

## In the spotlight...

### Sign up for email invoices

You can now sign up to have your rates instalments and debtor invoices and statements emailed to you. Head to our website and fill in the easy online form to register, [www.greycdc.govt.nz/our-services/email-invoice-signup/](http://www.greycdc.govt.nz/our-services/email-invoice-signup/).

### Report a problem or issue

If you have a problem with a Council service or have seen an issue around our District that needs to be followed up, you can report it to us by phoning our office on 03 769 8600 or using the easy online form on our website, [www.greycdc.govt.nz](http://www.greycdc.govt.nz).

If a problem occurs after hours, ie a water break etc, then phone our main line - 03 769 8600 - and follow the voice prompts. This will put you in touch with the current contractors who will be able to help.

### Follow us and stay up to date

Want to get the latest updates on Council news such as job vacancies, refuse collection changes, road closures, public consultations, funding rounds, water reports and much more? Then follow us on Facebook or visit our website. Here you'll find everything you need to know!

[www.facebook.com/GreyDC](http://www.facebook.com/GreyDC) | [www.greycdc.govt.nz](http://www.greycdc.govt.nz)

## EVENTS WANTED!

Are you interested in holding an event or activity this year?

The Town Square is the perfect spot!



Our Community & Events Facilitator can support you with planning and organising your event or activity.

Some examples of activities which could take place in the Town Square include:

Busking, live music, food/coffee carts, children's activities, market stalls, fundraisers, demonstrations and much more.

Let's make use of this great space we have!

Please contact Aza at the Grey District Council if you want to know more, email [aza.o'neill@greycdc.govt.nz](mailto:aza.o'neill@greycdc.govt.nz).

## Mayor's comment



### 150 years of dairy farming

150 years of dairy farming on the West Coast is worth celebrating.

In 1862 Samuel Mackley, along with his wife and child, canoed 45 miles up the Grey River to Waipuna,

where the first farmhouse was built mainly of Manuka poles and bark and measuring 40 x 30 feet. In the years that followed, the child's loneliness was ended with the arrival of ten brothers and sisters and a fine herd of dairy cows. Butter was sold to the miners under the distinctive Mackley brand.

Mackley could never have envisaged the Westland Milk Products co-operative owned by 429 farmers from Karamea to Haast and Canterbury trucking milk to a giant factory in Hokitika, employing 500 workers and selling \$600 million of product annually all over the world in 2018. He would have been proud of the resilience of future farmers as they battled the elements and head winds by sticking together in solidarity.

In 2001 the industry was deregulated

and the New Zealand co-operative Dairy Company Limited, Kiwi Co-op Dairies and the New Zealand Dairy Board amalgamated to form Fonterra Co-op Group. Westland Milk Products shareholders elected not to participate in the amalgamation and so became a fully independent dairy company, which is the second largest dairy co-operative company in New Zealand. Mackley would have been shocked and pleased to know that a future generation in the year 2014 would open an office in Shanghai, China.

Coast-wide, farming employs 1,830 people, followed in order by accommodation and food services, manufacturing, construction, retail trade, health care, education, transport. Change is inevitable and in 2018 the technology revolution is creating new synthetic products that will challenge

the dairy industry but Westland is up to this challenge by value adding and selling branded produce, like Westgold butter, to customers all over the world. The key to success is resilience so let's celebrate the successes of the past as the West Coast Co-op addresses the current issues but moves optimistically into the future.

Tony Kokshoorn



Mackley homestead, Waipuna, 1870's

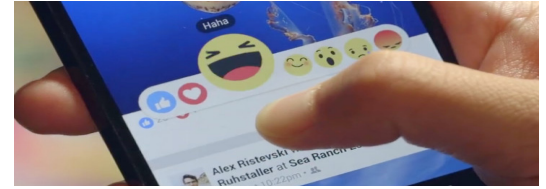
# Digital literacy classes

The Grey District Library has teamed up with the 2020 Communications Trust to deliver these very popular FREE digital literacy classes to the community. Here is the class schedule for **Term 1 of 2019**.



