



Coasters take part in national NetHui – get involved today!

Emerging Internet technology trends pose exciting opportunities and unique challenges for West Coast businesses and interest groups – don't miss your chance to raise the issues and ideas that matter most during the national NetHui Roadtrip West Coast later this year.

NetHui is a national event that explores the future of internet technology and how Kiwis are making the most of it. In October this year, the event comes to the West Coast as part of a national roadtrip. Locals can get involved now to help set the programme for the day.

Don't miss your chance to get involved in the special event. Spokesperson for NetHui West Coast-Mequa Hourston says West Coast people can set the programme for the October West Coast NetHui by going online and registering a conversation topic or nominating someone to talk.

"This is a great opportunity for our people to come together and talk about how we can make the most of the opportunities the Internet can offer our region," says Mrs Hourston.

"The West Coast is a unique place, stretching from Karamea in the north to Haast in the south. We're bounded by the Southern Alps and Tasman Sea – making our home a stunning place to live and visit but also providing some unique challenges to communication and traditional business operations.

"Emerging internet-based technology trends pose some exciting opportunities for us and we're looking forward to talking through all the possibilities and challenges at NetHui later this year," says Mrs Hourston.

A NetHui is about discussions, not presentations – participants set topics and lead conversations amongst the attendees. While there are plenary sessions with keynote speakers to bring participants together at the beginning and end of each day, most of a NetHui is dedicated to breakout sessions, often with multiple sessions running concurrently. This format deliberately creates smaller groups so more voices can be heard.

"There's lots to talk about here on the West Coast and we're expecting a great turnout. Make sure your ideas are heard by getting online now and suggesting topics and ideas for discussion," says Mrs Hourston.

NetHui West Coast will be co-hosted by Tai Poutini Polytechnic and held at Tai Poutini Polytechnic's Greymouth Campus on 11 October. The programme will be based on the ideas and suggestions of locals.

Head online and fill out the interest form or find out more at <https://2018.nethui.nz/West-Coast/>

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