Submissions on Draft Methven Community Strategic Plan

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Response No: 1

Contribution ID: 2649
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Apr 06, 2025, 09:19 AM

Q1 **1. What is your overall opinion of the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Multi Choice

Partially support

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

I would like to express my general support for the Methven Community Board's Strategic Plan. The vision and goals outlined in the plan resonate with the aspirations of a thriving, connected, and sustainable community.

However, I have specific questions and concerns regarding the proposed development of a helipad on the Domain. While I acknowledge the potential advantages, it is important to assess whether this facility is truly necessary or simply a "nice to have." Additionally, both the initial setup and ongoing operational costs must be carefully evaluated and taken into consideration to assess the ongoing cost to the ratepayer.

Q3 **2. Do you support the four goals and their objectives?**

Multi Choice

Partially support

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

As above.

Q5 **Do you agree with our draft action plan for the Methven Community over the next 10 years?**

Multi Choice

Partially support

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

As above

Q7 **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Long Text

Yes, please see attached. Generally, support the aims and goals of the Methven Community Board, but have some concerns regarding the viability and financial burden with respect to the proposed helicopter pad.

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Q9 **Name**

Short Text

Kelly Bisset

Q10 **Are providing feedback on behalf of an organsiation?**

Multi Choice

No

Q11 **Name of the organisation**

Long Text

Q12 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the submission workshop?**

Multi Choice

No

Q13 **Do you wish to be heard in person or virtually?**

Multi Choice

Q14 **Please provide your email if you wish to speak at the submission workshop or want to be kept up to date with this project**

Email

Q15 **Phone number**

Telephone

This submission outlines several questions and concerns regarding the proposed installation of a helipad in the Methven Domain. While there are potential benefits of this facility, it is essential to ensure that all relevant requirements, considerations, and implications are thoroughly examined before proceeding as any decision will likely impact the ratepayer. This submission aims to address compliance issues, the scope of use, management, costs, and the actual need for the helipad, while also proposing consultations with key stakeholders and exploring alternatives.

1. Appropriate Consultation

In addition to the agencies recommended in the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan (MCSP), both CAA and Fire and Emergency NZ should be consulted. CAA from a compliance and regulatory perspective and Fire and Emergency NZ (Methven Fire Brigade) as they land the helicopters and can provide information into the necessity of the helipad and potential benefits.

2. Scope of Use The scope of the helipad's use needs to be clearly defined:

1. **Emergency Use:** Will it strictly be reserved for emergency medical evacuations and accident response, or is there an intention to allow wider use?
2. **Public and Commercial Access:** Will there be potential for public and/or commercial helicopter operations? If so, this should be thoroughly addressed, including the potential impact on the community, environment, and other users of the Domain.

3. Compliance with Reserves Act 1977

Any proposal must ensure compliance with the Reserves Act 1977. The Methven Domain likely classified as a reserve under this legislation, and the installation of a helipad must align with the requirements set out by the Act. This includes considerations regarding the protection of public access, preservation of the natural environment, and adherence to proper use of public land. Any deviation or failure to comply could lead to legal and community challenges.

4.Ongoing Operational Costs

The ongoing operational costs (financial burden) of a helipad are an essential consideration in evaluating its feasibility and long-term sustainability. Understanding and analysing these expenses is crucial to ensure the helipad delivers value while remaining cost-effective for its intended purpose. Ongoing costs for consideration include, but are not limited to;

(a) Maintenance Costs: Regular upkeep of the helipad surface, lighting systems, and markings to ensure compliance with safety standards.

(b) Compliance and Inspections: Periodic inspections and certifications required by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) to meet regulatory requirements.

(c) Insurance: Coverage for liability and potential damages associated with helipad operations.

(d) Staffing: If the helipad requires personnel for management, coordination, or safety oversight, this adds to the costs.

(e) Landing Fees Management: If landing fees are imposed, administrative costs for collection and enforcement may arise.

5. Research into Need

A thorough analysis of the need for a helipad is essential. Key data to examine include;

a) **Helicopter Evacuations:** The number of emergency evacuations currently taking place from the Methven Medical Centre vs. direct evacuations from incident sites. If existing evacuations are infrequent, it may question the necessity of a dedicated helipad.
b) **Cost vs Benefits:** Comparing the financial investment for the required installation and ongoing maintenance with potential advantages it offers. This should include valuation of alternative solutions.
c) Alternatives and Emergency Landing Powers: Helicopters generally have the ability to land in an emergency without a dedicated helipad. Any evaluation should explore whether current provisions suffice, and if the proposed helipad would provide significant additional benefit that justifies the cost.

In conclusion, while the proposed helipad in the Methven Domain has the potential to offer benefits, it is vital to carefully evaluate its necessity, adherence to legal requirements, and broader implications. The decision-making process should be grounded in transparent consultations with the CAA and Fire and Emergency NZ, alongside clear definitions of the helipad's intended scope, comprehensive research into its actual need, and consideration of viable alternatives. Even under these conditions, it remains critical to assess whether this represents the most prudent use of public resources.

Response No: 2

Contribution ID: 2648
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Apr 05, 2025, 11:51 PM

Q1 **1. What is your overall opinion of the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

Thoroughly considered, well presented document.

Q3 **2. Do you support the four goals and their objectives?**

Multi Choice

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q5 **Do you agree with our draft action plan for the Methven Community over the next 10 years?**

Multi Choice

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q7 **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Long Text

My feedback is very simple and probably already well on your radar for good town design - as a parent of a very disabled child, who I already push around in a pram everywhere but will soon be too big and may need wheelchair assistance in the future - I would LOVE it if all footpath crossings (where the footpath meets the road) looked like the one in the image i.e. smooth, no lip, no gaps. It is a daily source of frustration for me and I will choose my route around town based on where the good crossings are! I expect this request would apply for older people in mobility scooters, wheelchair users, parents with prams and probably children on scooters too. In summary - any footpath upgrades need to be ramp-like, no need to lift a front wheel then the back to get up it.
Ideally, any old footpaths that do have these lips would be upgraded. Contact me if you need a list of them...I know where all the worst offenders are.
Thank you.

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Q9 **Name**

Short Text

Olivia Fitzgerald

Q10 **Are providing feedback on behalf of an organsiation?**

Multi Choice

No

Q11 **Name of the organisation**

Long Text

Q12 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the submission workshop?**

Multi Choice

No

Q13 **Do you wish to be heard in person or virtually?**

Multi Choice

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Q15 **Phone number**

Telephone



Response No: 3

Contribution ID: 2647
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Apr 05, 2025, 09:55 PM

Q1 **1. What is your overall opinion of the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Multi Choice

Partially support

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

Generally good but I have concerns that there is not enough in it to actually keep the younger, older and less mobile/less able people in our community safe when moving around town on foot or bike.

Q3 **2. Do you support the four goals and their objectives?**

Multi Choice

Partially support

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

I agree with three of the points- 1, 2 and 3. In 3 way more needs to be done to integrate understanding and needs from local schools into community planning. For instance, Mount Hutt College must be one of Methven's largest employers. This means they should be a key stakeholder in your organisation and any work being done. I have significant concerns about point 4. It is no-where near strong enough. I have a 9 and 6 year old, and am concerned that they cannot currently access school safely on their own in the morning due to a lack of safe crossing points within Methven Township (the current only crossing points is also incredibly poorly sited, and a hazard on its own in the morning and afternoon). Options I would like to see included are

The construction of a well-marked safe crossing area with a medium strip and barriers on both Chertsey Methven Road and Forest Drive. This would benefit both the newly constructed retirement units and school students.

Working with NZTA to install a second pedestrian crossing from the medical centre to the main shopping area (this will allow students to access the less congested back entrance to school that allows pedestrian access along paths and away from busy roads).

Q5 **Do you agree with our draft action plan for the Methven Community over the next 10 years?**

Multi Choice

Partially support

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

As above. I believe the following should also be included in point 4

The construction of a well-marked safe crossing area with a medium strip and barriers on both Chertsey Methven Road and Forest Drive. This would benefit both the newly constructed retirement units and school students.

Working with NZTA to install a second pedestrian crossing from the medical centre to the main shopping area (this will allow students to access the less congested back entrance to school that allows pedestrian access along paths and away from busy roads).

I would also like to see more specific reference to making the mall and all other pavements through the township accessible by dropping kerbs on crossings (many do not) and implementing accessible parking spots/zones outside key locations.

Q7 **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Long Text

Q8 **Do you want to upload more information to support your submission? e.g. a written submission, photo, or illustration.**

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Q9 **Name**

Short Text

Katie Loten

Q10 **Are providing feedback on behalf of an organsiation?**

Multi Choice

No

Q11 **Name of the organisation**

Long Text

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Multi Choice

No

Q13 **Do you wish to be heard in person or virtually?**

Multi Choice

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Q15 **Phone number**

Telephone

Response No: 4

Contribution ID: 2645
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Apr 05, 2025, 12:00 PM

Q1 **1. What is your overall opinion of the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

Rangitata Diversion Race Management Ltd (RDRML) owns and operates the RDR. We are willing to engage with the Methven Community Board to investigate opportunities for the RDR to provide further amenity and heritage value to the community. Please refer to the attached submission letter. Thank you, Tony McCormick

Q3 **2. Do you support the four goals and their objectives?**

Multi Choice

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q5 **Do you agree with our draft action plan for the Methven Community over the next 10 years?**

Multi Choice

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q7 **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Long Text

Refer attached letter

Q8 **Do you want to upload more information to support your submission? e.g. a written submission, photo, or illustration.**

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Q9 **Name**

Short Text

Tony Robert McCormick

Q10 **Are providing feedback on behalf of an organsiation?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q11 **Name of the organisation**

Long Text

Rangitata Diversion Race Management Ltd (RDRML)

Q12 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the submission workshop?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q13 **Do you wish to be heard in person or virtually?**

Multi Choice

In person

Q14 **Please provide your email if you wish to speak at the submission workshop or want to be kept up to date with this project**

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Q15 **Phone number**

Telephone

4th April 2025

Methven Community Board
c/- Ashburton District Council
PO Box 94
Ashburton 7740

[Submitted via ADC website]

Dear Methven Community Board Members

Draft Methven Community Strategic Plan

I'd like to congratulate the Board on the process to date on the Draft Methven Community Strategic Plan. The draft Plan is an excellent production, well done.

The purpose of this submission letter is to express our willingness to engage with the Board to explore opportunities to utilise potential amenity values of the RDR and also the rich heritage that the scheme has within the district.

There are three areas within the draft Plan where I have noted either specific mention of the RDR, or else see some synergies.

