

West Coast

Reefton was our location of the conference for the West Coast Cluster, hosted by the Buller District Local Spiritual Assembly.

In total over two days, 4–5 June, we had over 35 participants of whom 2 were junior youth and 1 was a child. While only 5 friends of the Faith from Reefton participated, a large number, exceeding 15 of the younger generation we had anticipated coming, could not attend due to Covid isolation. Those who attended wished more such conferences should be held frequently but outside the winter period.

The programme was focussed on Bahá'u'lláh's Vision for humanity and how to build vibrant communities. This theme was well received by the local inhabitants during our home visits.

Our conference was well attended by many from Dunedin, Ashburton to Nelson and Richmond, as well as Westport and Reefton. They included Bahá'ís of many ethnicities from all over the South Island. Due to illness, a separate mini conference was also held in Westport attended by 2 adults and 2 children.

The venue was 20 Crampton Road, otherwise known as Reefton Hideaway, owned by the Poliko Community Wellbeing Trust. It was an ideal location with many meeting spaces, accommodation for up to 80 and surrounded by school and public parks for outdoor activities.

Note: Reports received from the various conferences have been edited for clarity and conciseness.