

Safe Community Accreditation Application for the Westland District

Criteria 1: Leadership and Collaboration: Demonstration of leadership by coalition or group focused on improving community safety

- Overview of Westland District and its Demographics



Background:

THE DISTRICT

Westland is a long narrow region made up of a series of small communities which are serviced mainly by the town of Hokitika. The district stretches from the Taramakau River in the north to beyond Jackson Bay in the south. Its eastern boundary is the Southern Alps.

Most of its 11,400 square kilometres is covered by widespread indigenous forest. The Westland District was formed in 1989, as a result of the amalgamation of Westland County and Hokitika Borough.

The district contains three wards: Northern Ward, Hokitika Ward and the Southern Ward.

The Northern Ward extends from the Taramakau River to the Mikonui River and includes Otira, Kumara, Kaniere, Kokatahi, Kowhitirangi, and Ross. The Hokitika Ward covers the area formerly covered by the Hokitika Borough Council. The Southern Ward extends from the Mikonui River south and includes Hari Hari, Whataroa, Okarito, Franz Josef Glacier, Fox Glacier, Haast, Haast Beach, Okuru, Hannah's Clearing, Neil's Beach and Jackson's Bay.

Westland, apart from Hokitika, is made up of many small townships – mostly about 300 people. Most government departments on the Coast are down-sizing and/or centralizing in Greymouth and even some of those services, are now centralized in Christchurch. Geographical isolation, longer distances of travel for services and an aging population have heightened an awareness of a lack of advice and information being readily available in small Westland communities.

THE MAORI PERSPECTIVE

The Tangata Whenua for the Westland District are the iwi of Poutini Ngaitahu defined as the section of Ngaitahu who by whakapapa derive their status from their ancestors who held customary title and rights to the lands of Westland at the time of the signing of the Treaty in 1840.

There are two hapu (sub-tribes) of Ngaitahu in Westland:

- Kati Waewae centred at Arahura and represented at Te Runanganui O Ngaitahu (Representative Group for the Tribe)
- Ngati Mahaki centred at Mahitahi in South Westland and represented by Te Runanga O Makawhio.

Poutini Ngaitahu Maori followed the national trends of urbanisation and migration which had devastating effects on the traditional Maori tribal structures. While Poutini Ngaitahu Maori were moving out in search of employment, Maori with different tribal affiliation (Matawaka) were moving in.

The exodus of Maori from their turangawaewae weakened whanau links and further isolated whanau members from their traditional community and whanau structures. Social harmony in a changed environment bought about a whole new set of cultural values, emphasising a more contemporary rather than traditional lifestyle.

For many Maori, individual and collective esteem increases once they know who they are and from whence they came. Knowledge of one's whakapapa (geneology), hapu, iwi, and marae are vital factors and it is important to

acknowledge the present day Maori social structures in our community which promote the same goals of advancement for Maori.

Maori culture and society was denigrated and oppressed (Considine 1986 and Jackson 1987). With the rapid development of Crown Law, (without prior consultation or cognisance of Maori concepts), a growing disrespect for Pakeha law by Maori has resulted in a less than effective relationship between Maori law and traditional Crown law of the land.

Based on population comparisons with non- Maori both nationally and in Westland, Maori have been over represented in the negative statistics relating to criminal offending. The connection between Maori labour force figures and overall unemployment figures for the last 25 years provide a comparative study based upon the past and current socio-economic status of Maori as compared to non-Maori.

Most Maori employment has been within the semi-skilled or unskilled area of labour. Allied with educational attainments is the fact that 70% of the total Maori population fail to go on to a higher tertiary educational level. This invariably leads to a lower socio- economic standing in society.

Those deprived of a quality education regardless of ethnicity continue to occupy a lower socio-economic standing. Consideration needs to be given to ways and means of addressing Maori concerns in the implementation of a safe community strategy.

MAORI IN WESTLAND TODAY

Te Runanga o Ngati Waewae are the tangata whenua of the area north of the Hokitika River. In November 2014, they hosted about 1000 people at the powhiri to open a \$5.5M wharenuui and associated buildings, bringing back a marae development to their turanga waewae at Arahura (just north of Hokitika) for the first time in almost 150 years. Te Runanga o Makaawhio also hold mana whenua southwards from Hokitika. They have built a marae at Bruce Bay in South Westland and the two hapu work cooperatively as Poutini Ngaitahu.

Maori Organisations already working for the advancement of Maori include these two runanga and Waiora Poutini which offers Health and Disability Services to whanau through mobile delivery or at a mutually agreed appropriate venue.

THE PAST

The first settlement was in South Westland. Then during the 1860's, miners came from all parts of the world looking for gold. After the main rush subsided, by the late 1800's, saw milling and farming became the main industries. Saw milling has declined since the 1960's and farming has expanded and diversified. Since the opening of the Haast Pass in 1965,

tourism has grown and along with it, many associated services have developed, employing people in accommodation and recreation.

