

Chocolate Swamp Boardwalk Deck Replacement

Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Fund

APPLICATIONS CLOSE:	<input type="checkbox"/> 31 March each year			(Year) 2022
Please state the year in which funding is sought				
SEND TO:				
Southland District Council PO Box 903 Invercargill 9840				
Email to funding@southlanddc.govt.nz or deliver to your nearest Southland District Council Office				
ANY QUERIES TO:				
Megan Seator on 0800 732 732				
YOUR DETAILS – PLEASE COMPLETE				
Name of organisation	DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION			
Postal address	PO BOX 3, STEWART ISLAND 9846			
Street address	15 MAIN RD, STEWART ISLAND 9846			
CONTACT NAMES				
Please give the names of two people who can be contacted if further information is required. The first contact must be the person who filled out the form. Under the Privacy Act (1993) consent from these people must be given before their details are recorded here.				
Name	Dale Chittenden	Phone	(day)	s 9(2)(a)
Email	dchittenden@doc.govt.nz		(evening)	s 9(2)(a)
Name	Ren Leppens	Phone	(day)	s 9(2)(a)
Email	rleppens@doc.govt.nz		(evening)	s 9(2)(a)
Bank account number to direct credit grant payment if application successful:				
PAYEE DETAILS – PAY TO THE CREDIT OF				
Name of bank	Westpac NZ ltd	Branch	NZ Government Branch, Wellington	
Name of account				
ss 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii)				
Bank	Branch	Account No	Suffix	

TO HELP SPEED THE PROCESS UP IN THE EVENT OF YOUR GRANT BEING APPROVED, CAN YOU PLEASE PROVIDE VERIFICATION OF YOUR BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS. THIS CAN BE A SCREENSHOT OR BANKING SLIP AND IT MUST BE ATTACHED TO YOUR APPLICATION.

GST Number (if applicable)

ss 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii)

WHAT ARE YOU APPLYING FOR – PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY	
Funding for an activity or facility used by, or for the benefit of, visitors to Stewart Island/Rakiura	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Funding for an activity or facility to mitigate the adverse effects on the environment from visitors to Stewart Island/Rakiura	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PROJECT DETAILS	
What is the name of your project?	Chocolate Swamp Boardwalk Deck Replacement
Please describe fully: Removal of the old steel and timber decking over the Chocolate Swamp section of the Masons Bay- Freshwater track and replacement of the decking material on the top of existing piles to the engineer's specifications.	
For what purpose does your organisation seek a Stewart Island Rakiura Visitor Levy grant?	
<p>We are seeking a once off financial grant from the Visitor Levy for the replacement of the Chocolate Swamp Boardwalk decking. This boardwalk is situated on the Freshwater to Masons Bay track and as such is listed under the Department of Conservations framework as a backcountry track. Masons Bay is an iconic area and is becoming very popular amongst visitors to the Island due to the high numbers of kiwi, an internationally significant dune and wetland systems as well as being of high historic value for both maori and pakeha.</p> <p>The Chocolate Swamp Boardwalk is one of the longest stretches of continuous boardwalk over wetland in New Zealand at 550m long. It was constructed in the 1980s from second hand materials off the local salmon farm. The decking has come to the end of its life and either has to be replaced or removed. s 9(2)(b)(ii)</p> <p>To remove it would be devastating for the visitors and operators in this area as well as heartbreaking for our local community.</p>	
How will your project directly benefit visitors or mitigate the adverse environmental effects of visitors?	
<p>Visitor numbers on the Masons Bay to Freshwater track are approximately 3,000 per year. The Masons Bay trampers hut is the 10th busiest backcountry hut in New Zealand (out of approximately 1500 huts). The track follows the old historic road line and there is no alternative route around the Chocolate swamp section. Prior to the boardwalk, visitors would wade through the swamp. This is now no longer possible because the swamp has changed and the impacts on this internationally significant wetland system would be unacceptable. Having a new boardwalk will ensure the safe crossing of the wetland and will ensure the link to the west coast of the island is maintained. This is especially important as the track is not only a high visitor usage for overnights but forms part of both the North West circuit and the Southern Circuit track networks.</p>	
How does your application demonstrate alignment with the Southland Murihiku Destination Strategy's vision, guiding principles, and activation areas? <i>(please attach a separate page if necessary)</i>	
<p>Masons Bay is a popular visitor destination. It has high values culturally, historically, recreationally and with the varied biodiversity and landscape features. It is our joint</p>	

responsibility to be guardians of our heritage and environment (Kaitiakitanga) and to show respect (Manaakitanga) for the values within this area. The Southland Murihiku Destination Strategy's Vision is to be recognised as a distinct visitor destination and guided by strong sustainability principles and values. Masons Bay is an iconic visitor destination that is increasing in visitor popularity and significance. An increase in visitor satisfaction as a direct result of improved track and visitor facilities will increase both the promotion of the area, the longterm sustainability and therefore benefit the community. The Department of Conservation gains little financially from each visitor whereas the expected spend of a visitor within the community is considerable and over an array of businesses. However the environmental and cultural enrichment from a good visitor experience is hugely worthwhile by improving the visitors manaakitanga and understanding of the place and its people. For Stewart Island/Rakiura and its visitors, the Masons Bay Freshwater track (through the Chocolate Swamp) is an important link to our Island, community and ancestral pathways. This project provides an opportunity to show a coordinated and collaborative approach to improving tourism values to the Island and the Southland Region.

