The humble honey bee is of great value to New Zealand through the

pollination of flowers in both urban and rural areas. The arrival of the Varroa mite and other diseases has wiped out feral colonies of honey bees and beekeepers face considerable cost in treating their managed hives.

Some have given up and the introduction of bee hives is generally limited to commercial crops which can cover the costs. This has serious implications for pollination in both urban and rural areas.

We are seeking any small contribution to demonstrate wider public support and help us meet our co-funding requirements.

We have previously had support ranging from \$200 to \$5,000 from some Councils as well as from the Beekeeping Industry, Federated Farmers, Arable Research and other voluntary help.

Our budget is not big and we depend on relatively small contributions from a wide support base.

We hope you will consider our project favourably.

Yours faithfully,  
Ross I R Little,

Chairman  
The Bee Friendly Farming Group  
Trees for Bees Programme



## **THE TREES FOR BEES NZ PROGRAM: Progress and Planning**

For the last two years, the Bee Friendly Farming Group has been conducting research for the **Trees for Bees NZ Program**. Our goal is to restore lost pollen sources for honey bees that were once plentiful on farms and public lands in New Zealand. Never before has the need for good pollen sources been so critical since resistance to varroa treatment, new diseases, pesticide issues and the continuing loss of pollen diversity and abundance are all increasingly threatening bees. Moreover, the recent sugar testing issues for honey production is driving the need for more and better nectar sources as well. Well-nourished bee colonies with adequate pollen and nectar are better able to cope with these challenges, especially if high protein pollen and sufficient nectar is abundant and diverse throughout the colony life cycle in all seasons of activity.

So far, we have collected data on pollen protein content for over 100 exotic and native bee plants and established 4 demonstration plots on farms to showcase how to plant for a balanced “feed budget” for bees. In this work we found that we need to increase the diversity of bee plants on our candidate list to cover the types of pollen shortages in various regions and also meet the specifications of different farmers. Our current information, although a good contribution to solving the pollen shortage problems, is still insufficient in its diversity of bee plants. From our international literature review of the bee plants, we know that there are thousands of plant species that could be suitable and those that are already in New Zealand need to be tested.

We have worked intensively in Canterbury and Gisborne and now plan to expand to three other regions and several other farm types as well as queen-raising apiary sites and public lands. To increase the diversity of candidate plants to meet the needs of bees over a broad base of New Zealand we plan to continue the pollen protein testing and create at least six more trials with demonstration plots on farms and other available public and private land. We plan to work in collaboration with existing tree planting programs that target, for example, erosion, carbon, shelter, and biodiversity restoration. While other tree planting goals are being met, we can also meet the needs for bee forage by selecting the right plant species to address both goals. For the different major types of farms we plan to produce “Model Planting Designs” that are suited to the farm operations such as arable, orchards, sheep and beef etc.

To achieve our aims, we have applied for a continuation of our SFF funding for another three years. Our current SFF Grant (10/009) <http://maxa.maf.govt.nz/sff/about-projects/search/10-009/index.htm> will end on November 2013. We have submitted a bid to SFF and are requesting your support in the form of financial co-funding and/or in kind assistance. With your contribution we can deliver a bee plant candidate list with sufficient diversity and high protein pollen to meet the needs of the bees and of the farmers and councils. Any support from \$250 to \$5000 would be appreciated and can be renewed each of the three years or applied to any one of the years, as you wish. Thank you for your support to help us keep the bees thriving.

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Kirsty Manera

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Comments: I do not support the cutting of the targeted Glacier Country rates. The CDO roles and Glacier Country Tourism group secretary role are vital for the long term future of both Glacier Country towns.

**Kirsty Manera**

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 Submit in person? No  
 Comments: community services events staff supply them with time cards reason to stop staff eg doing personal shopping in paid council time

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**To:** consult  
**Attachments:** 20130605112510005.pdf  
**BY:**



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Dear Maureen

Please find my motivation in support of Anna Green to stay as CDO at Franz Josef Glacier attached.

Yours sincerely

Richard

**Richard Bungeroth**  
General Manager

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04 June 2013

The Mayor  
Westland District Council  
Private Bag 704  
HOKITIKA

Dear Maureen

**re: Submission on 2013-2014 Draft Annual Plan Community Development Officer, Franz Josef**

I wish to write in submission to the 2013 2014 Draft Annual Plan. I am in opposition to the removal of the funding for the Community Development Officer (CDO) role for Franz Josef.

Since coming to Franz Josef to manage Scenic Hotel's 5star flagship, TeWaonui Forest Retreat, Anna Green as the CDO has been a great support to myself and my family settling here both in business and recreation/socially.

Anna has organised community events hosted at Te Waonui and has plans for more. She in her role as Community Development Officer is the "go to" person I've used on many occasions and she has always been willing to give time and assistance where needed.

Since living here in Franz Josef we have realised how much communication is important in small communities, and she is definitely the "hub" or the "glue" of the community. I feel strongly that the removal of the CDO would be a big step backwards for our township and submit in opposition to Councils removal of the targeted rate that funds the CDO positions. This rate must stay in place.

I wish to speak in support of my submission. I am contactable on email [Richard.bungeroth@tewaonui.co.nz](mailto:Richard.bungeroth@tewaonui.co.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Richard Bungeroth', written over the typed name.

Richard Bungeroth  
General Manager

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Sent:

To:

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Rata Te Awhina Trust

Submit in

person?

No

Comments:

Page 3 Community Development I would like to see the role of the Community Services Officer retained at the current level, because the community values the role of Safer Community Council and all its activities and projects. The job won't work by just being an advisory role, it works by direct involvement with groups. i.e. projects that SCC has been involved in from the planning stage in my opinion will have been a complete waste of time and resources. Finally the loss of SCC will see the end of valuable links into the community at a local level similarly a huge network at a regional and national level

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20 May 2013

Tanya Winter  
Chief Executive  
Westland District Council  
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7842

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**Re: WDC Discretionary funds request - Geotechnical Investigations in Hokitika**

Dear Tanya,

I spoke with your colleague Richard Simpson last week regarding the opportunity for Westland DC to share the cost of Geotechnical investigations around St Mary's Church in Hokitika, which will be of benefit to the council and the town.

Opus International Consultants has been instructed by the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch to design possible strengthening solutions for their portfolio of Churches. In regard to St Mary's, Hokitika the next stage in this work requires detailed geotechnical investigations to take place around the Church site at 71 Sewell Street.

Richard suggested that a letter to your good self, requesting an allocation be made in the councils discretionary funds would be worthwhile. Please take this letter as that formal request.

The Diocese are committed to spending in excess of \$11,000 in order to ascertain the deep and shallow ground conditions around the area of St Mary's and in exchange for making this information available publically, we considerably request a contribution from WDC for this work.

Should you require further information in this regard, please contact me.

Kind regards,

Adrian Matthews BSc (Hons) MRICS  
Senior Project Manager  
Tel: 027 705 5600

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## Westland District Council Submission Form



Submissions Close 4pm on Thursday 27 June 2013

If you are ~~hand~~ writing this form please print and use a dark coloured ink pen.Name Petina Cannell Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Dr  
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Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to speak to my submission (please tick): ☐ Yes ☒ No

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My/ ~~our~~ submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan is:

I wish to submit my submission in favour of going to rubbish bins instead of bags. I've attached a photo to point out how messy the bags can be when left out over night or early in the morning and animals get into them using bins will eliminate this problem.