COMMUNITY DEMOGRAPHICS

The usual resident population of the Westland District in the 2006 Census was 8403 and at the 2013 census was 8304. During the tourist season, this swells to over 10,000 and there can frequently be over 2,000 tourists staying the night in the Glacier Country (Franz Josef Glacier and Fox Glacier)

Census Area	2006 census usual resident population	2013 census usual resident population	%Change
Otira	87	54	38% decrease
Kumara	318	309	3% decrease
Taramakau (Serpentine to Taramakau Bridge)	189	240	27% increase
Waimea-Arahura	480	651	36% increase
Hokitika Rural	828	876	6% increase
Hokitika Urban	3078	2967	4% decrease
Kaniere	459	483	5% increase
Hokitika Valley	516	525	2% increase
Totara River	36	63	75% increase
Waiho	66	69	5% increase
Ross	291	297	2% increase
Hari Hari	348	327	6% decrease
Whataroa	405	285	30% decrease
Franz Josef (Waiiau)	429	441	3% increase
Fox	378	306	19% decrease
Karangarua	48	30	38% decrease
Bruce Bay-Paringa	45	33	27% decrease
Haast	297	240	19% decrease

The areas with the greatest increases in population are the rural areas outside of Hokitika town and those with the greatest decreases in population are Otira and, with the exception of Franz Josef, South Westland south of Hari Hari.

Population by age in the Westland District 2006 and 2013

Age Group	2006	2013	Change
0-4	507	528	increase
5-9	492	498	increase
10-14	627	507	decrease
15-19	483	429	decrease
20-24	435	435	same
25-29	486	441	decrease

30-34	561	489	decrease
35-39	651	531	decrease
40-44	723	591	decrease
45-49	732	681	decrease
50-54	606	702	increase
55-59	600	633	increase
60-64	468	549	increase
65-69	345	501	increase
70-74	225	354	increase
75-79	186	183	decrease
80-84	171	120	decrease
85 and over	105	126	increase

Apart from slight increases in the under 9 year olds, the increases have been mainly in the over 50 years of age groups which verifies that Westland does have an increasing aging population.

Westland District Population by Ethnic Group – 2006 and 2013:

European	6,162	6,912	83%
Māori	1,017	1,050	13%
Pacific Peoples	72	90	1%
Asian	120	222	3%
Middle Eastern/Latin American/African	21	36	.5%
Other Ethnicity			
New Zealander	1,362	258	
Other Ethnicity	6	0	

The big majority of people living in Westland classify themselves as European.

Westland District Population by Language spoken – 2006 and 2013:

English	7,614	7,632
Māori	210	180
Samoan	12	18
Hindi	15	21
Northern Chinese ⁽⁴⁾	3	15
French	96	75
Yue ⁽⁵⁾	6	6
Sinitic not further defined ⁽⁶⁾	3	9
German	84	69
Tongan	6	0
Tagalog	21	54
Afrikaans	21	42
Spanish	30	54

Korean	3	3
New Zealand sign language	45	21
Other	189	201
None (eg too young to talk)	138	108

English is by far the most widely spoken language.

Westland District Households Access to Telecommunication systems 2006 and 2013 (with 2013 percentages in brackets):

No Access to Telecommunication Systems	(4%)	144	135
Access to a Cell phone/Mobile Phone	(67%)	1,887	2,337
Access to a Telephone	(80%)	2,751	2,790
Access to a Fax Machine	(14%)	873	501
Access to the Internet	(67%)	1,626	2,325
Total households stated		3,126	3,300
Not Elsewhere Included		168	189
Total households, Westland District		3,291	3,492

The number of households in Westland that have access to cell phones and the Internet has increased significantly in the last 9 years and this trend will continue.

COUNCIL'S VISION

Westland District Council will facilitate the development of communities within its district through delivery of sound infrastructure, policy and regulation.

This will be achieved by:

1. Involving the community and the stakeholders
2. Delivering core services that meet community expectations and demonstrate value and quality.
3. Proudly promoting, protecting and leveraging our historic, environmental, cultural and natural resource base to enhance lifestyle and opportunity for future generations.

(Westland District Council Long Term Plan 2015-2025, Page 31)

Working towards Safe Community Accreditation has been written into the Performance Review for the Council's Community Development Advisor's role by Council's Chief Executive. This reinforces Council's intent to achieve Part 1 and Part 2 of its vision statement, namely to involve the community as fully as possible in its delivery of its services that meet community expectations. The community has an expectation that the District will always be a safe place to live in.

