



WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

# news

## Lake Brunner Freshwater Clean-up

At the beginning of 2013, Council secured \$200,000 from the Ministry for the Environment Fresh Start for Freshwater Clean-up Fund to undertake freshwater remediation activities within the Lake Brunner Catchment. Of the \$200,000 available, \$20,000 was allocated to the Lake Brunner Community Catchment Care Group and \$180,000 to local farmers.

Work is well underway with the majority of farms within the catchment undertaking fencing and planting. The work links in with the farm plan work completed on each farm funded by Westland Milk Products and Council.

The community care group has done a great job undertaking plantings at Lake Poerua Scenic Reserve, Homestead Creek, Iveagh Bay, and the boat ramp at Mitchells. Local landowners, business owners, the school, and industry workers have volunteered their time to complete the plantings. Walking access to Homestead Creek has been provided by the adjoining landowners, and is a 1-hour return walk.

The fencing and planting in the catchment will aid in the improvement of water quality by creating a barrier that reduces runoff from the surrounding farmland



entering the waterways and lakes within the Catchment.

Farmers have begun undertaking their fencing and planting activities, and all activities will be completed by the end of December 2014.



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# West Coast Regional Economic Development Plan

The West Coast Regional Council, along with Development West Coast (DWC) and the three District Councils, recently prepared a Regional Economic Development Plan for our region.

The preparation of this Plan followed an economic summit held in December 2013. The Councils and DWC are hoping this new Plan will give focus and impetus to investment and job creation in our region.

The Plan contains an aspirational vision and four high level targets that we expect to achieve by 2030. The Plan then identifies eight short term targets, to be achieved within the coming three year period. These short term targets will be replaced with new targets, as they are achieved.

The Council's and DWC believe this is a practical way to get things done quickly, while also being strategic about our region's long term goals.

The Councils are now engaging with our region's business owners to gain their buy-in to the Plan; as well as engaging with our Central Government partners to seek their assistance with achieving the long and short term targets and actions.



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## Whitebait Stand Holders

3, 2, 1, GO the season is about to take off and the Regional Council would like to take this opportunity to wish all of the whitebait stand holders the best of luck this season.

May your nets be always full and the sunshine plentiful. May the tides bring bounty and your neighbors good cheer. May the time you spend fishing be restful and rejuvenating.

But most of all have a great season!

Remembering that once the fishing has come and gone you have 14 days to remove any material used for whitebaiting or building your stand, this could include sand bags, posts, spotter boards, nets, screens or waratah's.

If you need any help please do not hesitate in contacting me, have a great season and enjoy your time in the sun.

*Andrew Oliver - Whitebait Compliance Officer*



## Paying your rates by internet banking, direct credit or automatic payment?

Council has established a new collections account for rates payments, which will be 03 0846 00121500 02

If you are looking up the West Coast Regional Council profile on internet banking, or wish to confirm the correct Council bank account for your rates payment, please ensure that you select the profile for rate payments, with the 02 suffix.

Payment of general debtor invoices should still be made to the existing 00 suffix.

If you have an existing payment arrangement in place with Council where you are paying your rates to Council 00 suffix, we encourage you to change the payments to Council's new 02 suffix.