

# Council News

## FEBRUARY 2024

## Mayor's Comment

I hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year and took some time out for the holiday season. Now that we're back into it, there are busy times ahead. Council is working on its Long-Term Plan (LTP) which is always a massive task. This time around will be one of the hardest we have faced.

The Government's 100-day plan will see the repeal of significant legislation such as Three Waters. We await clarity around how this will impact our LTP and details of the Government's intentions for any proposed replacement. Along with repeals of the new Resource Management legislation, National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity and Speed Limits, there are a few examples of the changes this Government is winding back. We do, however, wholeheartedly support these changes and appreciate the speed at which they are being made.

We're hopeful that comments made by Government about the National Policy

Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity will mean landowners will not be threatened with more restrictions on their private land. There's also positive talk about mining and stewardship land, indicating potential for opportunities on the West Coast to now get the go ahead, creating more economic opportunities and higher paying employment across the region. The country needs our rare earth minerals for new green technologies and on the West Coast we promote ethical mining done well.

West Coast Mayors, Chairs and Iwi has produced a briefing to the incoming Government. This includes proposals



and opportunities that are merely policy adjustments for the Government. These adjustments will cost little and, in many instances, if they free up potential mining opportunities, will generate significant royalties. This could benefit our region and contribute towards the Government improving its fiscal position.

The Group has not asked for handouts. It is seeking permission to 'let us do it for ourselves'. Even the Waitaha will not cost ratepayers or taxpayers a cent but will build economic resilience on the Coast.

There are common themes shared with the rest of the country in areas such as roading, regional resilience, housing and in parts of the Three Waters. Each district has different levels of assistance needed but we are working together as a region to show unity and one voice, and we've aligned our proposal on the most important issues we face.


Tania Gibson  
Grey District Mayor

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# Community funding

The Grey District Council administers the following funding schemes that are available at various times throughout the year to groups in our community: **Contestable Grant Fund, Creative Communities New Zealand Scheme and Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund.**

Please refer to our website to view the details and the remaining application openings for all funding opportunities.

## Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund

Applications for round two 2023/2024 will open on Monday 1st April 2024 and closes Tuesday 30th April 2024. (round one 2024/2025 will open on Monday 2nd October 2024). Full details can be found on our website or at Council Office.

The fund helps to lower travel barriers for rural sport clubs and school teams where players aged between 5 and 19 years require subsidies to assist with transport expenses to local sporting competitions.

Sport NZ's Rural Travel Fund (RTF) supports young people to take part in regular sporting activities through clubs and schools. School club teams and sport club teams are defined as:

- A school club team participating in regular local sport competition in weekends, that excludes interschool and intraschool competitions played during school time.
- A sports club team participating in organised, regular sport competition through club membership outside of school time.

Recent recipients were:

Cobden Kohinoor Rugby League, Greymouth Junior Athletics Club, West Coast Cricket and Greymouth Marist Rugby Club.



## Creative Communities New Zealand Scheme

Funding Round Two of The 2023 -2024 Creative Communities Fund will open Monday 1st April 2024 and close Tuesday 30th April 2024. Full details can be found on our website or at Council Office.

The scheme supports and encourages communities throughout New Zealand to create and present diverse opportunities for accessing and participating in local arts activities. 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.

Recent recipients have been: Pou Mahi a Iwi Cultural Work Centre Trust, Te Puawai Co-operative Society Ltd, The West Coast Society of Arts Collections & Connections, SuperBrain ProductionNZ Ltd, Greymouth Operatic Society, Heather Milne, Penny Kirk and Whare Manaaki o te tai Poutini, Raranga Wāananga.



## One Off Festival Funding

In 2023/24 we also have a one-off funding amount from Creative NZ to support established festivals that celebrate life experiences, stories, cultures, and regional identities of New Zealanders, which continue to be impacted by the effects of COVID-19.

Note: Applicants can apply for **EITHER** a Creative Communities Scheme **OR** a Festival Fund grant for your festival. Please check the criteria on our website to see what applies for your situation.

## Stay up to date with Council

Have you found us on our website or on Facebook yet? We update both of these regularly with interesting articles and stories, details about projects and plans, and lots of information about what we're doing – and how it might affect you. It's a great way to keep connected!

On our website you can find details of the many projects Council is working on, pay your rates, find a great book, book a service or report an issue. You might even like to check out our situations vacant and become one of our amazing team!

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

If you would like to speak with somebody, you are always welcome to contact our friendly customer service team on 03 769 8600. They will happily answer your query or find the right person to help you.



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**MTFJ**

MAYORS TASKFORCE FOR JOBS

## What is Mayors Taskforce for Jobs?

The Mayors Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ) is a community employment programme that supports NEETS (young people aged 16-24 not in education, training or employment), people living with a disability or people who are disadvantaged in the workforce.

The programme has funding available to support jobseekers to become work ready, providing support to secure sustainable employment within the Grey District.

Our team works with jobseekers to create a specific plan to support their goals and aspirations for their future. Each jobseeker's situation is unique, so our team uses a tailored approach to suit each jobseeker's situation.