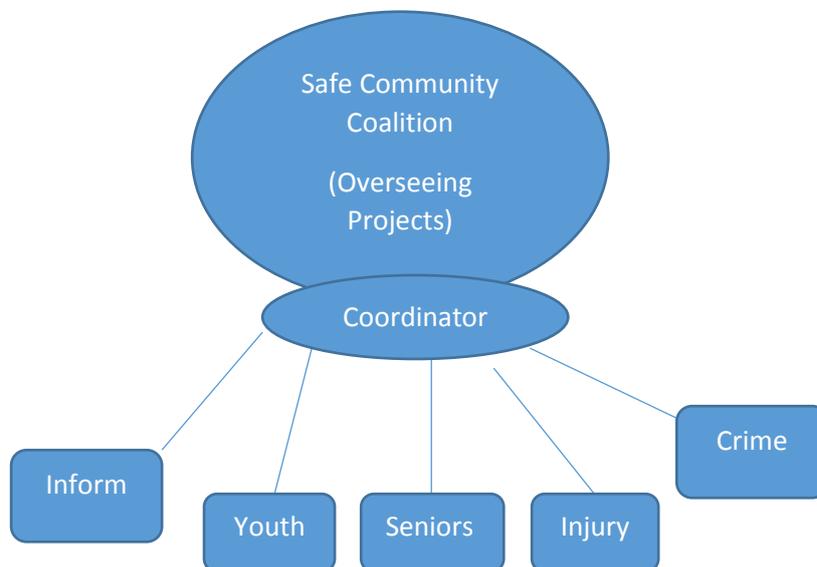
BACKGROUND TO ACCREDITATION

1. 1 April 1997 Safer Community Council established and first meeting held.
2. 26 July 2012 Laurie Gabites presented the model of a Safe Community to Westland District Council at their monthly meeting.
3. 25 March 2013 – Initial discussion held by Safer Community Council and then the concept was put on hold pending the outcome of the future of the Safer Community Council.
4. 20 June 2014 the Safer Community Council adopted a Strategic Plan for 2014-2016
5. 24 March 2015 Mayor Mike Havill writes a letter of intent to SCF.
6. 27 May 2015 Michael Mills visits the Safer Community Coordinator to inform him of the accreditation process.
7. 4-5 August 2015 The Coordinator attended the Safe Communities Foundation Annual Conference to find out more about the process of accreditation and to network with other Coordinators.
8. 28 August 2015 Safer Community Council meeting proceeds with identifying strategic strands for reporting to SCF.
9. 22 February 2016 attended the Induction Course for new Safe Communities Coordinators in Auckland.
10. 27 May 2016 Site visit by SCFNZ Director and panel of assessors, community meetings and discussions, recommendations.
11. 17 June 2016 The Safer Community Council was formally closed by resolution of that meeting, and replaced by the Safe Community Coalition.

• Governance Structure, and Membership of the Coalition

Current membership of the Coalition includes
Westland District Councillor: Kees van Beek (Chair)
Area Commander West Coast Police: Mel Aitken
Area Commander Fire Service: Mark Boere
Te Runanga O Makaawhio: Rachel Forsyth
CEO WestREAP: Corrina Gestro-Best
ACC Injury Prevention Consultant: Cathy Blincoe
Age Concern Coordinator: Lucy Waller
Greypower President: Colleen Freitas
West Coast Road Safety Coordinator: Ivan Wilson
Here to Help Coordinator: Cheryl Oldham
Community and Public Health, Health Promoter: Rosie McGrath
Manager Poutini Waiora: Carl Hutchby

Hokitika Community Patroller: Frances Stapleton
Community Development Advisor, Westland District Council: Derek Blight



Communication and reporting back to the Coalition Group

The Coalition Group meets bi-monthly and each Project Committee (Inform, Youth, Seniors, Injury and Crime) has a role in reporting directly back to the Coalition on projects currently being undertaken and updates on planned projects either through a representative of their group attending the Coalition meeting OR by providing a written report which can be disseminated to Coalition members. The planned dates for the Coalition meetings are 10am on the last Friday of every second month.

Involvement of the Territorial Authority; links to smaller communities; and sustainability

The Coordinator of the Coalition is Derek Blight who is Council's Community Development Advisor. The purpose of this position within Council is to "assist with developing the partnership between Council and the community, enabling the community to participate in Council's planning, development and the implementation of initiatives." Derek is part of the Planning, Community and Environment Team within the Westland District Council and part of his job description is to work towards Safe Community Accreditation.

Derek has an individual employment agreement with Westland District Council and is supervised by Jim Ebenhoh, Group Manager of Planning, Community and Environment at Westland District Council. The remuneration and funding for this Coordinator's role is incorporated within the budget of Community Services at Westland District Council.

The links to the smaller communities are maintained through the role of the Community Development Advisor, who is also the Coalition Coordinator:

The role of the Community Development Advisor is to

1. Ensure that office bearers of local community associations understand their roles and the relationship between Council and them.
2. To initiate agreements and Memorandum of Understandings between community associations and Council concerning Township Development Funding and Special Project Agreements.
3. To receive minutes of community associations meetings, file them and take any appropriate action.
4. To provide advice to community groups or to attend a community group meeting to offer support/advice on any projects that may require Council input or generate ongoing costs to Council.
5. To maintain an up to date list of all community organisations, office bearers, meeting times and the best way of contacting local people in emergencies.
6. To distribute public notices from Council weekly to all smaller communities as appropriate.

Criteria 4: Data Analysis & Strategic Alignment: Analysis of available safety (Injury, violence, crime and perception) data for Westland and how they align with established priorities and action plans.

Data Sources:

Injury Data

Fatalities (injury-related deaths) registered on the coronial register during 2012 per 100,000 persons, Westland's rate was 240.85 compared to the national average of 180.00.

Non Fatalities (all injuries) discharged from hospital in 2014. The Westland rate is 146.92 per 10,000 compared with the NZ average of 366.72.

The main causes of injury deaths in 2012 were falls and motor vehicle traffic accidents. Although the numbers are very small, they do indicate the importance of educating seniors about falls and increasing the safety of drivers

ACC Westland District Injury Comparison Report - Community Profile 2012-2013. Injuries at home make up 44% of all accidents by scene.