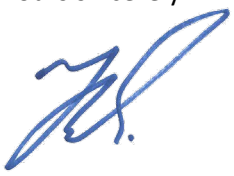
- Kayaking - Objective 2 of Goal 1 mentions kayaking in the RDR. We believe there may be scope to utilise designated areas if appropriate control and management measures are in place. For example, our initial thoughts are that organised events, where a safety plan is agreed and in effect, are certainly feasible. However, at this point, we are not comfortable with the concept of unmanaged, casual access by recreational kayakers. There may be something in between these two scenarios that provides more amenity value while ensuring the safety of paddlers and protection for RDRML, but we would take a very precautionary approach in considering any opening up of access.

- Cycleway/walkway network – the RDR already forms part of the Methven Walkway, and we have supported the development of this in recent years, mainly through support to the Lions on their projects. We are aware of the rekindling of the Ashburton District Cycle Trail project and have engaged with the current consultants on that. We are willing to be part of any further expansion of cycling and walking activities.

- Heritage promotion and celebration – we are proud of the heritage of the RDR scheme, and we are willing to support facilities or activities that promote this feature of the scheme. We have recently completed the refurbishment of the Pipe Shed, and I noted the illustration of the completed work in the draft Plan (it isn't the prettiest of structures, is it!?). There are some great stories to be told, pictures to be displayed and occasionally events to invite people to (the Surrey Hills Siphon, for instance). We will continue to collaborate with the Board and Council on heritage celebration opportunities.

We look forward to working with the Board in the development and refinement of plans in these respective areas. My contact details are listed below.

Yours sincerely



Tony McCormick
Chief Executive
Rangitata Diversion Race Management Ltd

[redacted]

Response No: 5

Contribution ID: 2635
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Apr 04, 2025, 03:10 PM

Q1 **1. What is your overall opinion of the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Multi Choice: Support

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text:
Clear & focused - 4 goals is enough
Responsive to community concerns
Simple and accessible
Does not provide direction/view on Mt Harding creek/stockwater races
Aspirations around increasing bird life and native plantings would be more achievable with surface water sources retained and engaged landowners who have already successfully planted this water way.

Q3 **2. Do you support the four goals and their objectives?**

Multi Choice: Support

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text: We support the four goals and objectives but ask for a more ambitious approach to Goal Four and consideration of supporting efforts to maintain a water flow in Mt Harding Creek.

Q5 **Do you agree with our draft action plan for the Methven Community over the next 10 years?**

Multi Choice: Support

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text: As stated in question two.

Q7 **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Long Text:

Q8 **Do you want to upload more information to support your submission? e.g. a written submission, photo, or illustration.**

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Q9 **Name**

Short Text: Janine Holland

Q10 **Are providing feedback on behalf of an organsiation?**

Multi Choice: Yes

Q11 **Name of the organisation**

Long Text: Methven Care Trust

Q12 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the submission workshop?**

Multi Choice: Yes

Q13 **Do you wish to be heard in person or virtually?**

Multi Choice: In person

Q14 **Please provide your email if you wish to speak at the submission workshop or want to be kept up to date with this project**

Email

Q15 **Phone number**

Telephone

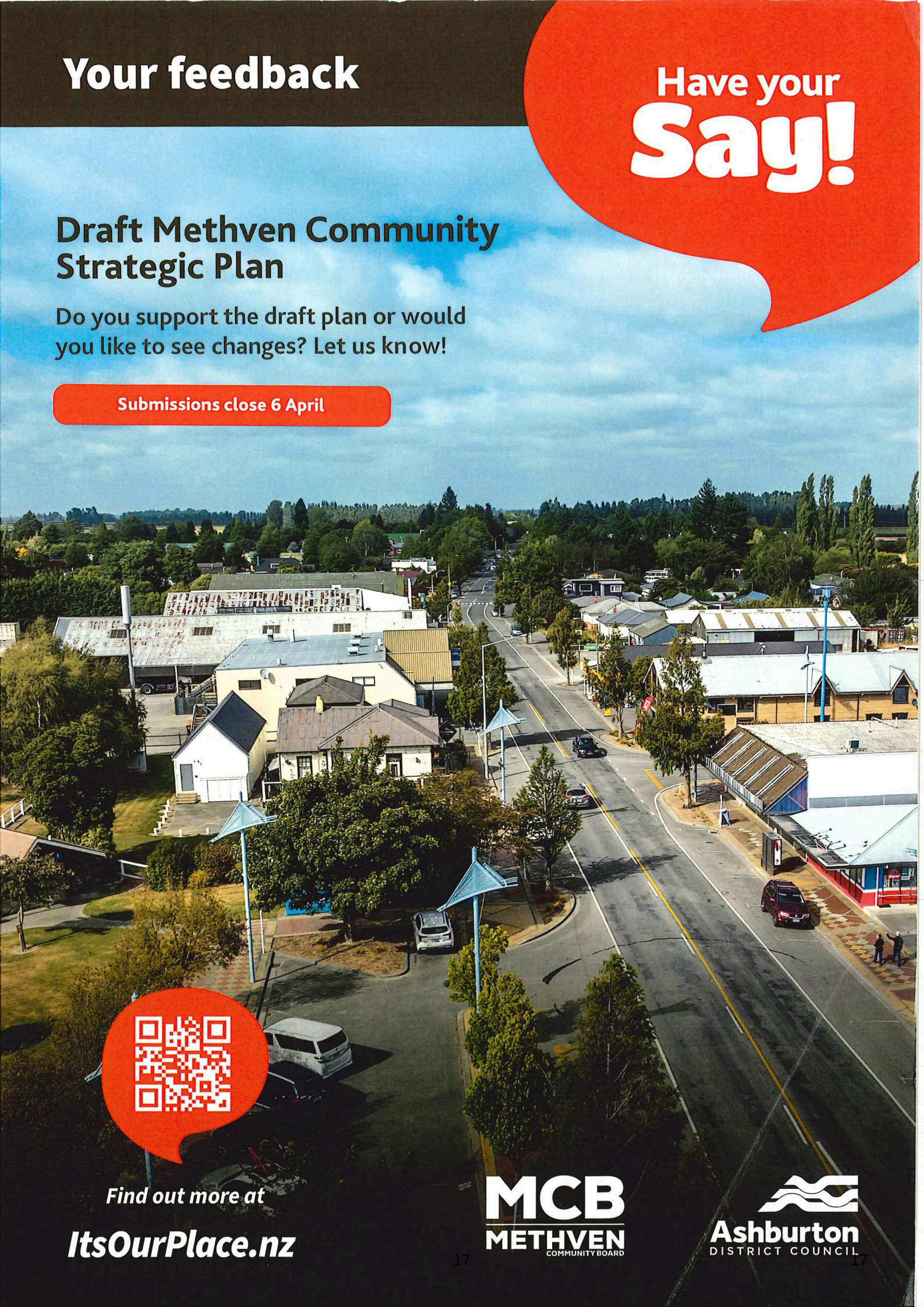
Your feedback

Have your **Say!**

Draft Methven Community Strategic Plan

Do you support the draft plan or would you like to see changes? Let us know!

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You can submit on any or all of the questions below. You don't have to complete every question, and you can comment on any aspect of the draft plan. You can provide attachments to support your submission.

The full draft plan is available at ***itsourplace.nz***

1 **What is your overall opinion of the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

(✓) Support ( ) Do Not Support ( ) Partially Support

Please explain:

Clear and focused — 4 goals is enough
Responsive to community concerns
Simple and accessible
Does not provide direction / view on
Mt Harding creek / stockwater races.
Aspirations around increasing birdlife
and native plantings would be more
achievable with surface water sources retained
and engaged landowners who have already
successfully riparian planted this
waterway.

2 **Do you support the four goals and their objectives?**

(✓) Support ( ) Do Not Support ( ) Partially Support

Please explain:

We support the four goals and
objectives but ask for a more
ambitious approach to Goal Four
, and consideration of supporting efforts
to maintain a water flow in
Mt Harding Creek.

You can also provide your feedback online at *itsourplace.nz*

Methven Care Trust

[redacted]

3 April 2025

Dear Methven Community Board members,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan. With a retirement village now at heart of Methven, Methven Care Trust strongly endorses goal four of the draft plan, that *Methven is a safe and accessible area which cares for the wellbeing of its community*. We believe that "advocacy" for improved pedestrian accessibility does not go far enough. The trust requests that Methven Community Board takes a strong stance on keeping elders safe as they move about our streets. We would prefer a time-bound commitment with a defined outcome. Let's be ambitious and commit to introducing a new pedestrian crossing area in the Methven CBD within three years!

By the end of 2025, Methven Central will be fully occupied with between 20 and 30 elderly residents in our carehome and six or more residents in the adjacent retirement apartments. Residents at Methven House, moving to Methven Central in October, are used to walking safely in the vicinity of their current home. They are excited about moving closer to cafes, the medical centre and hall, and we want to make their immediate environment equally safe. The strategic plan has the opportunity to front-foot foreseeable concerns. It would be something to be proud of if we can create a truly safe and accessible community that prioritises the wellbeing of Methven's elders. Alongside Methven Primary School and other groups focused on pedestrian safety, we ask that the community board investigates one of these options; a new CBD pedestrian crossing, a median island or signage for a safe crossing space. Our understanding is that the easiest option may be a safe crossing area on Methven Chertsey Road as this is controlled by Ashburton District Council. At the same time, we request that the surfacing of footpaths, roads and CBD paved areas, particularly the area outside Methven Medical Centre, is assessed for safety issues. The carehome will introduce residents with walking frames, wheelchairs and mobility scooters and these aids require even and consistent surfaces so as not to impair mobility.

Our last concern is accessible healthcare. We are lucky to have Methven Medical Centre and Methven Pharmacy and encourage the community board to take a role in maintaining their viability. Given the importance of these providers to Methven Central, we believe it's vital to address their needs including measures to recruit skilled health care staff to the district, appropriate building space, and sufficient visiting rural health services.

Kind regards,

Janine Holland
Chairperson
Methven Care Trust

3 **Do you agree with our draft action plan for the Methven Community over the next 10 years? (see pages 18 -27 of the draft plan)**

(✓) Agree ( ) Disagree ( ) Partially Support

Please explain:

As stated in question two

4 **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Have more to say?

Feel free to attach additional pages with your feedback.

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Ashburton DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Methven Community
Strategic Plan
Ashburton District Council
PO Box 94
Ashburton 7740

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- Ashburton Library and Civic Centre
  2 Baring Square East, Ashburton
- Email **submissions@adc.govt.nz**

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Name: Janine Holland [redacted]

Organisation (if applicable): [redacted]

Address (optional): [redacted]

Phone: [redacted]

Do you wish to speak in support of your feedback at submissions workshop?