As for the remaining bags people have already paid for either by way of rates or purchase, these should be able to be taken to the transfer station & disposed of free of charge for at least 12 months after the implementation of the bins. After all the Council bags have been paid for which includes disposal, why should people have to pay twice to dispose of waste? It costs us enough already & people need to be encouraged to dispose of their waste properly instead of dumping it in the bush.

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Kirsty Manera

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 Subject: consult  
 BY: Westland 2014 Draft Annual Plan Submission

**Westland 2012-2013 Draft Annual Plan Submission**

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Comments: Library - reduce hours and cut costs by \$11.000 no need to have these long opening hours in a small town. Council has wasted enough on this.

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Comments:

on the proposal to reduce opening hours in the Library, Museum and iSite, and the impact of offering less in the Community Development, Community Services and Events activities. The opposite should be the aim. These are all the core services we need to function as a community. Promoting tourism, educating, attracting families to the town. The cuts should be made in unasked for enquiries into unwanted roads and so called "upgrades" of the pool. The Hollyford road has been investigated three times in 20 years, each time more dollars for the same answer: nobody wants it and it's too expensive. We should not fund westroads to "explore" things at our expense. Westroads should be re-absorbed into council as its core business, as should be the rubbish. Stop re-tarsealing roads just to keep plant busy and the money leaking from our system. Zero fees for dumping and rubbish would improve the local environment and stop flytipping. The dump fees are ridiculous and a council company would do better. Stop closing dumps and do some real recycling instead of pretending. Support your ratepayers eg Ruatapu when we ask for help with a real issue like a cut off water supply. Too many bureaucrats and not enough heart in this council, stupid expensive bylaws illegal under the human rights act which you were told about before the money was wasted. Listen to us, we are pretty clever in Westland.



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Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Dr

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Name of Organisation (if applicable)

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HOKITIKA

Telephone (day) 755 7199

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I would like to speak to my submission (please tick): ☐ Yes ☒ No

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My/ Our submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan is:

IT CONCERNS ME THAT IT IS COUNCIL'S INTENTION TO ISSUE WHEELY BINS TO PROPERTIES THIS IS NOT A PRACTICAL OPTION FOR OUR SITUATION, AS WE ARE IN A RURAL LOCATION, AND THE DISTANCE WHICH I MUST WHEEL THIS BIN (750 MTRS) IMPRACTICAL, ALSO OLD AGE (MID 70S) MAKES IT HARDER STILL. IF I LEFT THESE BIN'S AT THE ROADSIDE PERMANENTLY AND THEY ARE STOLEN (LIKE OUR LETTER BOXES) WHO PAYS. ALL WE NEED IS ABOUT 25 PLASTIC BAGS PER YEAR (50¢ EA = \$10.00) CHEAP EH). I KNOW OF OTHER RATE PAYERS IN THE SAME SITUATION.

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## System is rubbish

Christchurch once had many small family businesses that hired out rubbish bins and collected and dumped people's rubbish. Ratepayers were also allocated a quantity of plastic bags once a year. The problem was the system worked.

So, to be consistent, the Christchurch City Council destroyed the system and handed the contract on a platter to an Australian company – a monopoly that owns the waste-management industry.

It was decided every home and business would receive three bins and everyone would be hoodwinked into believing green waste, recycling and rubbish were disposed of separately and not dumped together at Kate Valley. The bins' rental would be hidden in rates.

However, if a bin were stolen and not reported as being stolen within 24 hours of the theft, the ratepayer would have to pay \$127 for another bin – a bin they never owned. And having bought that bin, the ratepayer would then have to continue to rent that bin, even though he had just bought it.

The council has informed me that it is just the middleman in this, and it – like a puppet – is acting as the instrument of Trans Pacific Waste Management.

In fact, the council does the administration for the monopoly, at the ratepayers' expense, of course.

Do you think somebody might have just forgotten who the customer is here?

TERRY KEARNS  
Fendalton

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My/ Our submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan is:

I am a born and bred coaster, my grandmother was born in Rimu. Her Granfather was a butcher in Ross during the goldrush. I decided to return to the coast after a 40 year absence and I chose Hokitika not only because of my roots but because it has always had a good feel about it. It punches above its weight so to speak. I brought my German partner here with me. Both of us love it here, we have bought a house and we have engaged extensively with the community through employment, voluntary work and sport. Since our arrival we have followed the financial woes of the council. There have been many articles in the local newspaper and letters to the editor. Some of the players have appeared at times to be particularly irrational and I am of the opinion that council has contributed to this problem through its dismissive attitude towards the ratepayers and the apparent attitude that council knows what's best for you! I applaud the new guard and the return of the consultative process!

One of my real concerns has always been the "pet project" of Westland District Properties Ltd. I refer of course to the Haast Hollyford Road. Please put me right but my interpretation is that the members of this company have at their disposal \$380,000 that they wish to spend on a feasibility study of this particular project. They somehow are able to commit these funds without any consultation with the public. Does this have something to do with the way this company is set up? I would have assumed that all profits of companies under the umbrella of Westland Holdings Ltd would be made available by way of dividend to Westland District Council. If my assumption is correct then please confirm this. If this is not the case then please explain. In light of the fact that there is no support from Southland District Council and we need every dollar we can raise to keep this community heading in the direction of its vision would I be right in further assuming that the "project" is now off the agenda?

Lets get real and live in the now. That is what you are effectively preaching. Concentrate on what really matters to the people of Westland. Listen to The people! They dont want the road.

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2/ I am a keen supporter of the cycle trail. It is world class, no question. It will become the new rail trail. Everyone in the district will be a winner, just as the Maniototo district has directly benefited. There is so much enthusiasm and positivity about this development. However it needs leadership! Please make sure this happens soon rather than later.

(Attach more pages if needed)

Please return your submission form before 4pm Thurs 14/27 June 2013

### Post

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Westland District Council  
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Hokitika 7842

### Email

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Comments:

Firstly, I apologise if my submission is unfounded as I find it difficult to give the time to read and interpret the information and especially so with the financial statements. My submission falls into three areas, presented in order of priority for me: 1. There have been substantive issues with the oxidation ponds this year and at the end of 2012. The measures to address these have not been entirely successful and the problems continue up to today. I can see no specific mention of any funding or action to remedy the situation. I would like to see a statement to reflect the recent and current problems and the means by which these will be addressed. 2. I understand the change to using bins for rubbish collection (although I fail to see how this is likely to be more cost effective). The bags that we currently have in our homes were not sold with a 'use before' date and as such they should be accepted at the transfer station after adoption of this policy. I fully support that they should not be collected, as this will be costly to administer. Failure to honour this could result in expensive litigation from some parties at one extreme, or significant dumping of waste as the tenure of the bags comes to an end. Both of these options could be difficult and costly. 3. Household ratepayers see little direct benefit from the i-site and it is difficult to see that tourist numbers would decline significantly if this were not present, as Westland features prominently in many of the most popular guidebooks. If this is continued to be funded from rates (and I propose that it should not), then I would propose that it come from targetted rates from businesses that directly profit from tourism related activities. Many thanks for the opportunity to comment and I look forward to hearing about the outcome.