ACC claim rates (per 100,000) for new claims by cause and location in the Westland District in 2015: The highest numbers were Loss of balance/ Personal Control 12,447; Lifting/Carrying/Strain 4,550; Slipping/Skidding on Foot 4,478; Struck by person/animal 4,298; and Twisting Movement 3,328.

Data Analysis from ACC show that in 2012-2013, the top injury source by scene was the home; by cause, loss of balance; by activity, recreation/sport and by external agency, ground/path. Comparing ACC catastrophic injury rates with those of New Zealand, Westland District had a much higher rate per 10,000 of population.

Priority Area: The injury data, and demographics underpin the plan to meet with Grey Power and help assess Seniors' needs in their own homes – beginning with attendance at the Grey Power meeting 14 July 2016.

Road Safety Data

Briefing Notes Crash Analysis Westland District NZ Transport Agency Safer Journeys July 2014 – identify young drivers, rural loss of control and head-on and speed.

Road Safety Analysis 2014: No. of serious and fatal injuries in crashes during 2014 per 10,000. Westland had 10.05 compared with NZ average 6.75. A significant number of these were overseas tourists who were not used to driving on narrow, winding roads which are characteristic of many Westland roads.

Alcohol related fatal and serious injuries in crashes 2014 per 10,000: The Westland rate is 2.23 compared with the national average of 1.35. This will be useful background information when Westland proceeds with its Local Alcohol Policy. (LAP) This is currently on hold until after the Local Body Elections.

Priority Area: Police and NZTA crash data underpins the following priority areas:

Young drivers – Increasing the safety of young drivers aged 15-24 years is a priority. Locally this issue is of concern due to the number of deaths and/or serious casualties resulting from these crashes when viewed against local road use during 2009-2013.

Speed (youth focus) – Speed related crashes are a high priority identified. Locally this issue is a concern due to the number of deaths and/or serious casualties resulting from these crashes when viewed against local road use in 2009-2013.

Rural road loss of control and head-on (youth focus) – Increasing the safety of local roads and roadsides is a priority due to the number of deaths and/or serious casualties resulting from these crashes.

Crime Data

1 July 2006- 30 June 2014

Year	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14
Family Violence cases reported	42	53	69	74	74	76	51	101 *
Burglary Reported Offences +	49	46	47	30	44	33	48	60

Incidents reported by the Community Patrol to Police ≠	n.a.	n.a.	73	55	43	67	35	9 (6 in 14/15)
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Notes

1. *This huge spike is probably due to the fact that people are encouraged to report family violence whereas before it tended to be kept hidden. Source: Police Intel

2. + Source: Police Statistics

3. ≠ Source: Hokitika Community Patrol Statistics as reported to Community Patrols of New Zealand.

4. A Residents Survey is currently being carried out, the results of which will be released at the end of the June quarter, 2016.

Priority Area: The Coalition priority area is to continue to support the Hokitika Community Patrol as this contributes to a general reduction in public nuisance and property crime, and improves community perceptions of safety.

Criteria 3: Priority Setting: Demonstration of programmes that target and promote safety for high risk/vulnerable groups and environments.

High Risk Groups:

1. Youth

Most young people pursuing further education leave the West Coast and attend university or a polytechnic in Canterbury. The Census data show a pronounced dip in population numbers for 10-19 year olds between the 2006 and the 2013 census. The *Give Us a Clue Survey of 2016* shows that only 49% of young people thought that their relationship with their community was okay and 52% of young people said that on the whole our community listens to youth opinion but doesn't take it seriously. It is important that a District Youth Strategy is developed not just for young people but also by young people.

Many young drivers with a learner's licence or a restricted licence are "sitting" on these and despite the time limit, are not making any effort to get their full licence. There are also young drivers, who have never been licenced, not doing anything about obtaining a licence. This suggests the need to "capture" young drivers and determine ways of encouraging young drivers to get their full licence. The West Coast Road Safety Coordinator has been working to get the Young Driver Mentoring Programme (YDMP) going in Westland. The first round of approaches to the main stakeholders for the programme failed to get a positive response (in some instances no reply) so he is now working with AA Canterbury West Coast to further this cause and will re-visit those stakeholders. The main things holding young people back from progressing through the system in Westland is often lack of a vehicle, their vehicle is not warranted/registered, lack of financial resources, lack of a suitable mentor, to spend time with them and the distance from towns for those in more rural settings. The YDMP does much to assist this by partnerships with commercial outlets to supply a vehicle and fuel, finding suitable (police checked) mentors to coach the young drivers and a partnership with professional driving instructors to ensure the training is appropriate. This is a project that the community will pick up and be involved in.

2. Seniors

ACC statistics for 2012/2013 show that injuries at home make up 44% of all accidents by scene. Most of these are among seniors and most are caused by trips and falls. The 2015 ACC claim rate confirms this with the highest

numbers being in the areas of Loss of Balance/Personal Control, Lifting/Carrying/Strain, Slipping/Skidding on Foot, Struck by person/animal and twisting movements.

Seniors are affected by loneliness and isolation, especially if they are unable to or feel unsafe driving. There is no public transport in Westland so providing subsidised transport and opportunities to meet and engage with others are priorities.

