

## ARTSEATS in HOKITIKA

WAI (Westland Arts Inc.) is a voluntary group whose aim is to increase the awareness, enjoyment of, and participation in the arts in our region.

One of our major projects is the annual Take-a-Seat Public Art Project, where we invite artists to submit designs to build an artseat in Hokitika - in essence, a sittable sculpture.

The finalists produce scale models that are assessed by judges and exhibited for public voting. The winning designer is awarded a commission of up to \$8000 to create and install the seat in the given location, opened at the end of January each year. Fundraising and sponsorship pays for the seat.

We have six artseats in town already; one is in the lane that links the town to the beach, three are along the central beachfront, one is near the heritage area alongside the river promenade, and our most recent seat is on a grassy area overlooking the rivermouth. Our next proposed site for 2012 is in front of the town Library. Our aim is to have a number of these unique sculptures within the CBD that lead people out to the trail of artseats along the beach and the river, and along the Heritage Walkway on the periphery of town.

All artseats have been well received by locals and provide a special point of interest and photo opportunity for visitors. A positive spin-off has been the interest for other Artseats, such as the Teichelmann seat at the Carnegie Building commissioned by Heritage Hokitika in 2006. The Take-a-Seat project contributes to the cultural identity of Hokitika by providing a new piece of functional art for the town every year.

## EXISTING SEATS



### Armchair

**Artist: Veronika Maser, 2005**

Sponsored by The Pierson Family and the Rotary Club  
Located on the central foreshore  
Sculpted concrete



### Waves of Humanity

**Artist: Sue Asplin, 2006**

Sponsored by The Atkinson Family and the Lions Club  
Located on Gibson Quay near the rivermouth  
Concrete and totara



**Teichelmann Seat**

**Artists: Donald Buglass & Rory McDougall, 2006**

Commissioned by Heritage Hokitika:  
Located outside the Carnegie Building



**Awe Rongomau (Feathers of Peace)**

**Artist: Rob Nelson, 2007**

Commemorating: 2006,  
The Year of the Veteran  
Sponsored by the Soroptimists and the RSA  
Located on the foreshore at the northern end of Beach Street  
Carved totara



**Nudibranch Recliner**

**Artist: Jamie Pickernell (Rotorua) 2008**

Sponsored by Monteith's Brewery and The Olson Family  
Located on the foreshore south of Weld Lane  
Macrocarpa and beach stones



**Westland Women**

**Artist: Richard Brett 2009**

Sponsored by Monteith's Brewery and donations from local women and their families  
Located in Weld Lane  
Hand forged steel



**Wahinoho: A Place to Sit**

**Artist: Donald Buglass, 2010**

Sponsored by the Fairmaid Family in memory of Pamela  
Located on at Gibson Quay, sunset point  
Reinforced concrete