### What can Mayors Taskforce for Jobs offer?

Some examples where Mayors Taskforce for Jobs can support a jobseeker into employment:

- CV preparation
- Purchasing tools or equipment
- Purchasing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Covering the cost of training and courses
- Offering travel and accommodation assistance
- Covering the cost of driver licensing
- Offering pastoral care support
- Offering a Wage Subsidy to the employer



MTFJ team – Serena Moles (left), Carrie Vaughan (right)

### How to make contact with Mayors Taskforce for Jobs?

If you or someone you know wants to know more about Mayors Taskforce for Jobs, please reach out to MTFJ coordinator Serena Moles to have a chat about whether you may be eligible for funding.

Serena Moles

027 700 7376 | serena.moles@greydc.govt.nz | Facebook.com/MTFJGreyDistrict

## You can now use Snap Send Solve to report issues directly to Grey District Council!

The Snap Send Solve app helps you to report things like dumped rubbish, footpath problems, water leaks and other issues in seconds.

There are just four simple steps:

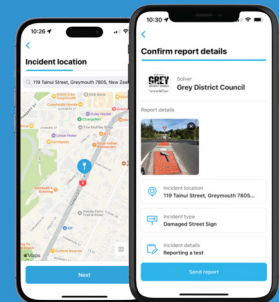
1. Take a picture of the issue (*this is optional*)
2. Confirm the location of the issue
3. Select the type of issue (*Snap, Send, Solve uses the location and type of issue to send the report to the correct authority*).
4. Fill out the details on the form and press "submit".

That's it. We'll get onto the issue and let you know what we've done.

Download the app for free from the App Store or Google Play and get snapping!

You can still report issues by calling us or filling out the service request form on our website.

Report local issues in a Snap!



## Let us know what you think

**Have Your Say Grey!**

Have Your Say Grey is a great way for you to tell us what you think. You'll find details about our latest projects, you can give us feedback on the things that matter to you, or you can sign up to be among the first to hear about future plans and projects.

SCAN TO VISIT THE SITE



Check it out today! Visit [www.haveyoursay.greydc.govt.nz](http://www.haveyoursay.greydc.govt.nz)

## GREY DISTRICT LIBRARY BOOK-A-LIBRARIAN



New phone? Need to scan? Post those holiday photos from Acapulco on Facebook?

**The Library is here to help!**

Free one-on-one sessions to assist with:

- Smartphones and devices
- Internet
- Social media
- Emails and scanning
- eBooks and eAudiobooks
- Computer basics
- Government websites and forms
- And much more!

Ask at the front desk or call 03 768 5597 to make an appointment



# UPCOMING EVENTS



**MĀWHERA GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL EVENTS**

## Easter MARKET

MARCH 23 | 11:00AM - 3:00PM

TOWN SQUARE, GREYMOOUTH

- FRESH FLOWERS AND INDOOR/OUTDOOR PLANTS
- FACE PAINTING AND GIFT OPTIONS TO PURCHASE
- GREAT ENTERTAINING
- SOFT DRINKS, FOOD AND ETHNIC FOOD

Free entry



## Waitangi Day CELEBRATIONS 2024

**TUESDAY 6TH FEB** **DIXON PARK** **11AM - 3PM**

KIDS ACTIVITIES - TRADITIONAL HANGI - FREE BBQ LUNCH - FREE HOT AND COLD DRINKS - FREE ICECREAM - MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

IF THE WEATHER IS NOT CO-OPERATING ON THE DAY THERE WILL BE A CHANGE OF VENUE AND IT WILL BE HELD AT THE CIVIC CENTRE

# ART in the PARK

ART · MUSIC · OBJECTS · FOOD

**GREYMOOUTH HIGH SCHOOL**  
Shakespeare Street entry

ENTRY FEE \$2 UNDER 12 FREE  
Sat 27th April 10am - 4pm & Sun 28th April 10am to 3pm

**SAT 27 & SUN 28 APRIL 2024**

[artinthepark.nz](http://artinthepark.nz)  
[artintheparkgreymouth](https://www.facebook.com/artintheparkgreymouth)

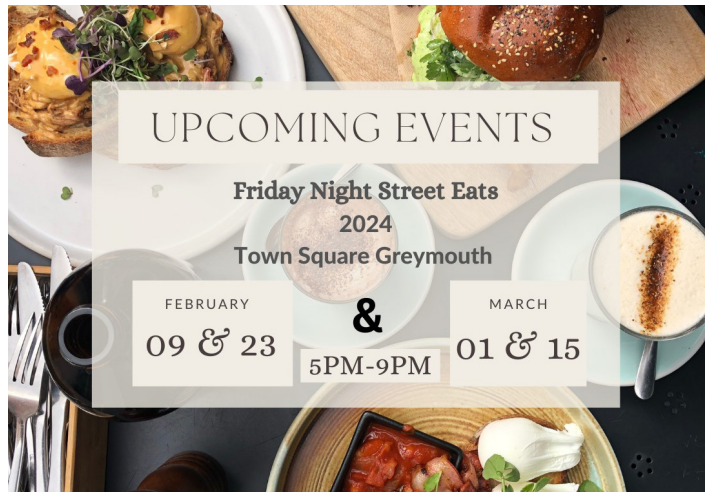
Left Bank Art Gallery children's art activities



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday Night Street Eats 2024  
Town Square Greymouth

FEBRUARY 09 & 23 & MARCH 01 & 15  
5PM-9PM




**MĀWHERA GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL** **sport canterbury WEST COAST**

## Candy Land

24th February 2024  
12-4pm  
Town Square, Greymotuh