High Risk Environments:

1. Civil Defence Emergency Management

The last thirteen months has seen two natural disasters – flooding in Hokitika in June 2015 and river flooding in Franz Josef Glacier in March 2016. While there was no loss of life in either disaster, both events heightened the need for better civil defence emergency management and is possibly an indication that more events of this nature may happen, given Westland's high rainfall and vulnerability to sudden road closures and stranded residents and tourists. NZTA acknowledge that State Highway 6 at Knight Point is in danger of collapsing into the sea. If this happens, there is no alternative and Haast could be isolated for months as there is no alternative road route.

Personal preparedness, and community responsiveness to civil emergencies is a priority. The high tourist/visitor numbers are a vulnerable group as they are generally totally unprepared for a natural disaster.

The lack of cellphone coverage between Fox Glacier and Wanaka is an ongoing issue. Westland District Council jointly submitted an application together with Queenstown Lakes District Council to the Ministry of Business, Industry and Employment for funding to put in more cellphone towers in July 2015 and they are still awaiting an outcome.

The lack of cellphone coverage disrupts visitors and travelers and increases the risks if there is a natural disaster or human incident that requires urgent contact and response.

2. Long distances to travel in South Westland

Westland has a much lower reported rate of injuries compared to other districts which may be due to a lack of access to medical care. This is especially true for South Westland where it can be difficult to see a doctor or rural nurse, so people often just don't bother to get medical treatment after an injury. The difficulty is exacerbated by long travelling distances through Westland to get medical assistance and the fact that our nearest hospital is

in Greymouth, thirty minutes north of Hokitika but several hours of travelling time for South Westland residents. This is why getting information and advice to South Westland residents is so important and every South Westland village needs its own community champion who is a source of knowledge and can use his/her initiative in any difficult situation.

Criteria 2: Programme Reach: The range and reach of community safety programmes operating throughout Westland.

- **Focus/priority areas**

Discussion has been held in meetings throughout 2015 about what are the priority areas for Westland. Further encouragement has come from ACC's Injury Prevention Consultant Cathy Blincoe who has encouraged application for Safe Communities Accreditation over the last two years.

- **Selection of Programmes/Initiatives**

The Safe Community Coalition has identified 5 strands/themes.

KEY SAFETY STRANDS IDENTIFIED

1. Providing information and advice
2. Supporting youth
3. Supporting seniors
4. Reducing injury
5. Reducing crime

Some of these strands/themes are already in place within current projects to make Westland a safer community. The following information expands on the strands.

	Inform	Youth	Seniors	Injury	Crime
Kumara – Ross CDS	✓				
South Westland CDS	✓				
Social work services	✓			✓	
CDEM	✓		✓		
School programmes	✓	✓			
Big Brothers Big Sisters		✓			
District Youth Strategy		✓			
Taxi Chits			✓	✓	
Seniors			✓		

Fellowship					
Trips and Falls			✓	✓	
Young Driver Mentoring	✓	✓		✓	✓
Road Safety Education in schools	✓	✓		✓	✓
Community Patrols					✓

1. Providing Information and advice

Inform – This began as the South Westland Information and Advice Programme initiated by WestREAP with seeding funding from the Ministry of Social, Development in October 2014. The steering Committee for this programme established a multi-partner, multi-sector project opportunity that recognized gaps, access to services, information and knowledge as inherent issues. The contributing factors were relative isolation and seasonal/transient workers not connecting into community versus established pioneer families in the area. (Partners here are the Kumara Residents Trust Community Development Facilitator Mike Keenan and the South Westland Community Development Facilitator David Stapleton, along with Derek Blight in his role of attending community association meetings throughout Westland to give support, direction and advice with Township Development Funding.)

Project Name	Name Lead Organisation	Issue being addressed	Evidence based	Target Population	Time frame	Outcomes	Partners	Comments
Kumara-Ross Community Development Scheme	Kumara Residents Trust	Lack of information as to where to go for help or advice	Lack of public transport, long distances to travel to health centres, limited cell phone coverage, no broadband south of Fox Glacier	All ages	July 2014 to Dec. 2017	Better informed local communities Community Champions recognized	Westland District Council, Department Internal Affairs Heartlands	Stronger cohesive Communities their own solutions to local issues. Dormant pool of expertise in local communities; Safer communities
South Westland Community Development Scheme	WestREAP Ministry of Social Development							
Social work services	Poutini Waiora	Alcohol and drug counselling Whanau Ora Services Kaiarataki Maori Health Support Social work services		All ages	On going	Meeting social needs	Hokitika Health Centre	Providing Information and advice

Civil Defence	Westland District Council	Budget advice Civil Defence Emergency Management	Extreme flooding happening more regularly	All ages	As emergencies arise	Quick responses to welfare needs	NZ Police Fire Service St John	Need to be prepared and ready for any emergency
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2. Supporting Youth

Youth – This began with young people in the District asking Council to provide for the needs of young people. A Youth Council established in 2005 fundraised for a skateboard park. In Council's 2016/2017 Annual Plan, \$20,000 has been budgeted for a Youth Strategy to assist in meeting the needs of young people. (Partners here are Youth Councillor Latham Martin and WestREAP's Schools Facilitator Ellie Sutton)

