

HOKITIKA CENOTAPH WAR MEMORIAL

Lest We Forget

Maintenance

In early 2021, the Hokitika Cenotaph War Memorial underwent routine maintenance which primarily focused on cleaning the monument's marble sections that had become darker with age. A local contractor was commissioned, and scaffolding was erected to undertake the cleaning works.

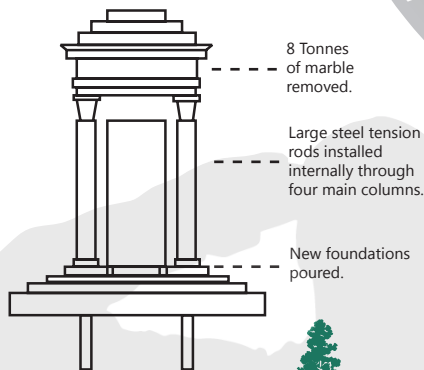
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Risk Assessment

While cleaning the Cenotaph, it was determined that it was extremely unstable and vulnerable to seismic forces. An engineer was engaged to provide a structural assessment. Under urgency, it was recommended that the Cenotaph be deconstructed.

Future Planning

As a result of this capital project, Council have identified the need to have an Asset Management Plan for Westland's statues and monuments. It has also highlighted that individual maintenance schedules are required as well as regular condition assessments.



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TIMELINE

Operational Maintenance

Identify Risk/Condition

Asset Management Planning

Capital Planning

Restoration

Capital Delivery

As a result of the innovative modern construction methods used, the specialist stone mason was able to reduce the overall weight of the cenotaph by 8 tonne. These works also allowed four steel tension rods to be installed internally through the main columns of the Cenotaph.

Iwi Support

Local Iwi, Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio and Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae fully supported the project with a number of local tīpuna mentioned on the Cenotaph.

Funding

Due to the extent of work required, Council investigated external grant opportunities. Council received a \$92,598 grant from the Lottery Heritage Fund.

Project Scope

As a result of the structural assessment, the project scope included dismantling the monument and reinstating once structural strengthening was completed.