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Kirsty Manera

From: Mike Browne <mike@brownefox.co.nz>  
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Hi

I attach a submission from Mike and Carrol Browne of Fox Glacier as a Word Document. Please consider this as two separate submissions.

Regards

Mike Browne

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## SUBMISSION ON 2013/14 WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Annual Plan. We wish to comment on the following issues.

1. **Community Development Officer funding:** the communities of Fox and Franz agreed to a targeted rate to fund these roles and we want this rate re-instated to allow the roles to continue. The hours are currently split between two CDO workers at Fox and Franz and a person who does secretarial for the Glacier Country Tourism Group. All of these functions are very important and we support the idea of bulk funding the positions to make it easier for the communities to manage the roles. This funding should only be removed at the request of the communities and it should not be considered a grant.
2. **Community Township Development:** It is erroneous to call this a "grant." This was also a rate that was struck at the request of the communities. It also should only be removed at the request of the communities. The \$70,000 that is owed to Fox Glacier cannot just be absorbed into the general rates. At the very least it must be recorded in the books as a debt that the Council owes to the Fox Glacier township with an understanding that it will be paid when conditions improve. Anything else is really theft.
3. **Fox Glacier Community Centre:** The support that the Council has shown for this project is appreciated but the project has been thrown into disarray by the uncertainty about the \$800,000 of funding to come from unspecified sources. This has all been covered in considerable detail in letters and personal communication with the Mayor and Chief Executive and it will not be repeated here. Suffice it to say that there is still considerable support for the completion of this much needed facility.
4. **Regent Theatre:** We have been most impressed by the work that has been done by a dedicated group of volunteers in renovating this charming building. We feel that it should be called the "Regent Centre" as it is much more than a theatre and it is really Hokitika's town hall. We would like to see the \$25,000 of funding that has been removed re-instated.
5. **Tourism West Coast:** This is an area where we feel it would be appropriate for the Council to signal that it will reduce and ultimately phase out Council funding. The tourism industry is large enough now to fund this group itself and a new structure should be developed to allow this to happen.
6. **Cycleway:** With funds so tight we oppose spending \$30,000 marketing the Cycleway. We cannot see how the Council will get a direct return on this money and it is better to let local businesses and organisations promote it. This will happen naturally if the cycleway is a great product.
7. **Events:** We would like to see the Wild Foods Festival come to the end of its life. It seems to have done its dash and the problems it creates now outweigh the benefits. We feel that it is unlikely to return to profit and savings can be made here.

8. **Library Hours:** We are sad to see library hours cut and we would like to have this decision reviewed. If the decision stands then the proposed new hours should be changed so that there is a 6.00pm closing on week nights so that working people can still get to the library after work.

9. **Council Controlled Organisations:** We are very unhappy about these and we would like to see them scrapped for the following reasons:

- The complex and costly board structure means that democracy is compromised and our council representatives have almost no say over what happens to our assets. The savings in Directors fees would go a long way towards hiring a competent person to be part of the Council staff with responsibility for managing these assets and reporting directly to the Chief Executive.
- The argument for having these entities is that it removes political influence from the management. The contra to this is that we now have a situation where it appears that a very small group of people are making decisions and following personal agendas without any significant political oversight.
- We oppose the money that is being spent in a very opaque way on the Hollyford Road proposal. Certainly some people passionately believe that the road would be of great benefit to West Coast Tourism however many, including us, do not believe that this is the case and it is wrong that money is being diverted from essential services to what is probably a pipe dream.

Please consider this as separate submissions from each of us. We do not wish to speak to our submissions as we will be overseas.

BY: MIKE AND CARROL BROWNE

PO Box 1

FOX GLACIER

Ph 03 751 0891

14 June 2013

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Regards

Mike Browne

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## SUBMISSION ON 2013/14 WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Annual Plan. We wish to comment on the following issues.

1. **Community Development Officer funding:** the communities of Fox and Franz agreed to a targeted rate to fund these roles and we want this rate re-instated to allow the roles to continue. The hours are currently split between two CDO workers at Fox and Franz and a person who does secretarial for the Glacier Country Tourism Group. All of these functions are very important and we support the idea of bulk funding the positions to make it easier for the communities to manage the roles. This funding should only be removed at the request of the communities and it should not be considered a grant.
2. **Community Township Development:** It is erroneous to call this a "grant." This was also a rate that was struck at the request of the communities. It also should only be removed at the request of the communities. The \$70,000 that is owed to Fox Glacier cannot just be absorbed into the general rates. At the very least it must be recorded in the books as a debt that the Council owes to the Fox Glacier township with an understanding that it will be paid when conditions improve. Anything else is really theft.
3. **Fox Glacier Community Centre:** The support that the Council has shown for this project is appreciated but the project has been thrown into disarray by the uncertainty about the \$800,000 of funding to come from unspecified sources. This has all been covered in considerable detail in letters and personal communication with the Mayor and Chief Executive and it will not be repeated here. Suffice it to say that there is still considerable support for the completion of this much needed facility.
4. **Regent Theatre:** We have been most impressed by the work that has been done by a dedicated group of volunteers in renovating this charming building. We feel that it should be called the "Regent Centre" as it is much more than a theatre and it is really Hokitika's town hall. We would like to see the \$25,000 of funding that has been removed re-instated.
5. **Tourism West Coast:** This is an area where we feel it would be appropriate for the Council to signal that it will reduce and ultimately phase out Council funding. The tourism industry is large enough now to fund this group itself and a new structure should be developed to allow this to happen.
6. **Cycleway:** With funds so tight we oppose spending \$30,000 marketing the Cycleway. We cannot see how the Council will get a direct return on this money and it is better to let local businesses and organisations promote it. This will happen naturally if the cycleway is a great product.
7. **Events:** We would like to see the Wild Foods Festival come to the end of its life. It seems to have done its dash and the problems it creates now outweigh the benefits. We feel that it is unlikely to return to profit and savings can be made here.

8. **Library Hours:** We are sad to see library hours cut and we would like to have this decision reviewed. If the decision stands then the proposed new hours should be changed so that there is a 6.00pm closing on week nights so that working people can still get to the library after work.
9. **Council Controlled Organisations:** We are very unhappy about these and we would like to see them scrapped for the following reasons:
- The complex and costly board structure means that democracy is compromised and our council representatives have almost no say over what happens to our assets. The savings in Directors fees would go a long way towards hiring a competent person to be part of the Council staff with responsibility for managing these assets and reporting directly to the Chief Executive.
  - The argument for having these entities is that it removes political influence from the management. The contra to this is that we now have a situation where it appears that a very small group of people are making decisions and following personal agendas without any significant political oversight.
  - We oppose the money that is being spent in a very opaque way on the Hollyford Road proposal. Certainly some people passionately believe that the road would be of great benefit to West Coast Tourism however many, including us, do not believe that this is the case and it is wrong that money is being diverted from essential services to what is probably a pipe dream.

Please consider this as separate submissions from each of us. We do not wish to speak to our submissions as we will be overseas.