Project Name	Name Lead Organisation	Issue being addressed	Evidence based	Target Population	Time frame	Outcomes	Partners	Comments
Schools Programme	WestREAP	Meeting needs of young people	Significant decrease in no. 10-19 year olds between 2006 & 2013 census'	12-24 year olds	Ongoing	Inspiring change	Westland High School South Westland Area School	Been an inspiration to young people
Big Brothers Big Sisters	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Westland	Needs of at risk children	P/PV Impact Study 1995	6-17 year olds	Ongoing	Improved relationships	BBBS of NZ	Rewarding for both volunteers and young people
District Youth Strategy	Westland District Council	Needs of youth	Give us a Clue survey 2016	12-24 year olds	Ongoing	Project funding	WestREAP	55 respondents To survey

3. Supporting Seniors

Seniors – ACC statistics 2012/2013 reveal that one of the main areas of concern in Westland is the high number of trips and falls by seniors. A programme is about to commence working with Grey Power and ACC to discuss issues surrounding this with the offer of going into their homes to

identify places where falls and trips could happen. Nearly four years ago a Taxi Chit Scheme was initiated for elderly drivers who had voluntarily given up driving because they didn't feel safe anymore - offering half price taxi fares. (Partners here are Colleen Freitas, President of Grey Power and Lucy Waller, Coordinator of Age Concern)

Project Name	Name Lead Organisation	Issue being addressed	Evidence based	Target Population	Time frame	Outcomes	Partners	Comments
Taxi Chit Scheme	Westland District Council	Seniors who have voluntarily given up driving	GP assessment	Seniors over 65 years of age	Ongoing	Less accidents	Hokitika Greypower	Supported by local charities
Seniors Fellowship	Hokitika Greypower	Loneliness	GP assessment	Seniors	Ongoing	Helping others	Age Concern	Meeting seniors needs

4. Reducing Injury

Injury - The top injury sourced by activity prior to 2013 was Recreation/Sporting Activity – at 29.8%. In comparison with New Zealand, Westland's work injury claim rates are over twice that of New Zealand from 2008-2013 while Westland's water sports related injury claims were also over twice that of New Zealand over the same timeframe. Discussions are underway as to how we can discuss these issues with local sports clubs. (Partners here are ACC's Accident Prevention Consultant Cathy Blincoe, NZ Fire Service Area Commander Mark Boere, West Coast Road Safety Coordinator Ivan Wilson, office bearers of the local sports clubs and yet to be appointed Civil Defence Emergency Management Controller for Westland.)

Project Name	Name Lead Organisation	Issue being addressed	Evidence based	Target Population	Time frame	Outcomes	Partners	Comments
Trips and Falls	ACC	Home injuries 44% of injury scene	2012/2013 ACC Injury Comparison Report	Seniors	July 2016- July 2017	Safer Homes	Hokitika Greypower	Commencing 14 July 2016
Young Driver Mentoring Programme	West Coast Road Safety	Increasing Safety of young drivers	Safer Journeys Crash Analysis 2009-2013	Young people	2016/2017	Safer Drivers	Enterprise Hokitika	Locally this issue is of concern to the wider community
Road Safety Education in Schools	NZ Police	Road safety for children	Safer Journeys	Primary School children	ongoing	Children keeping safe	Local primary schools	Ongoing education

5. Reducing Crime

Crime – Twelve years ago there was considerable crime happening at night in Hokitika but with the involvement of the Hokitika Community Patrol, this has greatly reduced as evidenced by statistics collected by the patrol over the last 8 years. (Partners here are Police Area Commander Mel Aitken, Sergeant Russell Glue, Prevention Constable Bruce Pearson and Community Patroller Frances Stapleton)

Project Name	Name Lead Organisation	Issue being addressed	Evidence based	Target Population	Time frame	Outcomes	Partners	Comments
Street Patrols	Hokitika Community Patrol	Preventing Street crime	Hokitika Police Statistics	Offenders	2007-2016	Safer Communities	NZ Police	Partnership with Police

Flagged for future development:

Alcohol harm reduction. There is a changing scene in the district with fewer pubs and drinking in public places and more off-licence premises selling for private consumption. The recent granting of another off-licence in Hokitika in July 2016 has raised public awareness/concern and Council is now considering a plan to develop a Local Alcohol Policy following the local body elections in October 2016. Activities will include research and consultation with the community concerning alcohol use and harm. Council will seek to partner with HPA and Public Health.

The Council remains committed to the annual Wildfoods Festival and ensuring that alcohol and other related issues will be addressed.

CDEM remains a challenge as there are limited resources, and most staffing is voluntary. A CDEM Controller for the district is due to be appointed shortly and will be the lead for future activities in this sector.

Criteria 5: Evaluation: Outline of expected impacts and how they will be measured or evaluated.

One of the benefits that will accrue from accreditation is that the Coalition will be supported to implement Results Based Accountability: including the design and inclusion of Results Based Accountability in current and planned activities; the reporting of activities and outcomes to stakeholders and the Foundation; and the monitoring of key high-level indicators for the District. Accreditation, together with the participation of local and national stakeholders, and on-going support from SCFNZ will assist the Coalition to collect and utilise data, identify and implement locally-specific programmes and interventions, and strengthen local partnerships and collaboration.

Evaluation will be based on results based accountability - with regard to the seven performance accountability questions:

1. Who are our clients?
2. How can we measure if our clients are better off?
3. How can we measure if we are delivering services better?
4. How are we doing on the most important of these measures?
5. Who are the partners that have a role to play in doing better?
6. What works to do better including no-cost and low-cost ideas?
7. What do we propose to do?

