

Council News

AUGUST 2022

Port Slipway Progress

The preliminary design of the slipway cover, cradle and winch equipment is complete, and the plans are almost ready for building consent.

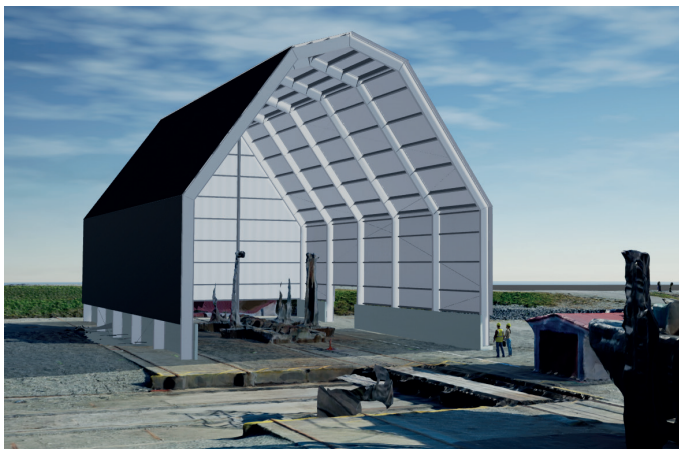
Despite a slow start, while investigations into the geotechnical conditions and a practical and affordable design option was developed, the slipway project is expected to be under construction soon and is on track for completion around the end of this year.

Project Manager David Cross from Proform Group was engaged earlier this year and has managed the design process by involving the projects designers and contractors working together in a series of workshops as a practical way of ensuring that the final design is cost effective and efficient to build.

The start date for construction will be confirmed once the final tender prices are received and approved by the Tenders Subcommittee.

The construction incorporates a considerable amount of pre-fabricated componentry which will reduce construction time on site.

The slipway project has had significant interest from the fishing fleet, offering an all-weather facility that will help minimise time out of the water for maintenance activity at the port.



Preliminary design drawings for the Port slipway.

**VOTE
2022**

LOCAL ELECTIONS

**PŌTI
2022**

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2022 Local Elections

Do you know someone who should stand in the upcoming local body elections?

If so, shoulder tap them now and get them to head to our website where they can find information for candidates thinking about standing for Council.

The elections will take place by postal vote on Saturday 8 October 2022.

Key dates are as follows:

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| 15 July 2022 | Nominations open for candidates. |
| 12 August 2022 | Nominations close at 12 noon. |
| 12 September 2022 | Electoral roll closes - anyone who is entitled to vote but not registered by this date or who's details are incorrectly recorded will have to cast a 'special vote'.
Candidates' names will be published as they become available. |
| 16 September 2022 | Voting documents are delivered to households. |
| 8 October 2022 | Voting closes at 12 noon.
Preliminary results will be available as soon as all of the ordinary votes have been counted. |
| 13-23 October 2022 (approx) | Official results declared (after all ordinary and special votes have been counted). |

Visit: www.greycdc.govt.nz/elections to find out more.

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Grey District Annual Plan

On 29 June 2022 Council adopted the Grey District Annual Plan for 2022/23

The purpose of an Annual Plan is to map out Council's services and projects for the next 12 months; in this instance, the year starting 1 July 2022. This Plan is based on year two of the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan (LTP).

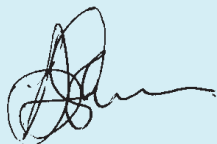
Whilst we have used year 2 of the LTP there is considerable uncertainty as to what Grey District may look like in the future. The Water Services Entities Bill was introduced to Parliament on 9 June which will determine the future ownership of Council's Three Waters assets. A review is being undertaken by the Future of Local Government group. That will ultimately recommend to Government the form and the services provided by Local Government and finally the reform of Resource Management which potentially will have the biggest impact on Council.

It is a time of uncertainty that we need to navigate through.

Part of the Annual Plan process involves deciding what services will be provided, what projects will be undertaken and how all of this will be paid for, i.e. the mix of rates, user fees and subsidies (where applicable). The Annual Plan for the coming year does not contain any material or significant differences from the LTP and we will be continuing with the projects, services provided and funding as specified in the LTP.

We're confident that this Plan will continue to support and strengthen our District and our community and Council looks forward to sharing the journey with its people.

We will keep future-proofing our services and facilities and investing in the Grey District to make it a progressive, sustainable area where people want to live, work, play and invest in.