BY: MIKE AND CARROL BROWNE

PO Box 1

FOX GLACIER

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My/ Our submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan is:

Re: Phasing out of Council Rubbish Bags and replacing with wheelie Bins

We strongly disagree with the above proposal. We don't believe the council has considered ratepayers living in rural areas.

We live 1/2 km from our "kerbside" so wheeling the bin along a gravel road to the kerbside or lifting the wheelie bin on or into a vehicle is impractical. We are prepared to continue taking our waste to the dump or kerbside in council bags, along with our recycling waste with no further cost to us.

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Name Mr Phillip and Mrs Winona Dowell

BY: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Dr  
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Phillips great grandparents, grandparents and family were mostly born and resided and owned businesses in Hokitika over a very long time. Both Winona and Phillip have contributed to our area, just by owning a business, being ratepayers, supporting local schools and many voluntary groups and organizations.

We acknowledge that the elected leaders and staff of the Westland District Council, have completed some great works over the years and we are thankful for their contribution and efforts.

However we have been disappointed that there has been errors made in the past, at a great cost to the ratepayers in our region. We as ratepayers, where the majority of income comes from, to support the district, the financial facts have been withheld from us until now.

We understand and agree with the need of our Council and staff, to reduce costs, to reduce the large debt that we have. We know, that we will all have to do our bit, and not expect the Council to offer the same services, that we have had in the past.

OUR MAIN CONCERN IS AS FOLLOWS:

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With the Council obviously working hard to reduce spending to recover from our debt, the Property Company is appearing continuing to increase our debt, or are not informing us as to how their activities are being financed. After all, we ratepayers are the ones who will ultimately pay for this.

We have noticed that the Property Company expenditure is not divulged to us, some of these are, the purchase of motels, the airport rental car carparks, garden plots, road sealing, lights etc, and other projects they are involved in.

We know that some of this expenditure will come from airport and other charges, but we are sure as we have stated earlier in this submission, ratepayers debt will be increasing.

*H. J. Dowell*  
*H. J. Dowell*

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Draft Annual Plan 2013-2014  
Westland District Council  
Private Bag 704  
Hokitika 7842

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## Westland 2012-2013 Draft Annual Plan Submission

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 Submit in person? No

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Comments: P3 Community Development. While applauding council in the efforts to save resources, my concern is that a "hands off" approach and retaining just an advisory role in this area will hugely detract from services to the community. Safety in the communities of the West Coast is vital for the well-being of residents and I believe the draft changes will have a detrimental effect on the community - much would be lost. For the small amount in the overall scheme of things I respectfully ask that the \$87K be left in the plan to allow the work of the widely representative stakeholders group to continue for the benefit of Westland District people.

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Kirsty Manera

From: kathynz@xtra.co.nz  
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## Westland 2012-2013 Draft Annual Plan Submission

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 Submit in person? No

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Comments:

I want to say that I do not support the Fox Community Centre and would not like to pay more rates to fund this project. It isn't the right economical climate for such a project. It would never pay for itself and get enough use to cover rates, insurance, etc. I think it should be put on the back burner for a few years until things pick up. Businesses are having a hard enough time trying to make a living without extra expenses for something that isn't necessary. I'm a pensioner and don't want my rates going towards this project if it is going to cause my rates to increase. The population here isn't big enough to sustain this project in the future and won't bring more tourists here to use it. So I vote no for the Fox Community Centre Project. Thank you.

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Kirsty Manera

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**Westland 2012-2013 Draft Annual Plan Submission**

Submission Number: 2010067

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Last Name: Harrington

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Phone: 037382866

Mobile: 0275071234

Fax:

Other

Organisation:

Submit in person? No

Comments:

Dear Westland Council, I am writing to express my concern regarding the removal of the rubbish skip in Otira. As a local, national and global community we need to be looking forward in regards to how we manage our waste. While every other community is making the positive step towards greater recycling, we in Otira have had our already primitive system removed altogether. This is going to create an environmental tragedy. Personally I am able to afford to carry my rubbish to Christchurch or Greymouth, but a large part of the Otira population do not have a car. The forests and rivers will become the new dumping ground. Already I spend a lot of time collecting roadside and forest-borne litter and it pains me to think what a disaster this idea will be to our national park. I have two questions. 1) How much was the system costing? 2) What do you propose the Otira residents do with their rubbish? Regards, Chris Harrington

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By: *If you are handwriting this form please print and use a dark coloured ink pen.*

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(please circle)

Name of Organisation (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like to speak to my submission (please tick): ☒ Yes ☐ No

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My/ Our submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan is:

As a rate payer in Fox Glacier I would like to comment on the following proposed changes.

Currently we have 2 voluntary (targeted) rates, for Community Development Officer Funding and Township Development. I support both of these rates/services remaining in place. Since they have been agreed to by the local ratepayers, these rates/services should not be removed. I support keeping these rates set at their current levels.

The \$70000 of development grant money that has already been taken from local ratepayers should be paid to the Fox Glacier community. The money has been collected through a targeted rate, so it cannot be spent elsewhere by the council.

I would like the council to review the current Council Controlled Organization structure. My main concerns relate to the following:

- The council seems to have very little direct influence over the way the organizations are run.
- Little accountability. It seems that the organizations can make decisions based on their own vested interests, such as the Hollyford road, which I completely oppose.

- The large costs associated with running so many separate organizations for such a small sized council.

I am a member of the Fox Glacier Community Centre Steering Committee and am disappointed in the changes to council promised funding towards the centre. The centre cannot proceed in its current form due to the proposed funding changes, so there is now uncertainty over its future, even though it is well supported by the community.

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Sent:

Tuesday, 18 June 2013 10:19 a.m.

To:

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BY:

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Submission

2010068

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Jean

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Potter

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Organisation:

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person?

Comments:

I strongly support the continuation of the employment of a Community Development Officer in Franz Joseph, and would suggest that the role be expanded to cover Okarito and possibly other local districts.

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Comments:

I disagree with the structure of the Westland Holdings Company and the Property Company. It seems to me that for the small amount of assets that the Council manages, these companies are wasting money on personel and siphoning off profits that could be utilized by a cash-strapped council.

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Comments: I disagree with reducing the library hours and reducing its budget. It is well used and does an admirable job for the people of Westland and I am particularly impressed with the use made of the facilities by children and young people.

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#### MUSEUM

Social infrastructure is an easy target in times of local government cutback. Generally items constituting social infrastructure – museum, theatre, pool, library etc – are the heart of a community and give a “feel good” factor to that community.

Tinkering with hours, activities and assistance packages of such amenities is an exercise in futility. “Big Ticket” items like roads and water get thrust into the too hard basket while the “Small Tickets” bear the brunt of economic cuts.

Getting Real is a perfect example of such a shortsighted policy. The Museum has fought to be sustainable and even if it doesn't reach that target it provides a core, heart of the community, function. Some cut in opening hours is understandable as like any other business there needs to be flexibility.

Savaging the operation of the Research Centre is not understandable and counter-productive. Genealogy is a growth business in New Zealand and the Hokitika Museum is nationally recognized as the repository of West Coast family history. People from all quarters come to the Museum to research family – they often stay a night or two while here, they eat out in the town, they buy souvenirs and groceries, they fill their cars on leaving. They spend in Hokitika.