The two key questions will be

1. How much did we do?
2. How well did we do it?

The success of the Hokitika Community Patrol can be evaluated in terms of a dramatic drop off of reported offences over the last 9 years, as per the previous table. All the patrollers report quiet nights while on duty. When the patrol first started, there were numerous incidences happening in Hokitika streets and now most patrols finish their evenings out and about with nothing to report back to the local Police. The marked patrol vehicle is well known out and about late at night and frequently receives a friendly wave.

Residents Satisfaction Surveys have not been carried out in recent years due to budgetary constraints.

Criteria 6: Communication & Networking: Demonstration of community engagement with relevant sectors of Westland and ongoing participation in local, national and international Safe Communities networks is required.

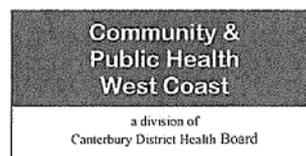
1. The Coordinator prepares agendas, writes minutes and attends to the action points for every meeting of the Safer Community Council.
2. Prepares and writes reports on community issues for Westland District Council meetings.
3. Coordinates the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Westland mentoring programme which involves working with community volunteers, supervising matches and preparing agendas, writing minutes and attending to action points for the BBBS Board.
4. Part of the working party working on producing a youth strategy for Westland District Council.
5. Been guest speaker at Grey Power meetings on several occasions.
6. Prepares agendas, writes minutes and attends to the action points for the Hokitika Community Patrol meetings.
7. 4-5 August 2015 Attended the Safe Communities Foundation Conference in Wellington to learn about the accreditation process and to make the most of networking opportunities.
8. 22 February 2016 attended the Induction Course for new Safe Communities Coordinators in Auckland.

9. Participated in webinars and happy to be a presenter and to share knowledge/expertise within the wider network.

Internal and external communications

The Coalition notes, reports and minutes will be widely distributed to partner organisations in the community, and the activities and outcomes will be promoted to the wider Westland community through the monthly Council newsletter.

- Letters of Support



February 2016

Safe Communities Foundation
New Zealand.

re: Letter of support for Westland District Council's Safer Community Accreditation.

To whom it may concern

Community & Public Health (CPH) provides public health services to the West Coast to improve and protect the wellbeing of its residents. As such we are an active member of the Safer Community network in Westland and have financially supported this accreditation application.

The goal of public health is to create physical and social environments that promote and support wellbeing across the spectrum of areas where people live, learn, work and play. The creation of safe communities therefore aligns with our public health work.

Being accredited as a Safe Community will enhance the work of the current network through a formal link with and support from Safe Communities NZ. Additionally, it will encourage a more strategic and evidenced-based approach to achieving a safer community across the Westland District.

CPH therefore trusts this Safe Community Accreditation application is successful.

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Claire Robertson
Team Leader West Coast

Safer Communities Foundation of NZ
To Whom it may concern,

I write in support of the application to the Safer Communities Foundation in relation to Hokitika .

I am a member of the present Safer Community Council and I feel strongly re the need for the Safer Communities Foundation concept

I feel there are multiple benefits in the formation of this foundation for our area of Westland

This will connect us with other communities in NZ who also want 'Safer' Communities

We will be given an opportunity as a representatives of the community to be challenged to show that what we are doing is based on good evidence and that it actually works

It is important to know that a safe community is an attractive community in which to live, play and invest—people are wealthier, and rate their quality of life higher

I do hope that careful consideration will be given to the points that I outline

It will be a positive move for our community to be a Safer Communities Foundation member

Thankyou for the opportunity to present my strong support with these points.

Yours sincerely



Frances Stapleton,
Member Hokitika Safer Community Council



Ivan Wilson
West Coast Road Safety Coordinator
Tai Poutini Polytechnic
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To: Safe Communities Foundation of NZ.

I write this in total support of the application by Derek Blight to your foundation, in the sincere hope it will have success.

As part of his work as Community Development Officer for the Westland District Council, Derek facilitates the Safer Community Council, drawing together a multiplicity of agencies and stakeholders with an interest in making the district safer.

I participate as the West Coast Road Safety Coordinator because Derek ensures a collaborative approach, he has the support of so many interested people, plus its' an effective way to promote road and community safety.

It would be wonderful to get accreditation and add our voices to the many others across the country wanting safer communities. This would bring the opportunity for the foundation to visit, view our initiatives and get comparative data to compare with the rest of the country.

It would also assist our best practice and show that what we are doing is having some success.

Naturally a safe community is going to be more attractive to prospective new residents and therefore assist the economic status of the district, while overall enhancing well-being, so that longer term the health resources are less highly impacted.

In short it is very good for quality of life.

All sections of the community will benefit from this accreditation as it will bring increased focus on what we need by way of facilities and infrastructure as we help plan longer term for the future of the district.

A safe community is an attractive place to be so accreditation will do much to springboard us towards that very desirable ideal.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ivan Wilson', is written over a faint circular stamp.

Ivan Wilson

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25 FEB 2016
Safe Communities Foundation of NZ.

I write this letter in support of Westland District Safer Community Council's application to be accredited as a Safer Community.

