Meet some of the Pitchers!

THE CRAFTY CHOOK
The Crafty Chook is a family owned soap making business based in Hokitika. Their Wilderend Scrub Bars are originally designed, crafted and based around the naturally untamed, diverse and resilient beauty of life on the Coast.
https://thecraftychook.co.nz
thecraftychook@yahoo.co.nz

FRESH VIBE WEST COAST
Fresh Vibe is a collaboration between two chefs with over 40 years combined experience inspired to produce ‘real’ food which acknowledges that food can be delicious and medicinal. Try one of their ready to eat dips which keep people coming back for more!
hiyamaka@yahoo.co.nz

TOES BY JENNIE
Toes is an in-home nail service based in Hokitika. It has been created to service the needs of people who are unable to reach, see or have the strength to cut their own nails.
Owner Jennie Roberts has 40+ years nursing experience.
Phone: 021 273 3755

DWC Business Breakfast
Around 50 members of the West Coast business community gathered for the final DWC breakfast of the year. The group enjoyed delicious local produce provided by the GAP café in Greymouth, and thought-provoking talks by Katie Milne, Andrew Robb and Mike Newcombe.

CO.STARTERS Graduation
Hokitika’s first CO.STARTERS cohort graduated on November 30, with 13 participants seeing out the nine-week course. The course was run by WestREAP and equips aspiring entrepreneurs with the capability to turn a passion into a sustainable endeavour. The cohort included a wide range of businesses, from tourism operations, massage therapists, to an entertainer. The group was supported by facilitators Fergal O’Gara and Layla Dowthwaite, along with weekly local speakers. If you would like to be a participant in a 2018 cohort, or to help as a guest speaker or mentor, please contact DWC at info@dwc.org.nz.

CO.STARTERS SPOTLIGHT: FunGal Limited
CO.STARTERS participant Flow In took home the prize for the most accomplished participant. FunGal Limited is the crafty chook of mushrooms. FunGal collects unwanted coffee grounds from local cafes, and through hard work and love, turns it into the most delicious oyster and shiitake mushrooms.
Flow said “I’ve been experimenting with growing these mushrooms for nearly two years now and had a feeling other people might enjoy them too, but it wasn’t until I joined the DWC CO.STARTERS course that I was able to take the idea from a hobby to a viable business model.”
Contact Flow to try her specialty mushrooms, you won’t be disappointed: info@fungal.co.nz

Regional Business Partner Network
Callaghan Innovation Advanced Manufacturing Group
DWC’s Business Services Manager hosted Callaghan Innovation’s Wellington based Advanced Manufacturing Group Manager and Christchurch based Senior Business Development Manager on a West Coast visit late November. The Advanced Manufacturing team’s 24 engineers are spread between Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch, helping NZ businesses succeed by delivering advanced engineering, robotics, automation, and manufacturing technology projects.

Upcoming Business Survey
DWC will be conducting a survey in early 2018 to get a picture of the concerns and issues facing West Coast businesses and what some of the constraints are to their growth. If your business is interested in participating in this survey, email events@dwc.org.nz with a contact name and number.