☑ **Yes:** The submissions workshop will be held at Mt Hutt Memorial Hall late April/early May

If yes, do you wish to present: ☑ In Person ○ Virtually

☐ **No:** I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that my written submission be fully considered.

Response No: 6

Contribution ID: 2634
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Apr 04, 2025, 02:52 PM

Q1 **1. What is your overall opinion of the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q3 **2. Do you support the four goals and their objectives?**

Multi Choice

Partially support

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

More emphasis required on businesses in town, tidier buildings to attract more businesses to trade here.

Q5 **Do you agree with our draft action plan for the Methven Community over the next 10 years?**

Multi Choice

Partially support

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

More focus needs to be put on road safety in the town centre. Our children need to be able to get to school safely via another one or two pedestrian crossings. The main road is a dangerous road for young children to navigate.

Q7 **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Long Text

Q8 **Do you want to upload more information to support your submission? e.g. a written submission, photo, or illustration.**

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Q9 **Name**

Short Text

Q10 **Are providing feedback on behalf of an organsiation?**

Multi Choice

No

Q11 **Name of the organisation**

Long Text

Q12 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the submission workshop?**

Multi Choice

No

Q13 **Do you wish to be heard in person or virtually?**

Multi Choice

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Q15 **Phone number**

Telephone

Response No: 7

Contribution ID: 2630
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Apr 03, 2025, 05:40 PM

Q1 **1. What is your overall opinion of the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

This plan provides a balanced approach to supporting the residents and businesses of Methven.
We think it is essential that the young people of Methven are prioritised and their needs as outlined below are met as 'Short Term' goals.
Our school would like input on projects that are of priority to us. Our students would like to be involved in helping solve community problems through investigation and sharing their ideas.

Q3 **2. Do you support the four goals and their objectives?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

Goal One
This goal is important for us. Methven being a leader in recreational offerings is very important to our tamariki and rangatira, including our future generations and we support the development of youth-based activities.
Goal Four
This is a priority goal for us. We have major concerns about the safety of our students when they travel to and from school as pedestrians or cyclists.

Q5 **Do you agree with our draft action plan for the Methven Community over the next 10 years?**

Multi Choice

Partially support

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Goal One needs to prioritise our youth.
We need to keep our young people engaged and connected in the community, so they have a reason to stay and add to the local economy. We think a major focus should be on how we make our community spaces easily accessible for all.

Goal Four needs more rigour.
We agree with the action to work with ADC & NZTA to ensure pedestrian accessibility across the town is improved. This work is urgent, and we need a safe crossing area and safe crossing signage to be constructed across Methven Chertsey Road and Forest Drive. This will allow our students to cross safely when coming from our high-intensity housing areas at the far end of town to school.

Q7 **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Long Text

It is imperative that our plan reflects the needs of our current primary school-age students, so they can benefit immediately from improvement initiatives.
We have community members contacting us weekly to report near misses of our students crossing roads to get to and from school. The large intersection on State Highway 77 Crossing Forest Drive and Methven Chertsey Road has a high volume of tourist vehicles, trucks and work vehicles adding to the safety concern.
Actions we support:
1. The construction of a well-marked safe crossing area with a medium strip and barriers on both Chertsey Methven Road and Forest Drive.
2. Working with NZTA to install a second pedestrian crossing from the medical centre to the main shopping area. This will allow our students to access our less congested back entrance to the school which allows pedestrian access along paths and away from busy roads.

Q8 **Do you want to upload more information to support your submission? e.g. a written submission, photo, or illustration.**

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Q9 **Name**

Short Text

Sue Furndorfler

Q10 **Are providing feedback on behalf of an organsiation?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q11 **Name of the organisation**

Long Text

Methven Primary School

Q12 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the submission workshop?**

Multi Choice

No

Q13 **Do you wish to be heard in person or virtually?**

Multi Choice

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Email

Q15 **Phone number**

Telephone

Response No: 8

Contribution ID: 2626
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Apr 03, 2025, 01:13 PM

Q1 **1. What is your overall opinion of the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

In support of safety for our children, absolutely extra safety by way of extra marked crossings essential.

Q3 **2. Do you support the four goals and their objectives?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q5 **Do you agree with our draft action plan for the Methven Community over the next 10 years?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q7 **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

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Q9 **Name**

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Multi Choice

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Q11 **Name of the organisation**

Long Text

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Multi Choice

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Multi Choice

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Q15 **Phone number**

Telephone

Response No: 9

Contribution ID: 2623
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Apr 03, 2025, 10:14 AM

Q1 **1. What is your overall opinion of the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Multi Choice

Partially support

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q3 **2. Do you support the four goals and their objectives?**

Multi Choice

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Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q5 **Do you agree with our draft action plan for the Methven Community over the next 10 years?**

Multi Choice

Partially support

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q7 **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Long Text

Methven needs the construction of a well-marked safe crossing area with a median strip and barriers on both Methven Chertsey Road and Forest Drive.
There needs to be a pedestrian crossing from the medical centre across to the main street.

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Q9 **Name**

Short Text

J Woolsey

Q10 **Are providing feedback on behalf of an organsiation?**

Multi Choice

No

Q11 **Name of the organisation**

Long Text

Q12 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the submission workshop?**

Multi Choice

No

Q13 **Do you wish to be heard in person or virtually?**

Multi Choice

Q14 **Please provide your email if you wish to speak at the submission workshop or want to be kept up to date with this project**

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Q15 **Phone number**

Telephone

Response No: 10

Contribution ID: 2620
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Apr 02, 2025, 08:46 PM

Q1 **1. What is your overall opinion of the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q3 **2. Do you support the four goals and their objectives?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q5 **Do you agree with our draft action plan for the Methven Community over the next 10 years?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q7 **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Long Text

A pedestrian crossing from the medical centre to
the main shopping area allowing school children to cross safely.

Crossroads intersection to be a stop instead of give way.

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Q9 **Name**

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Q10 **Are providing feedback on behalf of an organsiation?**

Multi Choice

No

Q11 **Name of the organisation**

Long Text

Q12 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the submission workshop?**

Multi Choice

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Q13 **Do you wish to be heard in person or virtually?**

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Q15 **Phone number**

Telephone

Response No: 11

Contribution ID: 2618
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Apr 02, 2025, 05:49 PM

Q1 **1. What is your overall opinion of the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

Have been saying for the last few years about more pedestrian crossing for children to get safely home after school.

Q3 **2. Do you support the four goals and their objectives?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

Yes. Mostly the crossings

Q5 **Do you agree with our draft action plan for the Methven Community over the next 10 years?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q7 **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Long Text

Q8 **Do you want to upload more information to support your submission? e.g. a written submission, photo, or illustration.**

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Q9 **Name**

Short Text

Olivia Fitzsimons

Q10 **Are providing feedback on behalf of an organsiation?**

Multi Choice

No

Q11 **Name of the organisation**

Long Text

Q12 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the submission workshop?**

Multi Choice

No

Q13 **Do you wish to be heard in person or virtually?**

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Q14 **Please provide your email if you wish to speak at the submission workshop or want to be kept up to date with this project**

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Q15 **Phone number**

Telephone

Response No: 12

Contribution ID: 2617
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Apr 02, 2025, 05:18 PM

Q1 **1. What is your overall opinion of the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q3 **2. Do you support the four goals and their objectives?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q5 **Do you agree with our draft action plan for the Methven Community over the next 10 years?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q7 **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Long Text

We need more pedestrian crossing in methven for school kids. Particularly on Methven Chersty Road to get from school to the domain where all the kids have tennis, cricket, football, rugby most nights of the week. It's extremely dangerous without one as many trucks and tractors also use this road. It's an accident waiting to happen. We definitely need a crossing there. ASAP.

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Q9 **Name**

Short Text

Claire Mawle

Q10 **Are providing feedback on behalf of an organsiation?**

Multi Choice

No

Q11 **Name of the organisation**

Long Text

Q12 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the submission workshop?**

Multi Choice

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Q13 **Do you wish to be heard in person or virtually?**

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Q15 **Phone number**

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Response No: 13

Contribution ID: 2615
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Apr 02, 2025, 04:04 PM

Q1 **1. What is your overall opinion of the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q3 **2. Do you support the four goals and their objectives?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q5 **Do you agree with our draft action plan for the Methven Community over the next 10 years?**

Multi Choice

Partially support

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Please review the below for safety action plans and it would be great being done as soon as possible.

1. The construction of a well-marked safe crossing area with a medium strip and barriers on both Chertsey Methven Road and Forrest Drive.

2. Working with NZTA to install a second pedestrian crossing from the medical centre to the main shopping area (this will allow students to access their less congested back entrance to school that allows pedestrian access along paths and away from busy roads).

Q7 **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Long Text

Q8 **Do you want to upload more information to support your submission? e.g. a written submission, photo, or illustration.**

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Q9 **Name**

Short Text

Maria

Q10 **Are providing feedback on behalf of an organsiation?**

Multi Choice

No

Q11 **Name of the organisation**

Long Text

Q12 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the submission workshop?**

Multi Choice

No

Q13 **Do you wish to be heard in person or virtually?**

Multi Choice

Q14 **Please provide your email if you wish to speak at the submission workshop or want to be kept up to date with this project**

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Q15 **Phone number**

Telephone

Response No: 14

Contribution ID: 2611
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Apr 01, 2025, 10:22 PM

Q1 **1. What is your overall opinion of the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

A well researched and played out plan that presents the ideas very well for easy understanding.

Q3 **2. Do you support the four goals and their objectives?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

You have captured the outcomes of consultation well.

Q5 **Do you agree with our draft action plan for the Methven Community over the next 10 years?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q7 **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Long Text

Where possible, it would be beneficial to identify key outcomes or include space for them—particularly as the plan evolves. Incorporating KPIs into the process builds confidence in the plan by demonstrating a clear focus on measurable results, rather than simply presenting good ideas without a clear path to execution.

Q8 **Do you want to upload more information to support your submission? e.g. a written submission, photo, or illustration.**

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Q9 **Name**

Short Text

Nigel Birt

Q10 **Are providing feedback on behalf of an organsiation?**

Multi Choice

No

Q11 **Name of the organisation**

Long Text

Q12 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the submission workshop?**

Multi Choice

No

Q13 **Do you wish to be heard in person or virtually?**

Multi Choice

Q14 **Please provide your email if you wish to speak at the submission workshop or want to be kept up to date with this project**

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Q15 **Phone number**

Telephone

Response No: 15

Contribution ID: 2600
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Mar 28, 2025, 02:38 PM

Q1 **1. What is your overall opinion of the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Multi Choice

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q3 **2. Do you support the four goals and their objectives?**

Multi Choice

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q5 **Do you agree with our draft action plan for the Methven Community over the next 10 years?**

Multi Choice

Partially support

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Re long term bike trail investigation - this will impact my property as I have grazing rights to the RDR (my side)
Of concern is the increase in traffic and dogs as I graze sheep and lambs here. A number of times the gates have been left open at either side with the risk of livestock on the road
I think the bike trail/walkway would be better on the other side of the RDR as it links to the bridge going to Highbank
Also, is there going to be native plantings alongside the bike trail ? If so, who is doing this and who is maintaining them. In a dry season they are a fire risk. Will you fence this area to keep the sheep from eating them ?