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Cutting the Research Centre to 2 hours defeats all of this. As well school parties will be almost eliminated from use of the facility and of course their developing interest in our history can only be healthy for our community. Youth needs an historical perspective. Please do not cut make cuts here.

Please reconsider this aspect of Getting Real so real things remain in our community.



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REGENT THEATRE GRANT

The Regent Theatre is Hokitika's Town Hall.

All towns need a designated Town hall for official, social and cultural purposes.

The Regent Theatre fills all of these purposes - one example of each should suffice:

Official - Anzac Day - the theatre packed to overflowing

Social - concert to raise funds for Holly Robinson to attend world games

Cultural -- concerts and blockbuster movies

No other building/theatre in Hokitika can fulfill these functions. Over the last few years the theatre Trust has determinedly fought to restore the building to operational standard and to make it an economic proposition.

As Council knows this could not have been achieved without West Coast Development Trust MDI and Council financial input. The initial \$50,000 grant from Council was reduced to \$25,000 last year yet despite this cut the theatre Trust continued to maintain the theatre as an integral part of our districts social infrastructure. It could not be continued if the \$25,000 was completely cut as indicated in the Annual Plan.

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P.T.O.

Council cannot walk away from a financial input into the Regent Theatre without first having an alternative venue for all of the functions served by the Regent. The Annual Plan certainly shows Council not to be in a position to construct that alternative. The best and cheapest option is to maintain the status quo, ie, the Regent Theatre.

Survival of a large part of Hokitika and district social and cultural welfare depends on an annual \$25,000 grant from Council. There is no alternative. Please make that grant.

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Email Address lwhiteside@xnet.co.nzI would like to speak to my submission (please tick) ☐ Yes ☒ No

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My/Our submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan is:

I have 2 topics I wish to put in this submission.  
The 1st being the plastic rubbish bags I do not agree to them being disposed of when the wheeler bins replace them, when myself and probably numerous rate payers residents (like myself) will have quite a few bags left which we have already paid for in our rates. I myself have 2 full bundles of green bags, 1 bundle of white bags & 1 bundle of yellow bags left as I live on my own I don't have an accumulation of rubbish that some 3-4 person households have. I also never put my black plastic canteen (or glass) out. This is another item I'm paying for but never use. I would like to propose that those rate payers residents who have a surplus amount of plastic rubbish bags left, be allowed to use them up first before changing to the wheeler bins. My 2nd topic is the rates increase. Our local Council does not seem to understand that Domestic & Residential are on fixed incomes and just cannot start to pay the increases in rates every year. I received an increase of \$142 a week in my Travelers Budget as from 1st April of this year (2013) which if it was linked my rates would amount to \$50.72 a week only. This amount would not cover anywhere near the quarter. Given as per my 9.54% rates proposal. Rates are not the only expense rate payers have. People have to LIVE & other household expenses such as food, mortgage, phone. (Submission form continues over)

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rentals, vehicle registration & maintenance groceries etc, also have to be ~~put~~ taken into account. Inflation is rising all of the time and there are more and more people struggling to make ends meet without car-rates rising so drastically. I suggest the rates be kept at the 2012-2013 charges for at least 3-4 years.

I realise people on low fixed incomes are eligible to apply for a rebate, but as this is also a hard-earned rate-payers still have to supplement the balance out of their own pockets. I have a direct debited amount transferred into the Council's account once a fortnight, which I am NOT going to increase for the next few years just to ~~make~~ keep the rate payers up to the amount the Council have stated I must pay for the next financial year. I just cannot AFFORD it.

I do have a 3rd book - that is the erosion along our beachfront. My suggestion is to DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT NOW!!!. The longer the Council & Regional Council dilly-dally, trying to decide what to do about it the more damage will be done. About all of the low lying parts of town we need ACTION, not WORDS!!!. Something even if only temporary needs to be done NOW!!!. Not after the storming has happened when it will be too late & people have lost their businesses and homes.

As for the rate of rates:

If the Council administration <sup>staff</sup> were prepared to take a 1-5% cut in their salaries, people's rates need not be increased for a few years.

(Attach more pages if needed)

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**Submission to Annual Plan 2013/14****Re Hokitika Area Promotions Uniform Charge (Funding for EH)**

- The Hokitika Area Promotions rate is a uniform charge and targeted rate on each Commercial Ratepayer in the Hokitika area.
- This rate has no effect on the rates paid by Individual Ratepayers in Hokitika or Westland.
- Tourism and Primary Produce are the main drivers for the Westland economy.
- A portion of the Hokitika Area Promotions rate enables EH to resource a Part Time Promotions Coordinator (10-12 hours a week). This ensures continuity and timely implementation of Hokitika marketing activities so promotional outcomes are achieved within funding budgets.
- EH contributes to and facilitates Council's own vision of a World Class Tourist Destination.
- The NZ Government has recognised the need for additional funding to market and promote NZ as a destination with an additional \$158m.
- EH acts in partnership with Tourism West Coast, Development West Coast, the Westland District Council, the Department of Conservation and Glacier Promotions. EH must continue to be included as part of the bigger tourism marketing picture to take maximum advantage of marketing opportunities and tourism funding to ensure the future viability of our town.

This year, WDC has resolved to remove the Hokitika Promotions Targeted Rate from its Draft Annual Plan and will not facilitate the collection of this uniform charge on behalf of EH.

**I support the reinstatement of the Hokitika Area Promotions Uniform Charge/Targeted Rate.** ☒ Yes ☐ No

We the undersigned make the above submission to Council's Annual Plan 2013/14 consultation process.

JEAN OLIVER Name OLIVER'S SHOE STORE Business Name

Signature J. Oliver Date 18/06/13  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to be heard in support of this submission? ☐ Yes ☒ No

IAN OLIVER Name OLIVER'S SHOE STORE Business Name

Signature Ian Oliver Date 18-6-13  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to be heard in support of this submission? ☐ Yes ☒ No



## Enterprise Hokitika

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Hi-

This submission is being presented to you as a member of Enterprise Hokitika (EH). EH is encouraging its members to make a submission to the Westland District Council on the future of EH's funding in the Draft Annual Plan.

Please read through the submission carefully and tick yes or no depending on your opinion.

You can also make individual submissions to Council online at [www.westlanddc.govt.nz](http://www.westlanddc.govt.nz) or writing your own submission and dropping it into Council.

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Thank you for your time,

Enterprise Hokitika

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Kirsty Manera

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 Sent: Tuesday, 18 June 2013 10:58 a.m.  
 To: 19 JUN 2013 consult  
 Subject: Westland 2014 Draft Annual Plan Submission  
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Comments:

Glacier Country targeted rate to remain in place. Glacier Country township development targeted rate to remain. Funding for tourism marketing to remain. With review on where it is allocated. Maintain and ring fence all funding commitments for the Fox Glacier Community centre project. No marketing funding for the cycle trail. This should come under the roll of TWC.

