



**A Community Plan for Little River and Cooptown**

**FEBRUARY  
2020 UPDATE**

**You may be wondering what has happened to all the big ideas that went to make up our Community Plan.**

Over the past three years since the plan was finalised, members of the Little River Big Ideas team and the Little River Wairewa Community Trust have been pursuing the implementation of several of the projects. With a lot of help from the Banks Peninsula Community Board and Christchurch City Council (CCC) staff, a number of projects are now underway.

<p><b>Children’s Playground expansion to cater for all ages</b></p>	<p>Design of the expansion of the Children’s Playground behind the Railway Station is well underway and CCC will carry out full public consultation soon. Allocated funding: 2019/2020 \$30,000 for planning and design, 2020/2021 \$208,000 for construction.</p>
<p><b>Improvements to safety, parking and amenity of village centre car park</b></p>	<p>A plan was prepared for the Village Planning Committee by Abley Traffic Engineers. The plan is designed to better manage the conflict between vehicles and people, with safer, dedicated routes for pedestrians and to cope with the large tour buses stopping in the village. CCC has carried out some of the line marking and will complete the rest, including signage, once they have reviewed how the changes are working. In addition some pedestrian pathways, which appear to approaching vehicles as speed humps, are planned and funding for these has been secured.</p>
<p><b>Walkways from village centre to Okana River and Council Hill lookout</b></p>	<p>Two walkways are proposed, mainly on paper roads. One runs from the library to the Okana River and the other from the children’s playground up towards the top of Council Hill Road. Council staff have begun the process of creating the walkways, starting with consultation with the adjacent landowners.</p>
<p><b>Repair of Goods Shed</b></p>	<p>Renovation of the goods shed behind the Craft Station is underway. CCC Heritage Funding has been allocated to the Little River Railway Station Trust. 2018/19 \$24,000. 2019/2020 \$309,000</p>
<p><b>Repair of Tennis Courts</b></p>	<p>Reinstatement of the tennis courts (which were damaged by flooding) in the Awa-Iti domain, is underway. Completion is due in mid-February</p>

<b>Flooding and stormwater management</b>	CCC has allocated funding of \$835,000 in 2020/2021. This will be used to replace damaged and undersized culverts in the SH75 road corridor, along with other drainage improvements to reduce flooding.
<b>Western Valley Road pathway</b>	A pathway for safe access from the school to the intersection of Western Valley Rd and SH75 has been under investigation and a staff report will be tabled for discussion and approval at the Community Board meeting on March 2 <sup>nd</sup> .

## COMING NEXT .....

### Community Garden

A number of residents have expressed an interest in establishing a Community Garden in the village centre. The Trust will be organising a meeting to get this project up and running. If you would like to come along, please let us know.



### Older Persons Housing

Some older members of our community have said they would like to stay in the village but their houses and or land are too big for them. The Trust is intending to set up an Action Group to see if we can progress the idea of providing smaller homes. We would be interested to hear if you think this is a good idea, have any comments to make, or can help in any way. We need more volunteers to get this project off the ground, so please let us know if you would like to join an Action Team,

**If you would like to make comments, join an action team or know more about any of the Little River Big Ideas projects, please contact the Secretary [lrwctrust@gmail.com](mailto:lrwctrust@gmail.com) or leave your contact details with the Little River librarian.**

LITTLE RIVER BIG IDEAS, a plan for Little River and Cooptown was developed by the Little River Wairewa Community Trust and the Banks Peninsula Community Board, with heaps of input from our local community. You can find it on the Little River Wairewa Community Trust website <http://littleriver.org.nz/> and the Christchurch City Council website. <https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/plans-strategies-policies-and-bylaws/plans/community-planning/little-river-big-ideas>

**Good things take time!**



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