Q7 **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Long Text

Q8 **Do you want to upload more information to support your submission? e.g. a written submission, photo, or illustration.**

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Q9 **Name**

Short Text

John Lloyd Wigzell

Q10 **Are providing feedback on behalf of an organsiation?**

Multi Choice

No

Q11 **Name of the organisation**

Long Text

Q12 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the submission workshop?**

Multi Choice

No

Q13 **Do you wish to be heard in person or virtually?**

Multi Choice

Q14 **Please provide your email if you wish to speak at the submission workshop or want to be kept up to date with this project**

Email

Q15 **Phone number**

Telephone

Response No: 16

Contribution ID: 2599
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Mar 28, 2025, 02:03 PM

Q1 **1. What is your overall opinion of the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q3 **2. Do you support the four goals and their objectives?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q5 **Do you agree with our draft action plan for the Methven Community over the next 10 years?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q7 **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Long Text

As we live at the opposite end of town to all the schools and have to cross the main town intersection on foot twice most days, watching school children navigate a safe place to cross can be very challenging, we really need more pedestrian crossings around that busy area!

Q8 **Do you want to upload more information to support your submission? e.g. a written submission, photo, or illustration.**

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Q9 **Name**

Short Text

Sharon Mcculloch

Q10 **Are providing feedback on behalf of an organsiation?**

Multi Choice

No

Q11 **Name of the organisation**

Long Text

Q12 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the submission workshop?**

Multi Choice

No

Q13 **Do you wish to be heard in person or virtually?**

Multi Choice

Q14 **Please provide your email if you wish to speak at the submission workshop or want to be kept up to date with this project**

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Q15 **Phone number**

Telephone

Response No: 17

Contribution ID: 2585
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Mar 24, 2025, 10:26 PM

Q1 **1. What is your overall opinion of the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

Good plans

Q3 **2. Do you support the four goals and their objectives?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q5 **Do you agree with our draft action plan for the Methven Community over the next 10 years?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Foot paths need sorting out. Dangerous at the moment. Uneven and slippery when wet.

Q7 **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Long Text

Q8 **Do you want to upload more information to support your submission? e.g. a written submission, photo, or illustration.**

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Q9 **Name**

Short Text

Q10 **Are providing feedback on behalf of an organsiation?**

Multi Choice

No

Q11 **Name of the organisation**

Long Text

Q12 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the submission workshop?**

Multi Choice

No

Q13 **Do you wish to be heard in person or virtually?**

Multi Choice

Q14 **Please provide your email if you wish to speak at the submission workshop or want to be kept up to date with this project**

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Q15 **Phone number**

Telephone

Response No: 18

Contribution ID: 2584
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Mar 24, 2025, 11:05 AM

Q1 **1. What is your overall opinion of the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Multi Choice

Partially support

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

The objective to ensure Methven is an attractive place to live is endorsed. The objective to become a leader in tourism is absurd, and branding suggestion is obviously provided by consultants, History suggests otherwise, to be a well informed community is good as are safe and accessible, but both require private investment

Q3 **2. Do you support the four goals and their objectives?**

Multi Choice

Partially support

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q5 **Do you agree with our draft action plan for the Methven Community over the next 10 years?**

Multi Choice

Partially support

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q7 **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Long Text

The Memorial Hall is in the physical centre of Methven and should be central to activities, The grain and snow centre was always a mistake, a monument to a few individuals, barely used and irrelevant. The hall should have been developed to include both library and museum making it a true community hub. There is no vision and no proposal to make a real change to Methven's future. low cost options, along the lines of the Staveley ice rink should be developed, the heat produced in cooling an ice rink could heat a swimming pool. A climbing wall , trampoline / jump park all possibilities

Q8 **Do you want to upload more information to support your submission? e.g. a written submission, photo, or illustration.**

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Q9 **Name**

Short Text

Murray Hawkes

Q10 **Are providing feedback on behalf of an organsiation?**

Multi Choice

No

Q11 **Name of the organisation**

Long Text

Q12 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the submission workshop?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q13 **Do you wish to be heard in person or virtually?**

Multi Choice

In person

Q14 **Please provide your email if you wish to speak at the submission workshop or want to be kept up to date with this project**

Email

Q15 **Phone number**

Telephone

Response No: 19

Contribution ID: 2572
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Mar 19, 2025, 07:33 AM

Q1 **1. What is your overall opinion of the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q3 **2. Do you support the four goals and their objectives?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q5 **Do you agree with our draft action plan for the Methven Community over the next 10 years?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q7 **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Long Text

Q8 **Do you want to upload more information to support your submission? e.g. a written submission, photo, or illustration.**

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Q9 **Name**

Short Text

Irene Duff

Q10 **Are providing feedback on behalf of an organsiation?**

Multi Choice

No

Q11 **Name of the organisation**

Long Text

Q12 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the submission workshop?**

Multi Choice

No

Q13 **Do you wish to be heard in person or virtually?**

Multi Choice

Q14 **Please provide your email if you wish to speak at the submission workshop or want to be kept up to date with this project**

Email

Q15 **Phone number**

Telephone

Response No: 20

Contribution ID: 2571
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Mar 18, 2025, 08:49 PM

Q1 **1. What is your overall opinion of the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q3 **2. Do you support the four goals and their objectives?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q5 **Do you agree with our draft action plan for the Methven Community over the next 10 years?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q7 **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Long Text

Council needs to start applying pressure to commercial land owners about building maintenance and freeing up building for different use , stop the monopoly of a certain few

Q8 **Do you want to upload more information to support your submission? e.g. a written submission, photo, or illustration.**

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Q9 **Name**

Short Text

Adam Preston

Q10 **Are providing feedback on behalf of an organsiation?**

Multi Choice

No

Q11 **Name of the organisation**

Long Text

Q12 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the submission workshop?**

Multi Choice

No

Q13 **Do you wish to be heard in person or virtually?**

Multi Choice

Q14 **Please provide your email if you wish to speak at the submission workshop or want to be kept up to date with this project**

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Q15 **Phone number**

Telephone

Response No: 21

Contribution ID: 2566
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Mar 15, 2025, 10:12 AM

Q1 **1. What is your overall opinion of the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q3 **2. Do you support the four goals and their objectives?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q5 **Do you agree with our draft action plan for the Methven Community over the next 10 years?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Methven walkway needs to be more accessible to disabled. Bollards need to be the correct width to enable diasabled users have better accessiblity. for example, hand cycle is 900mm wide and has a large turning circle.

Q7 **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Long Text

All public buildings should be accessible for the disabled, not all buildings in Methven are.

Q8 **Do you want to upload more information to support your submission? e.g. a written submission, photo, or illustration.**

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Q9 **Name**

Short Text

Janet Cuttle

Q10 **Are providing feedback on behalf of an organsiation?**

Multi Choice

No

Q11 **Name of the organisation**

Long Text

Q12 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the submission workshop?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q13 **Do you wish to be heard in person or virtually?**

Multi Choice

In person

Q14 **Please provide your email if you wish to speak at the submission workshop or want to be kept up to date with this project**

Email

Q15 **Phone number**

Telephone

Hokitika to Milltown Valley

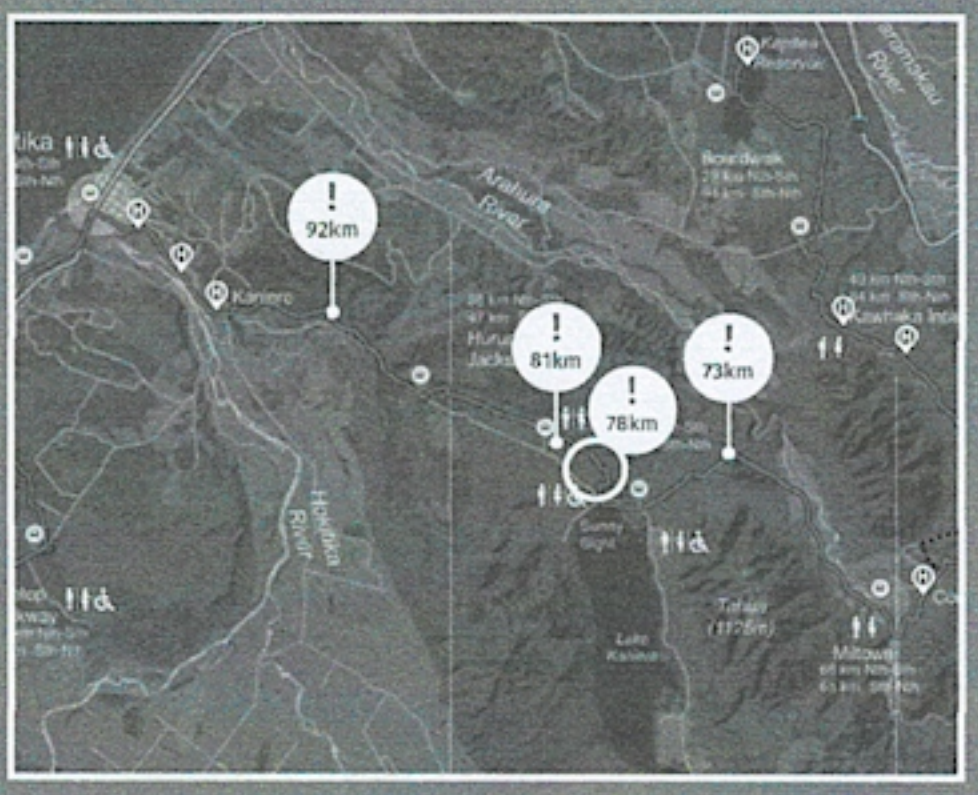
Length: 31km

The ride out to Hurunui Jacks should not pose any problems, however assistance may be required going up the Kaniere Spiral at 92km. This section does have several kms on a narrow, windy road that often has vehicles towing boats so care is required and high vis recommended. There should be no real issues from Hurunui Jack's to Wards Road.

The section between Wards Road and Lake Kaniere begins with a short steep gravel hill climb where help is likely to be required. This section along the water race has a number of narrow areas around the 78km that contain drop-offs. Riders on wider chairs may choose to get picked up at Wards Road and dropped out at Lake Kaniere or Milltown. The Landing (where the trail emerges at Lake Kaniere) has a car park and is a good pick up and drop off location.