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**Westland 2012-2013 Draft Annual Plan Submission**

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 Submit in person? No

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Submission Number: 2010073

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Organisation:

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CE	HWM	MPR	GM AO	CFO	EA	CSO	TLO	ASST ACCT	✓
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Comments:

Submission I wish to express my concern at the cutting of the Hokitika Library Hours. Our library is an absolute asset to our community. It is a warm and welcoming place where every member of our diverse community has access. It caters for all ages and does not discriminate. Our librarians have wonderful expertise. They are an underused resource. Our library is a safe community space. It offers: Free access Free borrowing Free space YOU CANNOT UNDER ESTIMATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS! I totally disagree with the cutting of any library hours. However, I feel that if this needs to be done the hours should be decreased during weekdays – perhaps opening 10-5pm keeping the current Saturday 10-4pm and Sunday 12-4pm opening.

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Comments:

Hokitika Museum Hours. I believe that the propose shortening of opening hours for the museum will be detrimental for both use and income for the museum. In the summer the bulk of the visitors are tourists and they are much more likely to be around the town in the early morning and the later afternoon and if anything the opening hours should be out as far as 6pm to increase the visitor numbers to the museum during the summer season. The shorten of the hours in the winter will make the gallery undesirable to hire as a gallery space - the shorter hours would mean fewer people through an exhibition. I would not be wanting to pay the present hire rate for shorter hours. A lower hire rate is less income for the museum and in fact I would even have to consider whether hold the event was worth the shorten opening hours and cancellation of an event is no income at all. Could people interested in having a gallery space all year around have the opportunity to sit down with staff to see if we can come up with ways that income can be generated and the musue3m be able to continue the present hours.

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 Other Organisation: HokitikaJunk2Funk  
 Submit in person? No

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### Comments:

HokitikaJunk2Funk is an annual event that encourages recycling through an exhibition and fashion challenge. This event has provided to be popular with all ages and every year we have an increased number of young folks and youth taking part. Families work together to submit items. It has also proven that age is no barrier with our oldest participant last year 81 years old. Holding it during the winter months allows participants time to create. The most consistent feedback we get is that people have had so much fun and laughed so much while creating their item - what better way to brighten up the being of our winter. The proposed shorten winter opening hours for the museum would make this event no longer viable. It is both an exhibition and a fashion challenge and we could not do one without the other. As a group using the gallery we would be more than happy to work with the museum to explore ways of keeping the present opening hours and we would consider an increase in hire rates if that is needed.

Kirsty Manera

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 Sent: Tuesday, 18 June 2013 7:24 p.m.  
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 Submit in person? No

Comments:

I believe that the hours for the library and museum should not change. Many individuals work shift hours in Hokitika and to find the library open over weekends or in the evening is a good thing when they wish to find books, dvds, or catch up on the local newspapers. Unfortunately there is a lot of families in Hokitika that can not afford the internet, and in this electronic age this can be a bad thing, especially when there are youngsters in the house and a lot of their schooling/research can and is done on the internet. The library offering free usage is a service that should not be cut for the locals, but what about charging those that do not hold a library card/membership (ie. non-locals). A lot of youth use the library instead of hanging on the streets and causing problems. I know that issues still arise around them, but if they had absolutely nowhere to go, there could be potentially more issues. The library staff give excellent service, helping out whenever they are asked to, and I believe they are genuine in their annoyance when they are unable to help. The Hokitika Museum should not change its hours either. This is a service that is hidden away in the back of Hokitika. A lot of Coasters don't know it is there - what about the tourists? Maybe this service would be better to be promoted rather than cut back?



Kirsty Manera

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## Westland 2012-2013 Draft Annual Plan Submission

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Organisation:

Submit in person? No

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Comments:

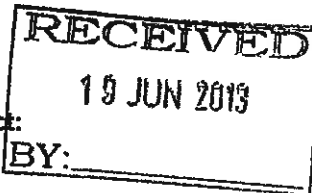
I think the library should stay open on weekends and retain the longer hours through the week because a lot of people can't go until later in the evening or the weekends. I really enjoy reading and if the library is closed for most of the weekend I will not be able to issue books when I need to, or access the internet when I wish. The upstairs teen zone is a good place to sit while I am using my laptop. Up there I am not disturbed by little kids running around making noises (or my little sister), because they are not allowed up there and there are other interactive items for them to use downstairs.

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## Westland 2012-2013 Draft Annual Plan Submission

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 Other Organisation:  
 Submit in person? No

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## Comments:

I think that the library should stay with the hours that it already has. These changes affect some people that are only able to go because of work commitments that may only have Sundays or late evenings free. Also any of the young people (including me) that use this facility like it as it is. The area upstairs is quite useful for quietly 'killing' time undisturbed. I enjoy being able to use the library any afternoon (after school) or on weekends. Sunday open hours work for any other youth that have sports on Saturdays.

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Kirsty Manera

From: Rob & Lucy Jewell <jewell5@clear.net.nz>  
 Sent: Thursday, 20 June 2013 7:11 a.m.  
 To: consult  
 Subject: R Jewell submission to WDC 2013/2014 draft annual plan  
 Attachments: R Jewell submission to WDC 2013 2014 draft annual plan.pdf

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Submission file attached.

Regards  
 Rob Jewell

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## Submission on the Council's 2013/2014 Westland District Council Draft Annual Plan

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Date: 19 June 2013

I do not wish to speak to my submission.

Our submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan is:

1. Events – Wildfoods only. No support for community events saving \$40,000 pa.
  - I do not support the continued funding of Wildfoods.
  - Sales performance from the last couple of years suggests the event has reached the end of its life cycle and time to abandon without costing any more money.
2. Sports West Coast – grant funding cut saving \$25,000.
  - I do not support the funding cut.
  - SWC organises a number of children's activities that are considered essential for personal development and encourages active participation.
  - The health and well being benefits SWC promotes through the various events organised are important for the whole community.
  - One high profile event SWC manages is the successful Kids Triathlon which has gone from strength to strength over the years and is encouraging a generation of children to give it a go!
3. Tourism West Coast – grant funding approved for two years \$86,000 pa.
  - I support the continued funding of TWC.
  - By providing security of funding for at least two years means strategic longer term marketing investment is possible to help build greater returns for all Westland tourism businesses.
  - Tourism is a significant contributor to the region's economic success and ongoing funding and promotion of TWC to help make the vision "The Last Best Place - Westland" happen is crucial.
4. Glacier Country Grant – grant funding cut saving \$65,000.
  - I do not support the funding cut.
  - The Glacier Country targeted rate provides the funds for the important roles of Community Development Officers, Fox and Franz and Glacier Country Tourism Group Administration Officer.
  - These roles play an important part within the communities and the ongoing success of each organisation.
  - The targeted rate was introduced at the request of the communities and should therefore remain in place.