I have been involved with the Westland Safer Community Council (WSSC) for the last five years. WSSC has been in existence and very active well before my involvement. We have good support from most community minded organisations in Hokitika, its surroundings, and down into South Westland. I believe that if we are recognised by the NZ Foundation it would make that support even greater for the following reasons:-

We will be monitored and connected with other NZ communities who are looking for a safer environment.

We will have direct involvement with the Safe Communities Foundation of NZ who will review our performance through site visits, thus highlighting the way we and our member groups operate for a safer community.

We will be challenged to review how we operate for the benefit of a safer Westland community and also to achieve positive results.

Being accredited will help to promote Westland as a welcoming and safe community that will retain and attract residents and result in greater investments.

By providing for safe outdoor activities people are healthier, wealthier and have a greater quality of life.

It is also important we keep our family members safe. The world has changed as is evidenced by the changes that the police are attempting to implement on the West Coast. Hopefully working with the Safe Community Foundation of NZ will help guide us in dealing with the modern challenges.

By working closely together we strengthen networks that results in greater resilience.

Involvement with the Safe Communities Foundation of NZ will give us a greater awareness of what other communities are doing and challenge us to up our game.

Westland is a special district. It is up to us to make sure it is a safe community that is attractive for people to live and invest in. We have a great playground that has its challenges. It is up to us to make Westland District as safe as possible by working closely with those who provide the emergency backups – eg: Medics, St John, SAR, Civil Defence, Police

As chairman of the Westland Safer Community Council I am totally in support of being accredited as a safer community through the Safer Community Foundation of NZ.

Yours truly,
Kees van Beek
Chairman Westland Safer Community Council



26 February 2016
Safe Communities Foundation of NZ.

I am writing in support of Westland District Safer Community Council's application to be accredited as a Safer Community.

I have been a member of WSCC for the past year and believe it is an extremely valuable asset for the community of Westland. Formal recognition by the NZ Foundation would enable us to gain even more support. At a time when our community police force is being decimated, a Safer Community Council is of paramount importance.

Yours faithfully
Cheryl Oldham
Member Westland Safer Community Council

29th February 2016

Safe Communities Foundation of New Zealand

This letter is written to support the Westland District Safer Community Council's application to be accredited as a Safe Community.

The Westland Safer Community Council (WSSC) has been in existence for a number of years and has had good support from many community minded organisations in Hokitika and South Westland. I have been involved with the WSSC as a Voluntary Community Co-ordinator for the past seven years in the field of Positive Ageing which is aligned with Age Friendly Communities. I am also a Life Member of Hokitika Grey Power.

If the Westland Safer Community Council is recognised by the Safe Communities Council of New Zealand it will mean:

- The WSSC will be monitored and connected with other New Zealand communities looking for a safer environment.
- They will have direct involvement with the Safe Communities Foundation of NZ who will review their performance and how the member groups operate to make our community safer.
- Being accredited will help to promote Westland as a welcoming and safe community.
- By providing for safe outdoor activities people will be healthier and will have a greater quality of life.

Westland is a special place. Our area has its challenges geographically. It is up to us to make sure our community is as safe as possible by working closely with those who provide the emergency services – eg: Medics, St John, Search & Rescue, Civil Defence, Police.

There are services undergoing review – small town communities are in danger of losing their local police presence – eg – Ross township. The positions of Community Constable and Youth Officer in Hokitika are to be disestablished.

Yours sincerely

BM Kaio
Voluntary Community Coordinator - Westland

South Westland Communities Development Project

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1 March 2016

Safe Communities Foundation of NZ

SUPPORT FOR SAFE COMMUNITY ACCREDITATION OF WESTLAND DISTRICT SAFER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The South Westland Communities Development Project (SWCDP), funded by Department of Internal Affairs and WestREAP and managed by WestREAP, involves supporting Westland District communities from Ross to Haast to be innovative, to generate their own solutions to local issues, and to become more self-reliant and resilient. It is a 3 year programme from October 2014 to October 2017. SWCDP is a community-led programme which will support community-driven projects that enable people to come together, build trust and work to achieve community outcomes. It provides a Community Development Facilitator (CDF) to work with communities and service providers, to identify assets, opportunities, issues and problems, identify projects, leaders, partners and resources, facilitate collaboration, and to compile community development plans.

SWCDP operates over 2/3rds of the land area and serves one quarter of the population of Westland District. SWCDP shares common goals of community self reliance, resilience and safety with Westland District Safer Community Council (WDSCC).

SWCDP being able to work with WDSCC enhances the ability for South Westland issues to be brought to the wider WDSCC table, the engagement of support from WDSCC for South Westland issues, and the engagement of South Westland in WSCC and national safe community programmes.

When SWCDP ends in 2017 WDSCC will be one of the bodies able to continue to support the sustainability, resilience and safety frameworks created by South Westland communities.

Accreditation of WDSCC AS A Safe Community will enable South Westland communities to:

1. Connect with and learn from other New Zealand communities working to enhance their safety, resilience and sustainability.
2. Be challenged and supported to maintain high standards in their activities.
3. Promote wider knowledge of South Westland issues, opportunities and achievements and share its successful ideas and programmes.
4. Spread knowledge of South Westland communities as safe, resilient, sustainable and welcoming and so attract new investment and residents.

Yours sincerely

David Stapleton

Community Development Facilitator

South Westland Communities Development Project

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