The ride from here out to Milltown is then relatively straight forward, however it is on a narrow gravel road. High vis is recommended. For those riding in a southern direction, the climb up Pyramid Hill (73km) will be challenging on gravel and help is likely to be needed.

Cellphone coverage at Lake Kaniere













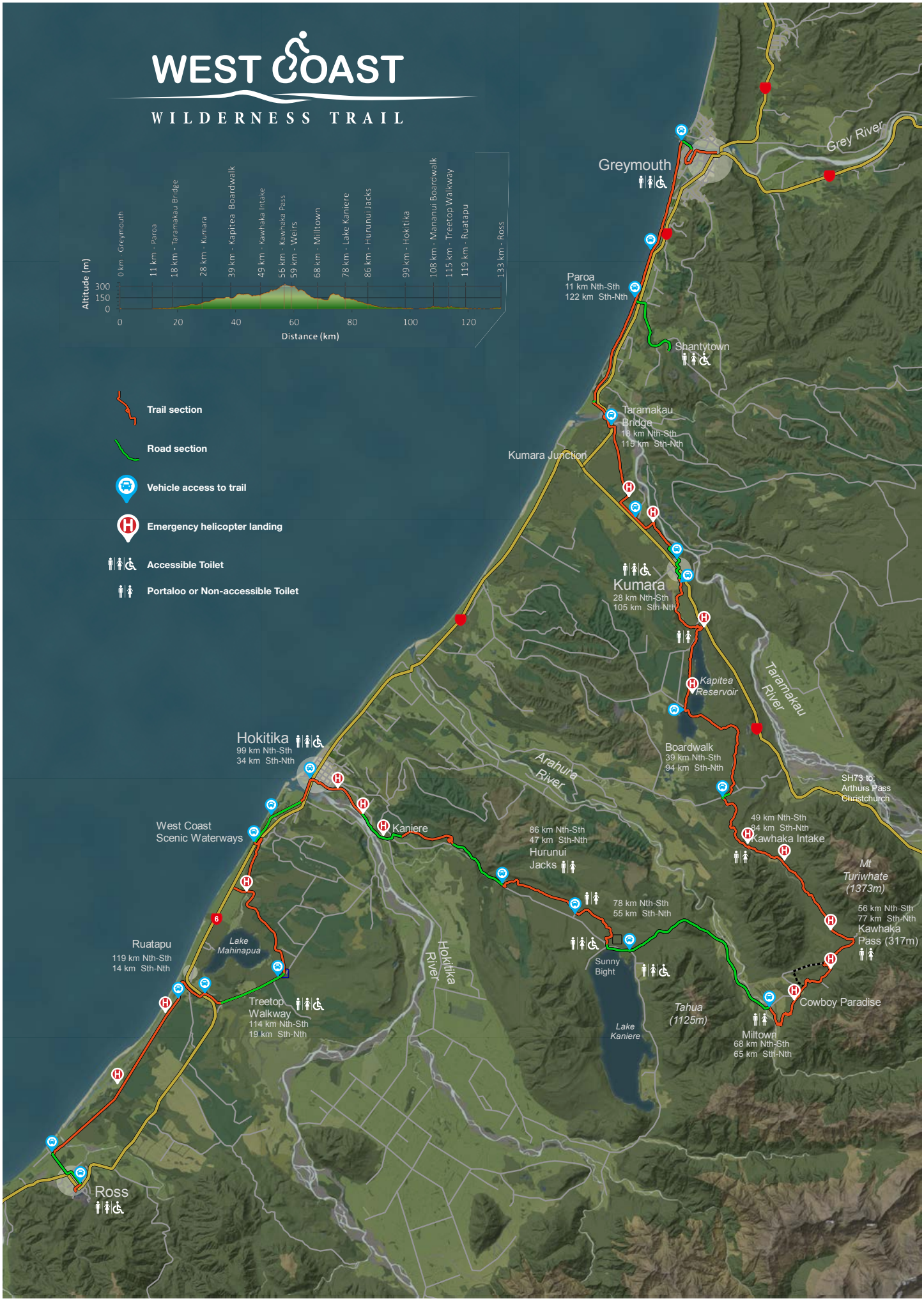


WEST COAST

WILDERNESS TRAIL

ACCESSIBLE RIDE GUIDE

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WEST COAST
WILDERNESS TRAIL
0 km - Greymouth
11 km - Paroa
18 km - Taramakau Bridge
28 km - Kumara
39 km - Kapitea Boardwalk
49 km - Kawhaka Intake
56 km - Kawhaka Pass
59 km - Weirs
68 km - Milltown
78 km - Lake Kaniere
86 km - Hurunui Jacks
99 km - Hokitika
108 km - Mananui Boardwalk
115 km - Treetop Walkway
119 km - Ruatapu
133 km - Ross
Altitude (m)
300
150
0
0
20
40
60
80
100
120
Distance (km)
Trail section
Road section
Vehicle access to trail
Emergency helicopter landing
Accessible Toilet
Portaloo or Non-accessible Toilet
Greymouth
Grey River
Paroa
11 km Nth-Sth
122 km Sth-Nth
Shantytown
Taramakau Bridge
18 km Nth-Sth
115 km Sth-Nth
Kumara Junction
Kumara
28 km Nth-Sth
105 km Sth-Nth
Kapitea Reservoir
Taramakau River
Boardwalk
39 km Nth-Sth
94 km Sth-Nth
SH73 to: Arthurs Pass Christchurch
Hokitika
99 km Nth-Sth
34 km Sth-Nth
Arahura River
West Coast Scenic Waterways
Kaniere
86 km Nth-Sth
47 km Sth-Nth
Hurunui Jacks
49 km Nth-Sth
64 km Sth-Nth
Kawhaka Intake
Mt Turiwhate (1373m)
78 km Nth-Sth
55 km Sth-Nth
56 km Nth-Sth
77 km Sth-Nth
Kawhaka Pass (317m)
Ruatapu
119 km Nth-Sth
14 km Sth-Nth
Lake Mahinapua
Hokitika River
Sunny Bight
Cowboy Paradise
Treetop Walkway
114 km Nth-Sth
19 km Sth-Nth
Tahua (1125m)
Lake Kaniere
Miltown
68 km Nth-Sth
65 km Sth-Nth
Ross

Introduction

For many people with physical disabilities the thought of being able to get out and enjoy the wilderness may seem like something as remote as the West Coast Wilderness Trail itself. This trail is Grade 2 easy in most places with some Grade 3 on road (intermediate) sections. With careful planning and a little help, it can be enjoyed by riders with a wide range of physical disabilities and on a variety of chairs and bikes or towing buggies with children. It has also been ridden by a visually impaired rider on a tandem bike. Because of the opportunity the trail presents, we want to encourage and help riders with special mobility needs to enjoy the trail and the wonderful scenery and landscapes of the West Coast.

This Accessible Ride Guide has been prepared by the West Coast Wilderness Trail Trust in conjunction with Ross Ormsby and others with different mobility needs including Bernard Mahuika, Greg Mooney, and Natalie Gauld. It is targeted to assist people who may require additional help and guidance to help make your ride enjoyable and safe. This guide is viewed as a continual work in progress and we welcome people sharing your experiences and any barriers you find along the way.

General Description

The West Coast Wilderness Trail is a stunning ride between the towns of Ross and Greymouth taking in Hokitika and Kumara. The trail can be equally enjoyed whichever direction you choose to ride. For people with wheelchairs and adaptive bikes the trail may be better ridden from south to north. This is because the Kawhaka section may be easier as it is more downhill riding from the south.

Many of the sections can be ridden separately as short rides or walks. The access points are highlighted on the trail map on page 2.

The ride takes you along coastal and former gold mining areas, heading inland to forest, lakes and rivers with the lush West Coast bush of the Southern Alps ever present. This trail is not just about the ride and its wonderful scenery, history and nature, but also the wonderful West Coast hospitality and warmth of the people. A smile and support is never far away.

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Distances and sections

Total Distance: ~~133km~~ Now 115km
Ride Days: 1 to 4
Sections:

~~Ross – Tree Top Walk: 18km~~
Please note the current closure of the Totara Bridge. We encourage riders to start or finish at the West Coast Treetop Walkway and Zipline.
Tree Top Walk – Hokitika: 16km
Hokitika – Milltown*: 31km
Milltown*– Kumara: 40km
Kumara – Greymouth: 28km

* *Milltown is not a physical town. It is the location of a former town with no buildings. It contains a trail shelter, interpretation panels and parking area.*



Contacts and Safety

The overall ownership of the trail sits with the Westland District Council. The Grey and Westland District Councils manage all the construction and maintenance of the trail within their respective districts. The trail also traverses land managed by the Department of Conservation, Manawa Energy and private farm land.

The West Coast Wilderness Trail Trust undertakes the majority of the management and communications outside things relating to building and maintenance. The Trust is supported by a Trail Manager who is very willing to help plan your ride. The Trail Trust also has a growing list of people with disabilities who have ridden the trail and are only too happy to assist.

While this trail is mostly grade 2, there are many areas on weak or no cell coverage and several areas where slight inattention, breakdown or accident might require outside assistance. For vulnerable riders it is advised you ride with no less than three people and for many sections difficult to access that PLB and Sat Phone be hired for safety assistance. It is suggested to plan your ride to leave earlier in the day should you need assistance. The map provided art the start of this guide has all the vehicle entry points and emergency helicopter landing locations.

Contact Details and Information

- Trail Alerts: Are notified on the Facebook Page @westcoastwildernesstrail and notifications are placed on the homepage of the website just below the banner www.westcoastwildernesstrail.co.nz
- Trail Manager: manager@westcoastwildernesstrail.co.nz
- Personal Locator Beacons (PLB):
  - Hokitika i-SITE, 03 755 6166, enquiries@hokitikainfo.co.nz
  - Greymouth i-SITE: 037685101, info@westcoasttravel.co.nz

  $30.00 for up to 3 days, $40 for up to 7 days. In both cases a form is required to be filled out.
- A PLB is your first medical emergency should you need it to alert a recue team
- Sat Phone: This is recommended for any other non emergency assistance from the riding contact list
- Medical Support: The main hospital is based in Greymouth and we suggest this be the first contact point for anything medical.
  - Te Nikau Grey Hospital: P: 03 7697400. Emergency Department: Open 24 hours/7 days P:037680499
  - Private medical centres are based in Greymouth and Hokitika if required.
- Reporting Trail Maintenance: Download the Snap Send Solve app (available from the App Store/ Google Play Store) and report the issue to the Westland or Grey District Council.
- Reporting Possible Accesible Upgrades: Contact manager@westcoastwildernesstrail.co.nz

Mobility Chair Hire

There are two Attendant-Pushed All-Terrain ViMo wheelchairs for hire at Hokitika I-site. 03 755 6166, enquiries@hokitikainfo.co.nz

Cost: $20 per day

These chairs were purchased by Hokitika Lions and Hokitika Rotary Clubs as legacy of local, the late Merle Bradley, whose drive and passion was to promote wheelchair accessibility in forests after completing the West Coast Wilderness Trail in 2016 in her Attendant-Propelled wheelchair.