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R Jewell

5. Hokitika I-Site – Rationalising opening hours (negligible impact)
  - I support the ongoing funding of the I-Site and remaining open seven days a week.
  - However, I do not support the new year round opening hour's format.
  - Tourism seasonality should be allowed for and the usual busy summer period with longer daylight hours should see the I-Site remain open longer hours.
  - The I-Site used to open to 8pm some years ago however customer demand was relatively light from 6pm to 8pm so the closing time was moved forward to 6pm and from all accounts this has worked well for visitors using the service.
  - The I-Site summer opening hours (typically October to April) should be from 8:30am to 6pm seven days a week.
6. Community Township Development – grant cut saving \$70,000.
  - I do not support the funding cut.
  - There is already \$70,000 agreed funding in place for the Fox community this coming year and this should remain and be included as funds currently available to be used.
  - The funds are important for the improvement of the communities and ensuring the townships are presented and maintained to a high standard as expected by the hundreds of thousands of international visitors who choose to include Glacier Country as part of their NZ holiday experience.
  - The targeted rate was introduced at the request of the communities and should therefore remain in place.
7. Solid Waste Management – service level changes and realistic revenue forecasting, extra cost this year \$446,000.
  - I support the rate increase.
  - The support is conditional that there no changes to the current level of service provided or fees structure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comment on the annual plan.

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**Submission on the Council's 2013/2014 Westland District Council Draft Annual Plan**

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I do not wish to speak to my submission.

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit comment on the annual plan.

Kirsty Manera

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From: Mark Racle | <markracle@xtra.co.nz>  
Sent: Wednesday, 19 June 2013 8:02 p.m.  
To: consult  
Subject: Draft Annual Plan 2013 -2014  
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Please find attached Julia Racle's submission pertaining to the 2013/14 Draft of the Westland District Council Annual Plan.

Regards

Mark Racle | Ph: 021 966820

For Julia Racle

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# Westland District Council Submission Form

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I would like to speak to my submission (please tick): ☒ yes ☐ no

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My submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan is:

I/~~We~~ support the Ross Community Society submission on the 2013/14 Annual Plan.

Signed



Totara Valley Road,  
Ross.

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Kirsty Manera

From: Mark Racle | <markracle@xtra.co.nz>  
 Sent: Wednesday, 19 June 2013 8:04 p.m.  
 To: consult  
 Subject: Submission on Draft Annual Plan 2013/14  
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Please find attached my submission on the current draft of the 2013/14 WDC Annual Plan.

Regards

Mark Racle | Ph: 021 966820

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# Westland District Council Submission Form

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Signed

Mark Racle

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## Comments:

I oppose the reduced opening hours for library services. There is no doubt that the library represents a significant asset, which requires a considerable amount of funding to keep up-to-date. However, having spent that money to develop and maintain that resource it seems totally inefficient to then significantly limit its availability to residents, in order to make marginal saving. As a working parent, the weekend provides the only real opportunity to visit the library with my pre-school children. It is not uncommon for our family to make two trips in a weekend, especially in winter. We particularly enjoy the ability to option to hire DVDs on a rainy Saturday afternoon. There is no doubt that the reduced opening hours would dramatic impact on our family's ability to enjoy this valued community resource.

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Submissions Close 4pm on Thursday 27 June 2013

If you are handwriting this form please print and use a dark coloured ink pen.

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My/ Our submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan is:

- I would like Council to work towards one council for the West Coast (instead of 4!) In the meantime sharing of many facilities should be good for all
- There are 4 offices in Hokitika working for the Public - IT site  
Museum  
Library  
DOC  
could they not work together & perhaps "cover" for each other
- Get rid of the Westland District Property Htd. (decommission)
- PLEASE preserve the Hokitika Library opening hours. Apart from their wonderful service I notice it is a meeting place for teenagers - always I see a well-behaved happy group. There is nowhere else so

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- ⑤ I understand the need for increase in rates  
- the need to reduce debt.

The Council has the 2nd largest area of any local council in H.Z & as well as deep culture of good infrastructure there is a need to cater for increase tourism as well as meet the needs of a scattered population

- ⑥ Closer cooperation with Dept of Immigration to benefit of both.

C. Hall.

(Attach more pages if needed)

Please return your submission form before 4pm Thursday 27 June 2013 by

#### Post

Draft Annual Plan 2013-2014  
Westland District Council  
Private Bag 704  
Hokitika 7842

#### Email

You can also send us your submission form via email. Simply complete the submission form, scan it (PDF), attach to your email and send it to: [consult@westlanddc.govt.nz](mailto:consult@westlanddc.govt.nz)

#### In person

You can deliver your submission form in person to the Council offices, 36 Weld Street, Hokitika. A submission box is available in the foyer.

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My/our submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan is:

Refuse Bags: I disagree with not being able to use  
our bags after December 2013. I realise the contractor  
will not be collecting bags after December but  
we should be able to take the WDC bags to the  
refuse site free of charge. We have paid for these  
in our rates - been frugal with our rubbish over the  
years and now can not use them.

Glass Collection: Disagree with this being discontinued.  
When you see the amount of glass on the curb side  
every fortnight people are just going to throw their  
glass in the wheelie bin for refuse - fill up the landfill  
even faster!

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West Coast  
Tobacco Free Coalition

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[Anne.Hines@cancercwc.org.nz](mailto:Anne.Hines@cancercwc.org.nz)

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Dear Mayor and Councillors

West Coast Tobacco Free Coalition (WCTFC) consists of a group of organisations who share an interest in promoting smokefree lifestyles on the West Coast. The group is working towards a Smokefree New Zealand by 2025 and represents many West Coast practitioners who are working to minimise the harm created from tobacco use.

Councils have an important role to play in supporting the health and wellbeing of their residents and visitors. The Westland District Council has adopted a Smokefree Outdoor Areas policy. WCTFC encourages the Westland District Council to identify ways to promote and share Smokefree messages on Council communications with its community. This could include having smokefree information and logos on Council correspondence including newsletters and the Council website. WCTFC is happy to provide information to assist with this. Free smokefree signage and stickers are also available from Community & Public Health (03 768 1160) if required. The Cancer Society is planning to get in touch with Councils over the next few months to gather their feedback on the implementation of Smokefree policies.



To further enhance the urban environment, we would encourage the Council to consider extending Smokefree areas to outdoor dining areas (on Council-managed areas such as footpaths) for the benefit of everyone's wellbeing. This would make the experience of dining outdoors a much more pleasant one, especially for non-smokers who also enjoy eating outdoors.

The numbers of people who smoke is decreasing all the time. Fewer than 20% of New Zealanders aged 15 years and over are regular smokers. Being Smokefree is becoming the new normal. We ask the Council to consider whether having cigarette butt bins at a number of locations around Hokitika and other areas is still necessary and what message this is sending to the population.

The Westland District Council has 46 pensioner housing units in Hokitika and Ross (administered by Westland District Property Ltd.). WCTFC believes that there is not currently a Smokefree policy for these units. It is suggested that having properties that are Smokefree inside will help to reduce ongoing maintenance costs by increasing the amount of time between interior upgrades. Such a policy would also benefit the health and wellbeing of residents and their visitors. It is suggested that smokefree stickers could be placed inside the windows at the front and rear doors of each of the pensioner housing units. Community and Public Health staff would be happy to assist with the development of a policy and the provision of free Smokefree stickers and/or signage. If Council is planning to have further pensioner units in the future, it would be great if these could be Smokefree from Day 1.

The West Coast Tobacco Free Coalition is happy to provide advice and assistance to the Westland District Council on any issues to do with smoking and Smokefree environments. Please feel free to contact me.

We would also like the opportunity to make a verbal presentation to Council in support of this submission.