Tania Gibson
Mayor



Paul Morris
Chief Executive Officer

2022/23 Annual Plan Projects

Land Transport

- Barrier projects around Nelson Creek Road, Arnold Valley Road, Atarau Road and Taylorville Road
- Roading improvements at Lake Brunner and the Mackay Street roundabout
- Shantytown cycle trail (subject to funding)
- Continuing renewal programme

Stormwater

As well as renewals, Council will be continuing with the planned programme for 2022/2023, including the following projects:

- UV replacement Greymouth

Water Supply

- Completing new Greymouth water reservoirs (Government funding has been received for part of this project)
- Continuing our focus on eliminating water loss through enhanced leak detection
- Continuing with our programmed renewals

Solid Waste (refuse and recycling)

- Extension of kerbside recycling

Environmental Services

Council will continue work on the sewer/stormwater separation compliance project to get applicable property owners to connect to new wastewater treatment plants to meet conditions of our Resource Consent as well as minimise the impact on the environment.

Property and Housing

Budgets include Council property upgrades, including repairs to main office foyer and security and safety upgrades at Council workplaces to ensure safety of staff.

Reporting an issue with Council property, infrastructure or have a general request that needs our attention?



We are working hard to make Grey District a great place for the people who live, work and visit the district. When you find something that needs Council's attention it is important to us that it is dealt with quickly and efficiently.

If you come across something you would like to report, please contact our customer services team by calling **03 769 8600** or by email at **info@greydc.govt.nz**.

You can also visit our website to find a list of contacts for specific issues here: **<https://www.greydc.govt.nz/04your-council/council-contacts>**

When we hear from members of our community who contact us through these channels the request is logged and tracked until it is dealt with by staff or Council's contractors. This way it is much easier for us to keep an eye on progress and usually the fastest way to get things done.

Logging requests helps us identify trends too so we can pay more attention to issues that might crop up on more than one occasion and trouble spots around the district.

So next time you need to contact us please get in touch through our well-established channels and remember that if it is an emergency, don't hesitate and please contact emergency services by dialling 111.

We're continuing to improve the way we provide our services to the community so watch for ongoing improvements in the future and we also welcome your feedback.

Te Tai o Poutini Proposed Plan Open for Submissions

Te Tai o Poutini Plan (TTPP) is the combined District Plan for the Buller, Grey and Westland District Councils. It will replace the current individual district plans. TTPP sets out the objectives, policies, rules and methods to manage land use activities and subdivision across the districts. TTPP also has online maps showing zoning, and where rules apply.

What's in TTPP?

TTPP covers issues relating to:

- Ensuring sufficient land zoned for our needs – including residential, commercial and industrial
- Subdivision, including servicing and financial contributions
- Mining and quarrying
- The effects of land use including noise and light
- Natural hazards
- Cultural and Historic Heritage
- Indigenous biodiversity

We want to hear from you!

We want to hear from you on the Proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan. What do you support and what would you like changed? And why? It is just as important to understand what you like in the Proposed Plan as what you don't. Understanding everyone's perspectives is essential for developing a balanced plan.

Public meetings will be held at a number of venues on the West Coast between July and September. Check out the meeting schedule at www.ttpp.nz.

Submissions must be made by 5.00pm, Friday 30th September, 2022.

How to make a submission



Complete the online submission form: ttpp.westcoast.govt.nz



Or post a submission form to:
TTPP Submissions, PO Box 66, Greymouth 7840

Submission forms are available at www.ttpp.nz or in hard copy at any of the 19 venues across the West Coast where the Proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan is on display (see below for locations).

Printed copies of the Proposed Plan, maps and submission forms can be accessed at the following locations:

Karamea Information Centre - 106 Bridge St | **Ngakawau** Ngakawau Community Resource Centre - 30a Main Rd | **Westport** Buller District Council - 6/8 Brougham St and Westport Library - 87-89 Palmerston St
Reefton Reefton Service Centre - 66 Broadway | **Punakaiki** Paparoa National Park Visitor Centre - 4294 Coast Rd | **Greymouth** Grey District Council - 105 Tainui St, Grey District Library - 18 Albert St and West Coast Regional Council - 388 Main South Rd Paroa | **Moana** Hotel Lake Brunner - 34 Ahau St | **Arahura** Arahura Marae - 1 Old Christchurch Rd | **Hokitika** Westland District Council - 36 Weld St, Westland District Library - 20 Sewell St and Makaawhio Runanga Office - 56 Brittan St | **Ross** Ross Hall - 1 Moorhouse St
Okarito Donovan's Store | **Franz Josef** Community Centre - 6 Main Rd | **Fox Glacier** Community Centre - 51 Cook Flat Rd | **Haast** DOC Visitor Centre - State Highway 6 Okuru



Have your say!