Hokitika Occupational Therapist Terry Gee suggests that the person or persons who are pushing need to be fit and strong to accommodate the undulating tracks etc.

Terry sees these All Terrrains as an excellent tool for raising people's mental health as Merle herself identified.



"It has absolutely revolutionised my life. My mental health is very good because of this wheelchair. It is allowing me to get to places like the bush and the sea and that is helping my attitude to life.

I have been able to explore places around the West Coast that I've always wanted to go to. It is so comfortable. My husband Neil loves pushing the chair and we've completed the West Coast Wilderness Trail from Greymouth to Ross." Merle Bradley



Merle Bradley being helped across the weirs



Using this guide

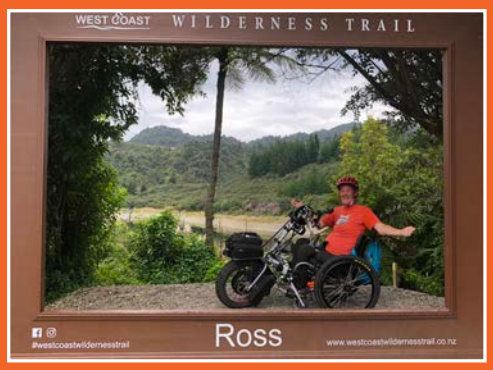
This guide has been written to ride from south to north which is the recommended direction for those using accessibility aids.

Please note that all distance markers in this guide match those on the trail at the time of writing and are numbered from the northern end of the trail. Distances are approximate to the nearest trail marker.

Ross to the Tree Top Walkway — Length: 18km

The trail historically had a start/finish in Ross where there is a photo framed to record your ride behind the Ross Goldfields Information Centre. With the current closure of the Totara Bridge we encourage riders with special accessibility needs to begin either at the West Coast Treetop Walkway and Zipline or the entry point to the Mahinapua section on Woodstock-Rimu Road as per the description below.

No cellphone coverage outside of Ross.



West Coast Tree Top Walkway and Café to Hokitika, including Mahinapua Creek — Length: 16km

The trail is on road for the first kilometre before entering the trail to Mahinapua Creek. The road is sealed, and of a quiet nature. It does, however, have increased tourist traffic so care must be taken. Once into the trail this ride has a "gnarly" section around the 111km mark. Here there are some narrow (over 1m) stony sections.

The trail leads down to the Mahinapua boardwalk (108km). This area is stunning. This boardwalk is 1.1m wide and has no barrier, except for a small rail in the middle. Extreme care is required. The boards are uneven in places giving a slightly bumpy ride. The creek is tidal and, in periods of high rainfall, the trail can submerge the boardwalk. When this happens riders are directed adjacent the main road to the entry adjacent the Mananui Sawmill or the West Coast Scenic Waterway. If heavy rain is being experienced please check the weather and trail status on the home page of the website, or the trail Facebook page.

From this point there is an option of crossing the small bridge at Mananui over the Mahinapua Creek (107km) and exiting via the Mananui carpark adjacent to the main highway. Please note the exit here is only 760mm wide as per image at right.





Mahinapua Creek bridge



Mahinapua carpark exit to State Highway 6

After the Mananui Sawmill site there is a short climb up to the Mahinapua Lookout. This has two switchbacks (107km) where help is likely to be required for some riders. There is also one more sharp corner as the trail drops down onto the Tarlton Bridge at around the 106km mark. For those travelling in a southern direction help may be required to get up and around this corner.

The ride is then straight forward to Hokitika. Riders are advised to take extreme care as the trail crosses the Hokitika River via the Hokitika Bridge on the state highway. There is no clip-on or alternative route.

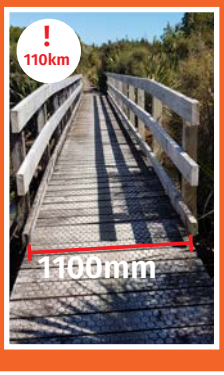
The West Coast Scenic Waterways and Tree Top Walk and cafe attractions on this section are both wheelchair accessible. See p8-9 for further info.

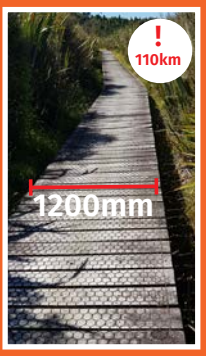
No cellphone coverage south of Mahinapua Creek.























Hokitika Bridge

Accessible Attractions on the Trail

West Coast Treetop Walkway and Cafe and Zipline





Accessibility: *Wheelchair accessible cafe and walk. Shuttle with loading ramps available to start of walk. The zipline requires climbing the tower and is unliekly to be accessible pending the disability.*

For a different perspective on the amazing wetland wilderness, head to the West Coast Tree Top Walk and Zipline where you can survey the surroundings from on high. At 20 metres high and 450 metres long, this striking steel platform offers impressive views of rainforest giants including ancient rimu and kamahi. To increase the fun factor, experience the Tower Zipline – a 425-metre ride, 15 storeys above the ground, reaching speeds in excess of 60 kilometres per hour. Then catch your breath at the onsite café set in tranquil surrounds.

1128 Woodstock-Rimu Road, Hokitika
P: 03 755 5052 E: bookings@treetopnz.com

Precision Helicopters





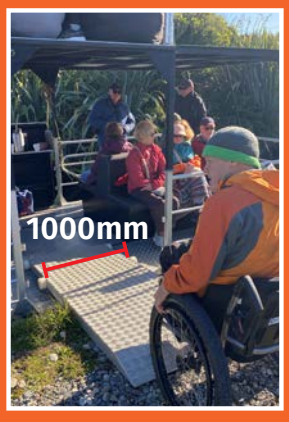
Accessibility: *Booking in advance and discussing access needs is essential and will enable the team at Precision Helicopters to cater for you. They are happy to remove the door and assist with getting into the helicopter.*

Enjoy a breathtaking tour to New Zealand's most beautiful untouched destinations. View numerous glaciers, virgin native bush, alpine terrain, historic huts and more. A tour that will leave you wanting more, it has to be seen to be believed. They also offer custom-made tours to suit your requirements. Their aircraft are based at Hokitika Airport, West Coast Tree Top Walkway and Hokitika Gorge.

535 Whitcombe Valley Road, Kokatahi, Hokitika
P: 0800246 359; E: sales@precisionhelicopters.com

West Coast Scenic Waterways





Accessibility – *The ramp into the boat is 1m wide.*

Māhinapua Creek/Tuwharewhare was once serviced by a paddle steamer that transported early gold diggers and other pioneers between Hokitika and Ruatapu, the location of West Coast Scenic Waterways. Their eco-tour takes you on a cruise through this remarkable wetland, complete with mountain views, unique ecology and birdlife. You may even get to see the kōtuku/white heron, a truly majestic wetland bird that roosts in tall kahikatea trees.

Phone: 027 4301 777
Email: wcscenicwaterways@gmail.com

Accessible Attractions on the Trail

Shantytown



Accessibility - *The majority of Shantytown Heritage Park is accessible to people in wheelchairs, although some challenges may exist. The maximum width of the carriage doors and ramp onto the train is 680mm, and there is no ramp off the platform at the far station of the journey. Ramps exist for the final train stop back at the sawmill experience. Staff will assist with getting on and off. Further to this, the historic church door is 870mm wide with ramps available and there is no access to the 1st floor of Ross Hall.*

A recreated 1860s goldmining village, Shantytown is home to a mix of more than 30 replica and relocated historic buildings in a lush rainforest setting. Enjoyed by generations of locals and visitors, it is jam-packed with stories, sights and hands-on activities – from heritage train rides to the sluice cannon experience, and opportunity to dress up for an old time photo. You can even turn your hand to a spot of gold-panning, just like the old prospectors did! Allow a couple of hours or more to explore the buildings and attractions, and enjoy refreshments in King Dick's Café.

316 Rutherglen Road, Paroa – just 10km south of Greymouth (on a 4km detour off the trail at Paroa)
P: 03 752 6634 / 0800742689 (NZ Only) E: office@shantytown.co.nz

Pounamu Pathway Māwhera



Accessibility - *Wheelchair Accessible.*

Journey through the stories of the people of Poutini Ngai Tahu and the Māwhera Pā settlement in this immersive storytelling experience. Encounter ancestral legends, like Tūhuru the Warrior Chief and Tuterangiwhānoa, who carved these great landscapes. Listen as the stories of giants and fearless warriors unfold around you, and experience tales of conquest, travel, conflict and kindship through the trade of Pounamu.

45 Tainui Street, Greymouth 7832
Call: 0800 224 414, Email: info@pounamupathway.kiwi
Open: 9am - 9pm Monday - Sunday

Westland Industrial Heritage Park



Accessibility - *The majority of the park is wheelchair accessible. No significant barriers have been identified.*

View the acclaimed sound and light show in the Big Engine Shed where restored engines tell their fascinating story. Ride the Mudfish Bush railway that meanders through forest and wetland. This community park is run by volunteers. It contains large collections of restored historic machinery and equipment. Visit the steam shed that features the oldest steam engine in New Zealand, the Museum of Fire, the livery - with so much equipment being maintained and restored by willing volunteers. Wooden boats from the Hokitika port days, tractors, trucks and dozers and so much more. Take a look at the creative heritage hub, with restored sewing machines, looms galore and an impressive display of colonial costumes expertly crafted by members. A great place for the family to visit with newly developed gardens and walks.