Yours faithfully



Anne Hines  
Chairperson



## Youth Hostels Association of New Zealand

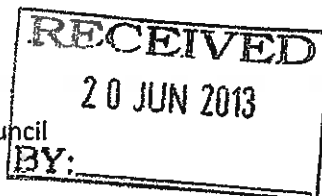
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Dear Maureen

### Re: Submission to the Westland District Council 2013/14 Draft Annual Plan

As a nationwide budget accommodation provider, YHA New Zealand supports Westland District Council's vision of being a world class tourist destination by 2030. YHA also understands the Council's imperative to balance its budget.

YHA wants the Council to succeed as both organisations share the desire for tourism to prosper in the Westland District Council area. To enable tourism to prosper requires fit for purpose communities. YHA therefore wishes to make submissions on four aspects of the draft plan:

#### 1. Changes to Community Services

Council is proposing to cut the community development funding by exiting its current direct involvement with community groups. YHA submits that the community development offices and the support functions they directly provide to communities are of immense value and should be retained.

YHA has a long standing commitment to the local environments and communities we work and live in. YHA notes the Council's intention to move towards performing an advisory role only; however YHA strongly believes the removal of this fund will have an adverse effect on the community and its functions here on the West Coast.

In relation to the Franz Josef community development office, the team here works hard to ensure the inclusion of both long term residents and short term seasonal workers as part of the community. I personally believe this in part is why Franz Josef is one of the most open and accepting communities on the West Coast.

Removal of the funding would deliver a short term financial gain for the Council; however this would have long term implications for the leadership and co-ordination of community development in the glacier communities, and the running of associated projects and facilities.

## **2. Township Development Grants**

YHA submits that the Council should retain the funding for the glacier region Township Development Grants. This biennial \$70,000 development fund currently plays an important role in the development of Franz Josef. YHA has some appreciation of the value of this grant given it owns and operates a backpacker hostel in the township and YHA's staff are part of the Franz Josef community.

This year the fund has been used to improve Franz Josef town gym, pay the insurance and power invoices for the Town Hall, help maintain the historic churches, assist in the production of a safe view point out of town and many other small projects. These projects could not go ahead without this source of funding. This is because the local community will not have sufficient funds to pay for these important community and tourism infrastructure facilities. They make an important contribution towards the positive experience of Franz Josef for YHA's guests and local staff, and their loss would be to Franz Josef's detriment.

Not only does the community have assets that need to be maintained, there are also some great ideas coming from the community regarding how this fund can be used for future beautification of Franz Josef and making the town a nicer place to live and visit.

## **3. Community Assistance**

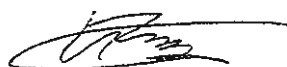
YHA notes the proposed cuts from the grants budget. In support of the Council's vision of being a world class tourist destination, YHA supports the retention of the Tourism West Coast funding.

## **4. Solid Waste**

YHA appreciates that the Council needs to change the way it manages solid waste. YHA has a long and strong commitment to environmental sustainability and encourages the Council to actively promote the minimisation of solid waste to landfill via the 'Reduce, Re-use, Recycle' logic. Kerbside recycling facilities promote behaviour change as this results in recycling being no more difficult for the average resident than sending waste to landfill. The purchase of trailer bins to collect sorted glass at all the transfer stations around the Westland District is commended, however for the reasons as outlined above, the proposal to cease the kerbside collection of co-mingled glass from the Hokitika residential area is disappointing.

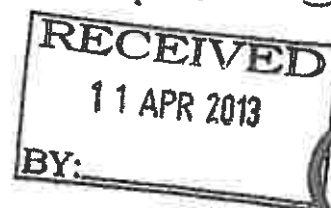
Thank you for considering YHA New Zealand's submission. I do not wish to speak to this.

Yours sincerely



Luke Tarplett  
Hostel Manager  
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5 April 2013

Re: Submission to the Draft Annual Plan

To her Worship the Mayor and Counsellors of the Westland District Council.

Fox Glacier Community Development Society Incorporated would like to take this opportunity to add a submission into the Draft Annual Plan.

- Fox Glacier Township has been thankful to the Fox Glacier Heartland Hotel, Helicopter Line, Ann and Roger Smith and Fox Glacier Guiding for letting people park on their land. But alas we still need public car parking options during the season people park and go on walks half day and full day, eat at one of the many great cafes. But these cars, vans and campervans all need somewhere safe to park. There is 127 parks in the township and the amount of tourist trade, local and staff are all having trouble getting a carpark. We sent a presentation in

2005 on this problem and setting up of a carpark is very important to the community and also the travelling public.

- Fox Glacier Primary School in Fox Glacier is on Cook Flat Road just before the 80km per hour sign. This is a major health and safety issue with people speeding up as they can see the sign. The Community would like to see if we can get a "School" sign that lights up to be turned on first thing in the morning and then at 3pm as to ensure the safety of the children. Signopsys was the company who made up the sign for Franz Josef. Ross Thomson is the manager (092652601) They are willing to help with the project and have great knowledge and understand the environment in South Westland.
- The township would like to see the return of the Township Development funds promised due to the fact our rates are high as per the Councils presentation in 2009. In an email received myself from Tracy O'Malley (12 January 2012) which Maureen had received from Robin Reeves (23 September 2010) which quotes Robin **"Quecha is setting up a separate account for the fund, so we can track the expenditure and the future Accumulation"** The Fox Glacier Community has still got plans for the money that has been removed from our access as the end of summer is the best time to do the planned projects. So we would like the funds returned to the communities planned projects. (I am happy to provide all copies of these emails if needs be.
- Walkers to Lake Mathson need a safe area to walk on to get to the Lake as there is a lot of foot traffic and during the busy season people end up walking on the narrow road as the foot path ends just after Williams Drive on Cook Flat Road. The community understands the council's situation at the moment but we are asking that Hardgraft services could mow from the end of the footpath to the Lake to provide a safe area for people to walk on. It would cost \$238.05 per mow to do this. It would need mowing on a regular basis during the season.  
I would like it noted the WestRoads Mower driver with the tractor mower does a great job and the community really appreciates the job he has been doing also Cory as his hard work and effort around the town is well and truly noted.

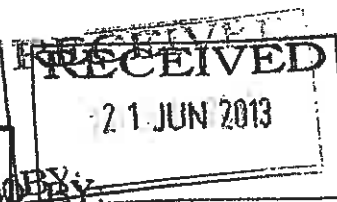
Thank you very much for this opportunity and please feel free to contact me at any time regarding these matters.

Kindest Regards Abyee Williams  
Fox Glacier Community Development Officer

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### Draft Westland District Annual Plan Submission

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

Do you wish to present your submission to the Council in person (4 & 5 July)? Yes/ No  
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#### My submission is as follows:

I support the inclusion in the Annual Plan for Council to make provision to help keep Hokitika's Regent Theatre open by including an average annual rates levy of about \$10/yr for each Hokitika ratepayer, and \$3/yr elsewhere.

I support the continued community use of the Regent as our "Town Hall" for cinema, live performances, community meetings and events, and as a historic heritage feature in the heart of Hokitika. Hokitika's Regent Theatre is important to the town and the wider Westland Community. The building has been saved with a huge voluntary effort and sponsorship from the community. I urge Council to get wholeheartedly behind securing the theatre's future.

Extras comments: