



# Net Hui 2018 Coast scholarships available

A Net Hui 2018 Road Trip will arrive on the West Coast in October, with scholarships available to help some people attend.

Net Hui offers a diverse programme addressing the challenges and opportunities of the internet.

Many West Coast businesses, community groups and individuals have already been involved in setting the agenda for the day, which will include sessions on 'The Internet of Things', rural connectivity, beyond bricks and mortar, website DIY, the impact of technology on education in an isolated region, boosting the region using social media, computer security, blockchain and building resilience through technology.

Anyone can volunteer to assist on the day or help the advisory committee with planning and promotion.

West Coast Regional Council chairman Andrew Robb said it was great to be able to welcome the national Net Hui event to the West Coast.

"Our unique environment means

we have special opportunities and challenges to talk through, so we can make the most of emerging internet technology. While this is a national event, Coasters have been heavily involved in setting up and deciding the topics we want to discuss. The advisory committee received many suggestions and ideas for topics and we have been able to put together a great programme. We know the issues we cover are important to Coasters and we're hoping for some robust conversations and great ideas."

Tai Poutini Polytechnic is providing West Coast students living outside Greymouth the chance to attend by access scholarship.

Scholarships to attend are also available for local women and non-binary people who work or are interested in the tech sector. Applications close on September 23.

Registrations for Net Hui West Coast, to be held in Greymouth on October 11, are now open at

<https://2018.nethui.nz/West-Coast>