9 Brian Waugh Lane, up by the Hokitika Airport | E: wihpark@gmail.com
Open on Saturdays and Wednesdays and by appointment for school and group visits

Hokitika to Milltown Valley

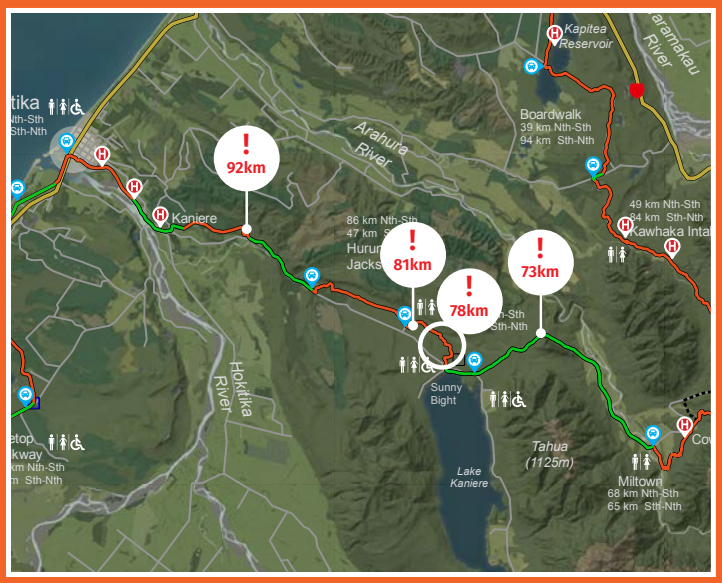
Length: 31km

The ride out to Hurunui Jacks should not pose any problems, however assistance may be required going up the Kaniere Spiral at 92km. This section does have several kms on a narrow, windy road that often has vehicles towing boats so care is required and high vis recommended. There should be no real issues from Hurunui Jack's to Wards Road.

The section between Wards Road and Lake Kaniere begins with a short steep gravel hill climb where help is likely to be required. This section along the water race has a number of narrow areas around the 78km that contain drop-offs. Riders on wider chairs may choose to get picked up at Wards Road and dropped out at Lake Kaniere or Milltown. The Landing (where the trail emerges at Lake Kaniere) has a car park and is a good pick up and drop off location.

The ride from here out to Milltown is then relatively straight forward, however it is on a narrow gravel road. High vis is recommended. For those riding in a southern direction, the climb up Pyramid Hill (73km) will be challenging on gravel and help is likely to be needed.

Cellphone coverage at Lake Kaniere



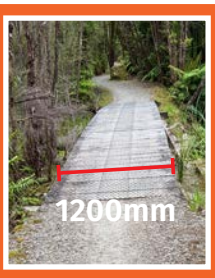














Milltown to Kumara Length: 40km

This section of the trail is not as challenging for riders with mobility issues as would be expected.

There is a cattle stop to enter the paddock (68km) before the ride up the zig-zags to Cowboy Paradise. There is also an alternative gate option. This is heavy to lift off and open and really needs to be done by someone able bodied. The zig-zags on the road up from Milltown Valley are relatively wide and easy uphill riding. The two cattle-stops will be the main challenge. These are 85cm in width and have metal pipes at ground level.

The main issue to be aware of in this section is the weirs (59km). If there is heavy rain and the rivers in the Kawhaka Pass are in flood, and riders will be best to drive to the Old Christchurch Road or choose another section and ride this once the water in the weirs has resided (potentially the next day).

North of McPherson Bridge the trail has three steep switchbacks (58km) followed by two more higher up. These are likely to be difficult to negotiate by longer bikes. Help is very likely to be required here. If traversing in a southern direction, extreme care will be needed going down and, again, help is very likely needed. It is then a straight-forward ride through the bush to the Summit (56km) at 317 metres.

For those who are unable to ride this section please contact the trail manager as the option of road transport could be available to the Summit, however, gates have to be unlocked to the road up to this point. This may not always be possible.

The trail is then relatively straight riding downhill. Bridges along the way are 1.4m wide. The boardwalk before the Kapitea Reservoir is 1.4m wide and much of it is without rails.

After Dillman's Dam the trail may be extremely potholed before riders drop down on Larrikins Road. At the bottom are bollards that are 1.03 and 1.1m wide. For those riding south the entry to the trail behind Kumara has a short steep hill where help may be required.

No cellphone coverage throughout this section until nearing Dillman's Dam





















Kumara to Greymouth Length 28km

This section of the trail is relatively flat riding for the entire journey, however there are some bollards in places along the way. The new Taramakau Bridge is completely accessible and off the main road. The journey along the coast following the sea is relaxing.

The option exists for a detour of 4km on a sealed road to Shantytown. This attraction (p9) is wheelchair accessible.

When you reach Blaketown take the short detour to the breakwater and infamous Greymouth bar. Enjoy the ride down the floodwall and around the fishing wharf as it weaves around to the town centre and start/finish kiosk. Make sure you get your photo taken in the photoframe to remember your ride. For those in wheelchairs there is easy ramp access down from the start/finish line at the Greymouth floodwall. Those in longer adaptive bikes will not be able to turn the corner on the ramp here as it is too tight. Please continue along the floodwall under the Cobden Bridge to where the trail drops down into an area where safe parking exists.

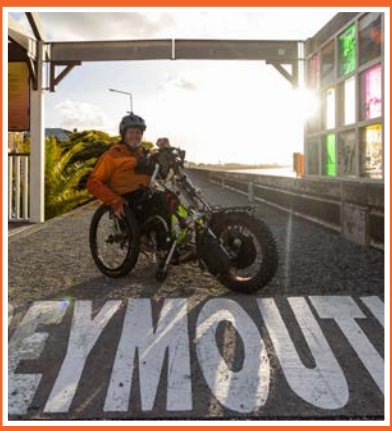
The Pounamu Pathway Māwhera Pa experience in Greymouth is completely accessible - see page 9.

Cellphone coverage throughout

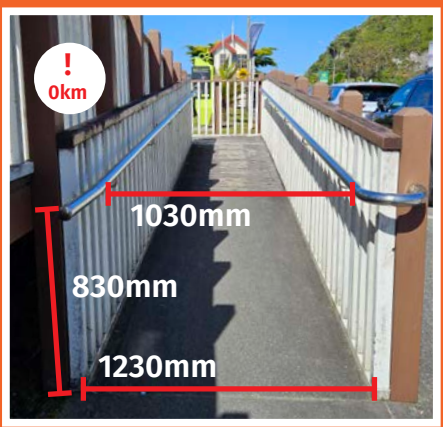












Our Team of Accessible Riders

We extend our thanks to these people who have helped prepare the guide and are willing to give advice to other riders.

Ross Ormsby

C5/6 tetraplegic – Electric, Front wheel drive Handcycle – able to be contacted on 021 665 627. E: thatguyrossormsby@gmail.com

I am an active tetraplegic with a powerful e-bike. Its limitation is skidding as it is front wheel drive so I had some need for pushing in the forest.

Plan your trip well for safety. I suggest riders hire a Sat Phone and carry EPERB/Locator and call local contacts to be aware of support and progress.

I would do it again in two longer days.



Bernard Mahuika

E: bushyblues@xtra.co.nz

I'm a complete T5 paraplegic and have used a free wheel on my wheelchair and a handcycle on the trail.

The whole trail is accessible with a free wheel attachment on a wheelchair. Some of the hills between Kumara and Kaniere can be a challenge in either direction, so I would probably recommend a helper for some not so confident people in that section.

Between Greymouth and Kumara is easily ridden on a recreational handcycle or even a road racing cycle as there are no sharp corners but the narrow tyres could be a problem on the loose gravel, so I'd recommend a helper.

The best part is probably from the Summit heading south down through Cowboy Paradise to Milltown Road. There is lots of freewheeling especially down though the switch-backs above and below Cowboy Paradise. Some pretty cool scenery, just a very cool trail.



Natalie Gauld

I have motor neurone disease which causes muscle weakness and eventually paralysis. I'd not manage an e-bike so I have a Motom, an electric three-wheeler with pedals and rear wheel drive. It is about 940mm wide and shorter than some three-wheelers.

I had a wonderful time riding most of the trail in January 2023 with my husband and a friend. There were multiple barriers requiring a lift over, and a couple of areas I couldn't ride because they were too narrow (e.g. Kaniere Water Race). The switchbacks going up from Milltown were manageable because the Motom is not too long, and the boardwalks were fine for width. The trails were generally wide and a pleasure to ride with areas of beautiful forest and the sound of birds and cicadas around.

I am so pleased the West Coast Wilderness Trail Trust have written this guide, it is great to know in advance the best areas to make the riding a pleasure and not a frustration when my time to ride is limited. The West Coast Wilderness Trail is my favourite of all the trails we have ridden around NZ in the last year.





Response No: 22

Contribution ID: 2565
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Mar 14, 2025, 11:41 AM

Q1 **1. What is your overall opinion of the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

I think all the ideas listed have merit and all suggestions helpful

Q3 **2. Do you support the four goals and their objectives?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

AS above

Q5 **Do you agree with our draft action plan for the Methven Community over the next 10 years?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q7 **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Long Text

One area important to families is the quality of educational opportunities that exist in Methven. The college is being proactive in this regard and is developing a vocational training hub but it is important to acknowledge this at community level. It might also be helpful to consider what post high school educational opportunities are available

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Q9 **Name**

Short Text

john corbett

Q10 **Are providing feedback on behalf of an organsiation?**

Multi Choice

No

Q11 **Name of the organisation**

Long Text

Q12 **Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the submission workshop?**

Multi Choice

Yes

Q13 **Do you wish to be heard in person or virtually?**

Multi Choice

In person

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Email

Q15 **Phone number**

Telephone

Response No: 23

Contribution ID: 2564
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Date Submitted: Mar 12, 2025, 04:07 AM

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Multi Choice

Support

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Q3 **2. Do you support the four goals and their objectives?**

Multi Choice

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Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q5 **Do you agree with our draft action plan for the Methven Community over the next 10 years?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q7 **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Long Text

We would like to see some action taken to reduce the flooding of Thyme Stream in heavy rain events. The flooding extends across land in the Thyme Stream development and across properties from 154 - 158 Forest Drive and across Forest Drive itself. This flooding has only occurred in the last 3 years and is becoming more frequent. Action could be taken to reduce the flow of water into the water race on Forest Drive which, in heavy rain, is unable to cope with the run off from the fields and stream behind. The flooding is already causing damage to property.

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Charlie and Candy Eason

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Response No: 24

Contribution ID: 2562
Member ID: 228
Date Submitted: Mar 11, 2025, 07:57 PM

Q1 **1. What is your overall opinion of the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Multi Choice

Partially support

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

Most things seem good, what I can't see is any development plan for more land to be zoned as suitable for business activity, offices or accommodation yet people are looking to get exemptions in the existing residential zonings in Methven to perform commercial activity.

Q3 **2. Do you support the four goals and their objectives?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

All seem to be pointing in the right direction

Q5 **Do you agree with our draft action plan for the Methven Community over the next 10 years?**

Multi Choice

Partially support

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Per point 1 above - I think the 10 year plan, or sooner needs some revamp of the business zonings. This probably needs to be done with a 20-30 year + mindset. Currently a lot of the land available to businesses seems to be locked up with very high rental/leases and other areas would require investors to also have a budget for decommissioning and removing old buildings.