Te Tai o Poutini
Proposed Plan

Want to know more?
ttpp.westcoast.govt.nz
0508 800 118



Te Tai o Poutini
PLAN
A combined district plan for the West Coast

Your Rates

By now you should have received your first rates bill for the 2022/2023 rating year. Your rates are made up of **General Rates** (to fund activities such as roading, refuse disposal sites, stormwater, parks, community services, district planning, flood protection and much more) and **Targeted Rates** (to pay for services such as refuse/recycling collection, water and sewer, or to fund specific activities, ie economic development).

Your rateable land value, the area of the district you live in and what the property is used for helps determine how much rates you pay towards Council services and activities. Rating evaluations are completed every three years by Quotable Valuations (QV), with the last review completed earlier this year. We acknowledge that some ratepayers will find their rates have increased quite dramatically partly because of the new independent Quotable Valuations property revaluations whilst some have not. Some of these rate increases are higher than the average, but it does reflect the regional property values which see values on the coast trending upwards.

Anyone who is having trouble paying their rates is very welcome to reach out to Council. We can discuss payment options to make things more manageable and other assistance that may be available. We want to help everyone to stay on top of their rates.

Paying Rates

There are many easy ways to pay your rates, including:

- ▶ in person, cash, EFTPOS, Visa, or Mastercard.

Other methods: direct debit, telebanking, internet banking, automatic payment or by credit card over the internet.

Rates Rebates

The Rates Rebate Scheme provides for a rebate on rates of up to \$700 to low-income homeowners.

Applications for the current rating year (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023) can be made from 1 August.

Those homeowners who have received a rebate in the 2021-2022 year will automatically be sent a form otherwise head on into Council offices to collect an application form.

Email Rates Invoices

You can sign up to receive your rates or debtor invoices via email or to pay your rates by direct debit. Please visit our website for details.

If you have any questions about your rates, you can visit our website, www.greycdc.govt.nz/rates or call 03 769 8605 to speak with our friendly rates staff.

Stay up to date with Council

You can stay up to date with all Council news on our website or Facebook page, we update these regularly with interesting articles and stories, basically anything we want to share with the community. It's a great way to keep connected!

On our website, it's possible to find out what projects the Council is working on, by viewing documents such as the Long-Term Plan and the Annual Plan. We have lots of goals and collaborate with organisations and industries across the district to bring positive outcomes and a strong, obtainable, and prosperous vision of the future.

If you've got a question or some feedback for us, please feel free to use the easy online contact form on our website. We want to hear how we can better engage and communicate with you so please let us know- we're here to help.

If you would like to speak with somebody about anything, please contact our friendly customer service team on **03 768 8600**. They are the best channel for all enquiries, they will answer your query or find the right person to help you.



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GREY DISTRICT LIBRARY NEWS

Digital Skills for Life

The Library are once again offering Stepping Up Digital Skills for Life classes. Classes are extremely popular and best of all, they're free and open to people of all ages. They aim to support New Zealanders to build their computer, smartphone and digital skills in small easy steps. Come along to build your knowledge in a warm, friendly and supportive environment.

Here is the schedule for Term 3:

Date	Class
Thursday 11 August	Trade Me
Thursday 18 August	Computer basics
Thursday 25 August	Smartphones
Thursday 1 September	Internet safety and security
Thursday 8 September	Setting up a Gmail account
Thursday 15 September	Smartphones

All classes are from 2pm to 4pm and will be held in the West Coast Room at Grey District Library. Classes are open to all ages and registration 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 attend.

We look forward to helping you take your digital skills to the next level!

Device Advice @ the Library

On Tuesdays, between 10am and 11am we can provide assistance with a wide range of digital devices: phones, laptops, digital cameras, ebook devices, etc. Bookings are not necessary so do drop in if you need some advice on your device.



WESTLAND RECREATION CENTRE

Annual 15% Membership Discount

Purchase any **Pay Upfront Membership** in August and receive a **15% discount!**

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