DATE	TOPIC
Thursday 14 February	Pinterest
Thursday 21 February	Google and the internet
Thursday 28 February	Google Drive
Thursday 7 March	Computer basics
Thursday 14 March	Online newspapers
Thursday 21 March	YouTube
Thursday 28 March	Smartphones
Thursday 4 April	Facebook

Classes are open to all ages and registering is easy - either phone the Library on 03 768 5597 or go to <https://2020.arlo.co/upcoming-courses> and select 'West Coast Region'. You need to register for each class you wish to take.



All classes are from 2pm to 4pm in the West Coast Room at the Grey District Library.

For further information about the Stepping Up programme, please visit <http://steppingup.nz/>.

## PLEASE SHARE THE BEACH

### Keep our native wildlife in mind when walking your dog on West Coast beaches.

Dogs love a good run on the beach but when they're not under effective control, they can harm or kill native species like our little blue penguin/kokorā and New Zealand fur seal/kekeno.

Dog attacks are the biggest threat to little blue penguin survival, especially at dawn and dusk when penguins cross the beach between the sea and their nest. Penguins nest in beach-side vegetation and have even been found along the Point Elizabeth Track. Other birds, like dotterels, nest in the open – they're easily missed and have no defence from dogs or people.



Some beach-dwellers, like seals, may defend themselves when threatened and can move surprisingly quickly. In these situations, you or your dog may be seriously injured.

So, here are a few rules to remember to keep you, your dog and our native wildlife safe and happy:

- Always keep your dog in sight and under effective control. For many dogs, this means on lead.
- Keep yourself and your dog at least 20m away from seals and all wildlife encountered (that's the length of about four cars).
- Remember, wildlife may be encountered where you least expect it – if you see wildlife on the beach, help other dog owners by letting them know.
- Heed dog-related signage such as "No Dogs" or "Dogs on Lead".
- If you see injured wildlife, including little blue penguins on the beach in daylight hours, dogs misbehaving or owners not heeding dog-related rules, contact DOC's Emergency Hotline on 0800 DOC HOT (0800 362 468).

## Community funding

The Grey District Council administers the following two funding schemes that are available to groups in our community. The funding rounds for both schemes are in September and April each year.

### Creative Communities Scheme

All projects eligible for funding must be arts and cultural projects that:

- Increase participation in the arts at a local level or increase the range and diversity of the arts available to local communities;
- Take place within the Grey District and/or produce benefits that are largely experienced within the Grey District; and
- Benefit local communities.

### Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund

School club teams and sport club teams are defined as:

- "A school club team participating in regular local sport competition in weekends, that excludes inter-school and intra-school competitions played during school time."

and/or

- "A sports club team participating in organised, regular sport competition through club membership outside of school time."

Full details can be found on our website or at Council offices when funding rounds are open.



Department of  
Conservation  
Te Papa Atawhai



# Sewer/stormwater separations

Council has spent considerable monies in recent years building new sewer treatment plants to service the greater Greymouth area, Dobson/Taylorville/Kaiata and Blackball. When the schemes became operational (some were done in stages), properties in the relevant areas were then given two years to connect to the new scheme.

To date, less than half of affected properties have connected to these schemes. In Greymouth, this means that at times there are discharges and overflows of raw sewerage into the Grey River (along with stormwater). This is not an environmentally friendly thing to keep doing, nor is it a good look for our town. Properties outside of the greater Greymouth area who are not yet connected are still using on-site systems. The low proportion of connections have an impact as the new systems are designed to function best at optimum capacity – the more properties connected, the better the systems will run.

At its meeting in December 2018, Council considered its options in terms of encouraging people to connect. The two year deadline was reconfirmed by Council and we will be writing to properties who have not yet connected, reminding them of their obligations.

Properties where the deadline has already passed will be required to connect within three months or provide proof to Council that the work has been booked in (ie an accepted quote). Where the two year deadline has not yet been reached, property owners are advised to book the work in now as we understand that there are waiting lists in some instances.

We know there are limited number of registered plumbers/drainlayers available to do the required work, which can mean a wait for those wanting to get the work done. So we've put together a list of registered drainlaying companies/people that we are aware of to help property owners obtain quotes and get the work booked in.

Property owners are responsible for the costs of these works and will need to apply for a building consent. Costs can vary depending on how far your house or building is from your boundary, the extent of works required and how much you are able to do yourself, so please talk to your registered drainlayer.

If you have any queries, please call us on 03 769 8600 or visit our website, [www.greymouth.govt.nz](http://www.greymouth.govt.nz).

## List of known registered plumbers/drainlayers

NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
LW Briggs (Ginger)	03 762 6622	
Brunner Builders	021 432 515	russell.robinson@xtra.co.nz
Colin Alexander Plumbing	027 738 0013	alexanderplumbing@xtra.co.nz
Emery's Plumbing & Gas Fitting	03 762 6803	emeryspg@outlook.co.nz
Jeff Evans	03 756 8111	jobs@jeff-evans.co.nz
Paul Smith Earthmoving	03 768 0700 or 027 406 0494	stacey@pse.co.nz
Stantons Plumbing Service	03 768 5163	stantonsplumbing@gmail.com
Tennent Plumbing	022 355 7116	tennentplumbing@gmail.com
Tomasi Plumbing & Drainlaying	027 606 4904	tomasiplumbing@xtra.co.nz
Topp Services	03 768 6912	toppservice@hubnet.co.nz
Tru-Line Civil	03 768 6862	jamie@trulinecivil.com
Westroads	027 576 8079	haydent@westroads.co.nz



## How much water do you have in your emergency kit?

Household water supplies, including drinking water, could be affected in a severe water break, water restrictions or an emergency event, so having a supply of stored water is absolutely essential.



You need a **minimum of three litres of drinking water per person per day for at least three days**, as well as water for washing and cooking. There are several ways to store water, including washing and refilling empty plastic drinking bottles, filling large storage containers and some people even choose to install rain water tanks to catch the run-off from their roof.

To find out more about safe water storage, please visit our website, [www.greymouth.govt.nz/civildefence](http://www.greymouth.govt.nz/civildefence).

Our **draft Annual Plan** will be out for public consultation around March/April. This plan is for the 12 months from 1 July and sets out proposed projects, levels of service, rates, fees and charges.

This is your chance to have your say, before the final plan is adopted in June. We want our community to take this opportunity to read the draft plan and submit their feedback. Watch our website for details.

# HAVE YOUR SAY!

## WAITANGI DAY COMMUNITY PICNIC WEDNESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2019

Head on down to Dixon Park from 11am on Wednesday 6 February 2019 for the Waitangi Day community picnic.

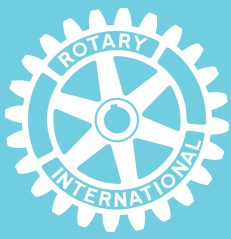
Come along to this fabulous family day made possible by the generosity of many sponsors and organisers. A bbq lunch, including a hangi, will be available for a gold coin donation. Everyone is welcome!

Starting at 11am, there will be:

- Music and lots of other entertainment throughout the day
- Lots of fun activities for the kids, including a bouncy castle, face painting, kids parachute, rock painting and a lolly scramble
- A bbq and hangi for lunch, as well as tea, coffee and ice creams

 Grey District Waitangi Day Picnic Community Celebrations

*Heart of the West Coast*



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FOR FURTHER INFO PLEASE EMAIL CHRISTINE ON CRISTU219@GMAIL.COM*

# ART

*in the*

# PARK

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Entry fee \$2 Under 12yrs Free



**Greymouth  
High School**

10am - 4pm

## SAT 2ND & SUN 3RD MARCH 2019