Q7 **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Long Text

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Q9 **Name**

Short Text

Rob M

Q10 **Are providing feedback on behalf of an organsiation?**

Multi Choice

No

Q11 **Name of the organisation**

Long Text

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Response No: 25

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Multi Choice

Support

Q2 **Please explain**

Long Text

Moving in a positive direction.

Q3 **2. Do you support the four goals and their objectives?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q4 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q5 **Do you agree with our draft action plan for the Methven Community over the next 10 years?**

Multi Choice

Support

Q6 **Please explain**

Long Text

Q7 **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

Long Text

Replacing the dangerously smooth bricks in the town sidewalks needs to be a priority. In damp or wet weather they are a very real hazard. I know a lot of older people avoid walking on them. I'm only in my 40s and I'm physically fit and I still take a lot of caution having succumbed to them many times. Perhaps they could be crushed and recycled into pathways in the new GOH extension.

I strongly support additions to the walkways, to extend into cycleways that lead to the local gems, like Sharplin Falls, Awa Awa and Rakaia Gorge.

I would also be in favour of increased pest trapping to help with the return of native birds. Also supportive of any plan to introduce feline restrictions in town, in support of the return of the birds.

Agree with the goal of bringing more visitors and tourists to our town, we will need to also support more growth in the accommodation sector. I don't think restricting rent or AirBNB's is the answer. Landlords are not immune to rising costs just like the rest of us residents.
A larger complex of sorts for winter staff would be ideal, something that is monitored. But this could/should be a private enterprise.

Beautification of the central town buildings is a great idea. This should extend to the industrial area also, planting of native and hardy trees/plants in green spaces and along the lovely town creek. Incorporating the creek into an additional walkway/cycleway.

The most exciting part, the GOH extension. Can not wait to see this project start taking shape!

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Q9 **Name**

Short Text

Megan Watene

Q10 **Are providing feedback on behalf of an organsiation?**

Multi Choice

No

Q11 **Name of the organisation**

Long Text

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Q2 Please explain

Long Text

Q3 Do you support the four goals and their objectives?

Multi Choice

Q4 Please explain

Long Text

Q5 Do you agree with our draft action plan for the Methven Community over the next 10 years?

Multi Choice

Q6 Please explain

Long Text

Q7 Do you have any other feedback on the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?

Long Text

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Letter attached

Q9 Name

Short Text Ally Crane

Q10 Are providing feedback on behalf of an organsiation?

Multi Choice **Yes**

Q11 Name of the organisation

Aoraki Environmental Consultancy LTD

Long Text

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04 April 2025

Mark Low
Strategy and Policy Manager
Ashburton District Council

Tēnā koe Mark

DRAFT METHVEN COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2025 FEEDBACK

Aoraki Environmental Consultancy Limited (AECL) thanks you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan 2025.

Arowhenua is disappointed the Strategic Plan does not recognise the township sits within an area of significance to manawhenua. The strategy does not even provide the Te Reo name for the township of Piwakawaka. It is suggested the Strategic Plan is amended to include the following or similar in the *Our History* section:

> Methven is called Piwakawaka in Te Reo Māori, after the fantail bird. Methven sits within the Ōuetō plain, which is between the Rakaia River and Hakatere (Ashburton River). The area being one of mahika kai where kiore (Polynesian rat), koreke (quail) and tiroki were gathered.
>
> Methven formed part of the Crown purchases in 1848 from Ngāi Tahu, the occupiers of the land. The Canterbury Purchase, also known as Kemp's Deed, has had long-term consequences for Māori and disenfranchised them from the land.

Arowhenua recognises the communities' desires for the future of Methven and particularly those of improving the natural environment of the area. Arowhenua is pleased to see there is a desire to work with tangata whenua to make this happen and Arowhenua sees there is role across all the goals and many of the objectives.

As a minor change to the goals table please remove reference to Iwi/AEC and use Kāti Huirapa instead.

Please contact our Senior Environmental Policy Advisor, Treena Davidson by phone on [redacted] or by email [redacted] if you have any questions or require further clarification.

Ngā mihi

Ally Crane
General Manager

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- Ashburton Library and Civic Centre
  2 Baring Square East, Ashburton
- Email **submissions@adc.govt.nz**

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Name: Jonathan Everist

Organisation (if applicable): —

Address (optional): 10D Burbank Place, Methven.

Phone: 0277-377-257 Email: jon.everist@xtra.co.nz

Do you wish to speak in support of your feedback at submissions workshop?

☐ **Yes:** The submissions workshop will be held at Mt Hutt Memorial Hall late April/early May

If yes, do you wish to present: ○ In Person ○ Virtually

☑ **No:** I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that my written submission be fully considered.

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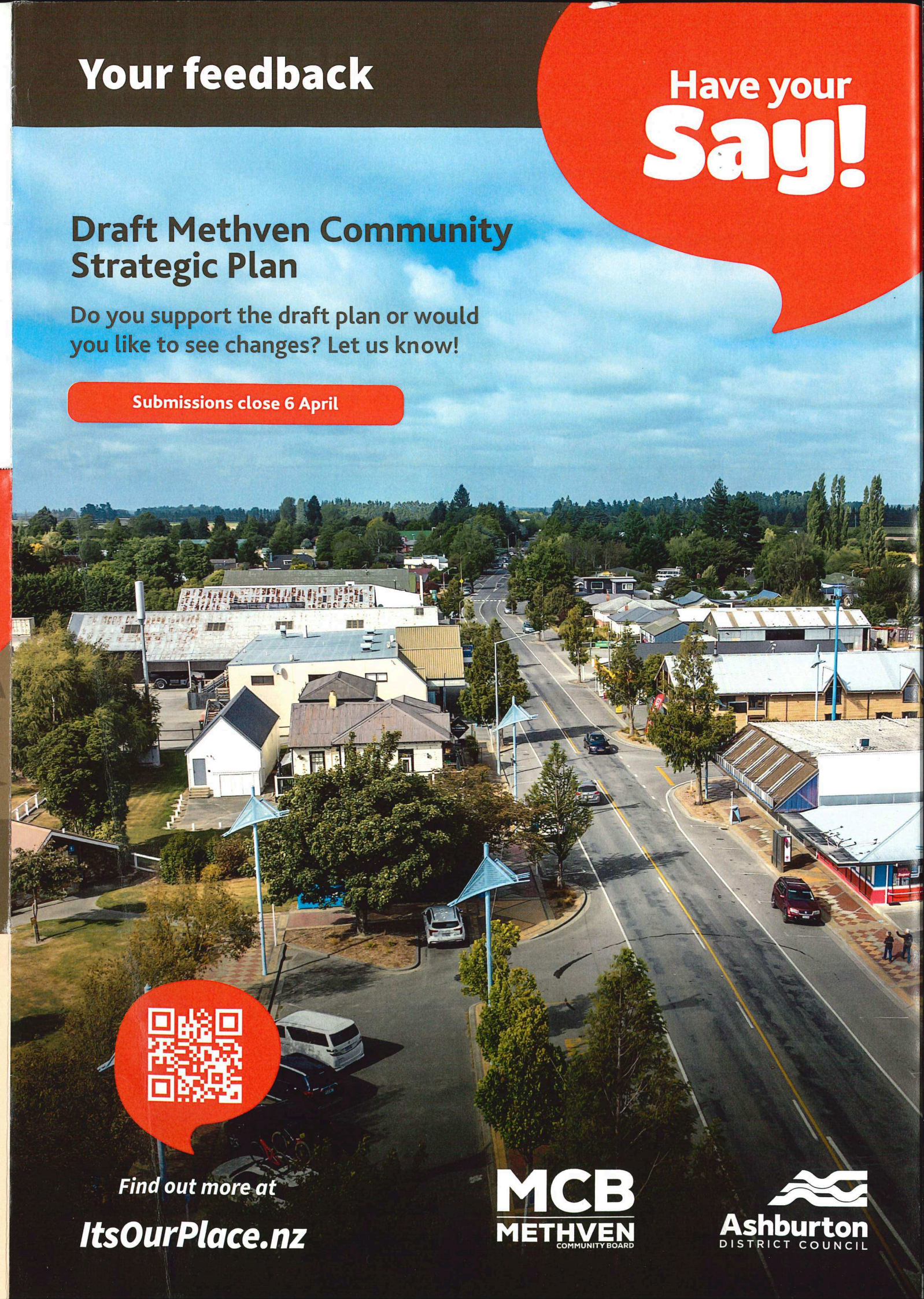
Your feedback

Have your Say!

Draft Methven Community Strategic Plan

Do you support the draft plan or would you like to see changes? Let us know!

Submissions close 6 April



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You can submit on any or all of the questions below. You don't have to complete every question, and you can comment on any aspect of the draft plan. You can provide attachments to support your submission.

The full draft plan is available at ***itsourplace.nz***

1 **What is your overall opinion of the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

(✓) Support ( ) Do Not Support ( ) Partially Support

Please explain:

Support 1. We need to try to keep in touch with the needs of our younger people for local recreation. Therefore 2 also., and 3, but mainterance is preferable before trying to develop more tracks. 4 is important. 5 & 6 should not involve much money. 8, 9, 8 11 are all important, but the volunteers may require money, rather than the active participation of the Council. 10 must become a National project, with the Council following & implementing the strategy, & the rules imposed to achieve success.

2 **Do you support the four goals and their objectives?**

(✓) Support (✓) Do Not Support ( ) Partially Support

Please explain:

I cannot see the Council having a role here. I consider the Council needs to provide an attractive, tidy, well maintained townscape – tourists & adventure-seekers will spread the word. Empty the rubbish-bins, clean the footpaths, gutters, & streets & leave business owners to get on with their tasks.

You can also provide your feedback online at *itsourplace.nz*

3 **Do you agree with our draft action plan for the Methven Community over the next 10 years? (see pages 18 -27 of the draft plan)**

(✓) Agree ( ) Disagree ( ) Partially Support

Please explain:

But these are somewhat woolly objectives. One assumes the Community Board is already doing its best to represent the needs it percieves the community need.

And, while I welcome new-comers, being one myself, I wonder how the Council will "guide" them – surely this has to be done by knowledgable local people, possibly with some financial backing from the Council.

4 **Do you have any other feedback on the draft Methven Community Strategic Plan?**

If there is a need for a heli-pad, please advocate for it. And, of course, continue to support medical services. And, Community Board, ka pai to mahi, & keep it up, please.

Sorry, I see I have answered in a somewhat irregular way, & have not responded to your prompts, but rather rambled on.

I consider Methven town centre, & the township as a whole, are attractive, & there is a range of facilities for both visitors & residents.

Have more to say?

Feel free to attach additional pages with your feedback.