

Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee

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Community input is vital for TTPP drafting

“Get involved!” That’s the message from Chairman of Te Tai o Poutini Plan (TTPP) Committee, Rex Williams, following the latest meeting on 24 June 2020.

“We are now at the pointy end of matters where we need to know what the community thinks and what the issues are out there,” he said.

The first of six Te Tai o Poutini Plan questionnaires has appeared in The Messenger this week. The first questionnaire seeks feedback on how our settlements are being used, and how TTPP can get the best outcomes for our communities. Topics to be covered over the next five weeks include natural hazards, biodiversity, heritage, mining and quarrying, and designing our towns.

Mr Williams said that it is important to keep up to date with what the team is doing, and to have a say on matters that affect them.

Questionnaires can be posted in, dropped off at the local library or council offices, or filled out directly on the TTPP website at tpp.westcost.govt.nz under “Have Your Say”.

The latest Committee meeting looked at the issues around the management of open spaces and tourism, with representatives providing feedback on the early provisions developed for historic heritage.

Senior Planner, Edith Bretherton, reported that the planning team has been working with Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Toanga, the Department of Conservation and a number of local heritage community groups to identify the issues they saw in this space. In summary these included:

- The cost of repairing and maintaining heritage features can lead to structures falling into disrepair.
- Adaptive reuse can encourage buildings to be maintained but can reduce their value; and
- Heritage values must be considered at both a local and a national level.

Historic Heritage workshops in Reefton and Ross will be held in August to review the issues and look at ways to address them.

If you would like to attend the August workshops, or meet with the planning team to discuss Historic Heritage, contact info@tpp.co.nz to register your interest.

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