Start date of your project	September 2022	Finish date of your project	December 2032
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Does your project relate to infrastructure or capital works? <i>If yes, please continue. If no, please move to the "presentation" section</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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What is the current status of the facility or infrastructure?

Deteriorating decking of boardwalk over wetland. The boardwalk has multiple failings and will become a safety hazard if left. The piles have been assessed by an engineer who is satisfied that only the decking needs replacement.

Does the facility have a long-term development and maintenance plan?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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IF YES PLEASE ATTACH

Does your project involve conceptual or site plans?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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IF YES PLEASE ATTACH

Does your project require resource or building consent?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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IF YES, PLEASE STATE THE STAGE OF APPROVAL

Consistent with the Rakiura National Park Management Plan

PRESENTATION

Applicants can choose to make a presentation in support of their application. Presentations are limited to five minutes. An additional five minutes will be available for questions from the Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Committee if required. Applicants will be advised of the time, date and location of presentations.

I wish to make a presentation in support of my application	<input type="checkbox"/>
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I do not wish to make a presentation in support of my application	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am available to make a presentation in support of my application if required by the committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

FINANCIAL DETAILS

Are you registered for GST?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	GST Number	ss 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii)
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Applicants that are not GST-registered need to provide budget figures that include GST

Applicants that are GST-registered need to provide budget figures that exclude GST.

Successful applicants who are GST-registered will be required to submit a GST invoice, after being notified the result of the application and prior to the grant being paid out.

Please round all figures to the nearest dollar.

EXPENDITURE	\$	INCOME	\$			
Project costs	GST Exclusive	Your contribution				
Materials (as per quote provided)	\$75,000	Fees/subs				
Helicopter materials onto track & removal of old deck materials	\$35,000	Fundraising				
Freighter materials into Paterson Inlet	\$10,000	Loan/mortgage				
Transport other	\$5000	Cash savings				
Labour <div>§ 9(2)(a)</div>	\$23,000	Other	\$50,000			
Labour DOC	\$10,000	Sub-total				
Labour Other	\$10,000	Other grants and sponsorship applied for				
Tools/accom/netting	\$5000	Sponsorship				
		Grants (successful and proposed)	Amount requested	Result date		
(a) Total cost of the project is	\$173,000	(b) Total Income	\$50,000			

How much money are you applying for?	\$125,000
To find out how much money you should apply for, subtract your contribution (b) from the total cost of the project (a) . The answer is the amount of money you need in order for your project to go ahead.	
Briefly describe any voluntary effort or donated materials provided for the project	

Voluntary effort would consist of:	
s 9(2)(b)(ii)	Cutting and prefabrication estimated cost \$10,000
DOC	Removal of old decking and preparation of piles & veg work est cost \$10,000
ss 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii)	Onsite construction - estimated cost \$23,000
DOC staff hours to project manage approx. 200 hours additional	
Donated materials (eg approximate \$ value)	
How do you envisage paying for the future operational costs of this project?	
Ongoing maintenance will then be undertaken with DOC core budget	

DECLARATION (PLEASE PROVIDE TWO SIGNATURES)			
We	Department of Conservation		consent to Southland District Council
collecting the personal contact details provided on this form. The consent is given in accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act 1994. We also confirm that the information provided is accurate and complete and that the organisation committee has agreed to this project/funding application.			
Name	DALE CHITTENDEN		
Position in organisation	SENIOR RANGER - RECREATION AND HISTORIC		
Signature	s 9(2)(a)	Date	31/03/2022
Name	REN LEPPENS		
Position in organisation	OPERATIONS MANAGER		
Signature	s 9(2)(a)	Date	31/03/2022
Checklist - please attach			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
A current statement of financial position or financial performance for your organisation			<input type="checkbox"/>
A current bank statement			<input type="checkbox"/>
Quotations, where relevant			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of legal status (if applicable)			<input type="checkbox"/>
Conceptual or site plans (if applicable)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Project plan including timelines (if applicable)			<input type="checkbox"/>

Development and maintenance plan (if applicable)	<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>
Letters of support (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
THESE ITEMS WILL COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION	