

THE WEST COAST

BULLER DISTRICT

There is a string of settlements between **Karamea** and **Westport**, in an area of great natural beauty and a very mild climate. Westport (population about 3,800) is the main export port and a thriving commercial centre. Inland and cradled amongst forested hill, **Reefton** is experiencing a revival in mining and growth across a spectrum of activity while maintaining its pioneer character. The Coast road south of Westport to **Charleston** and the blowholes at **Punakaiki** offer inspiring panoramas. www.bullerdc.govt.nz



The West Coast enjoys a wide range of community leisure and recreation activities in all the main centres. There is a real focus on the upgrade of theatres, aquatic centres and sports facilities, through the Major District Initiative programme, ensuring the region provides essential leisure and recreation infrastructure to attract and retain families to the Coast.

GREY DISTRICT

The pattern of settlement reflects the gold belt across the centre of the region.

Greymouth (population about 10,000) is the largest town and main commercial centre with many thriving industries, satellite towns and subdivisions. **Lake Brunner** has grown into a water sports resort.

The Grey Valley has seen substantial growth in agriculture, tourism, timber and minerals with new properties being built along both sides of the **Grey River**. www.greydc.govt.nz



WESTLAND DISTRICT

Hokitika (population about 3,500) is growing in all directions and each direction has magnificent views of the sea, river, Alps and forest, providing a superb setting for a thriving and innovative town. Further south **Ross** and **Harihari** cater for a growing tourist trade as well as dairying.

Glacier Country (a collective marketing brand for **Whataroa**, **Franz Josef**, **Okarito**, **Fox Glacier** and **Lake Paringa**) is one of the country's premier tourism destinations.

The scenic highway continues south to

Haast and **Jackson Bay**. www.westlanddc.govt.nz

