

Council News

MAY 2023

Mayors Comment

It has been a fabulous summer full of vibrancy and events in our district. More, I believe, than ever before. Not a week goes by where there has not been something going on or the opportunity to enjoy our beautiful region and what it has to offer.

Grey District Council has sponsored and helped to facilitate many events. Including Agfest, The Hits Christmas Carnival, Greymouth Business Promotions New Years Party, Kathmandu Coast to Coast, West Coast Brick Show, Art in the Park and the Greymouth Street Sprints. We have also hosted our own events, including Santa Photos, Friday Night Street Eats, Easter Bunny Street Eats, Fun Fest Triathlon and the Christchurch City Pipe Band. I would like to congratulate our events team for their facilitation and organising of these events. As well as their communication efforts to promote the wide variety of events and activities throughout the community.

These are only a few examples along with the many other events our community groups have worked on, such as the Ahaura Hunting and Fishing competition, Moonlight

Biathlon, and the Blackball Summer Fair. A big thank you to everyone who gets involved as volunteers in their communities to make these events happen. The district has been humming and there is much more in the calendar for this year.

We have welcomed many visitors to our region with the return of tourism and the feedback has been encouraging. It is great that many have taken the time and effort to write to us and express how much they've enjoyed their time on the West Coast.

We are pleased to announce the opening of our new Slipway Shed this month. This is a big project that could not have happened without PGF funding support. Thank you to the local companies Gray Brothers Engineering, Equip Engineering, Dispatch and Garlick, Liddell Contracting, Higgs Design and Tony Wilkins Builder Ltd who, along with our Port team, worked on this \$3 million project. The building is positioned in a harsh climate, which needed to be taken into consideration for this build. We have amazing skill in our local construction and engineering sector that have delivered this project to a high quality.



The slipway is an asset to our Port that will service the Greymouth fishing fleets and attract business from further afield to support industry around the port area. It's certainly a new addition to the landscape.

There are still many projects and business as usual that is keeping us busy in the district. We are starting to work on our Long Term Plan and are still keeping up with proposed government reforms.

If you wish to contact me or any of our Councillors, please get in touch. My email is mayor@greydc.govt.nz. Our councillors and more contact details are available on our website, or you can call the Grey District Council office.

Tania Gibson
Grey District Mayor

Have
your
say

Consultation on the Draft Annual Plan open now

We want to know what you think of our Draft Annual Plan 2023/2024 and the changes we are proposing to green waste fees.

Visit www.greydc.govt.nz/annualplan to read the Draft Annual Plan, consultation document and to make a submission. Printed copies of the consultation document and submission form are available at the Grey District Library and Westland Recreation Centre.

Scan to go to the Draft Annual Plan 2023/2024 Document



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UPDATE

What's Been Happening Around the District

Port Development Slipway



This project has been progressing really well and the new structure rising out of the Greymouth Port is definitely an impressive sight. The portal frames are up and the cladding is being placed. The cradle is being sandblasted and painted and will be welded together in the new shed. The new slipway shed structure should be complete with cladding being added when weather conditions allow. The second rail is finished so the capacity of the slipway is restored. Grey District Council Port Manager Franco Horridge and the Port team are looking forward to welcoming their first customer into the new shed which will offer a sheltered environment for boat maintenance to be undertaken.



Reservoirs

The new reservoirs at Arnott Heights and Tasman View are complete. Commissioning of the reservoirs was delayed due to the late summer water restrictions. Both reservoirs need to be tested thoroughly before being utilized. This means filling and leak testing for seven days, emptying and cleaning, and then being connected and filled again. Once the new reservoirs are operational our team will be checking the existing reservoir to ensure it is maintained and in good order. The additional storage will stabilise our water supply and limit water restrictions in the future. Commissioning of the new reservoirs is expected to be complete by the end of May and we will give the community an update when they go live!

Bridges



Final carriageway works have been completed. Line marking is done. Just in time as Liddell Contracting advised that sealing season on West Coast typically finishes mid-April. It has taken a few extra months but Grey DC is happy with Liddell's approach to achieving the highest quality finish and minimising any maintenance in coming seasons.

Grey DC has in collaboration with Liddell Contracting delivered the safest and lowest maintenance cost options to Moonlight and Rough River Bridges. Undertaking the work during unprecedented circumstances GDC has been able to use the available funding from the Provincial Growth Fund to maximise the practical benefits to all users and council for years to come rather than constrain the contractor to shorter timeframes and lesser quality outcomes.



CBD Entranceways

The new entranceway signs are looking great. The corten steel signs and internally lit lettering, with location-specific landscape features are a work of art. Designed by local, Jase Blair of Katabatic Creative, and fabricated by Mike Ellis of Tommasi Sheetmetal they make a uniquely identifiable landmark in our town. The signs are funded through the Provincial Growth Fund with additional funding from Development West Coast has enabled this project to be realised and forms part of the wider CBD report. Final planting has taken place and some small interpretation signs will be placed to describe the development of these unique art works.

Congratulating one of the projects which Grey District Council awarded funding from the Three Waters Reform Better Off Grant Funding Tranche 1 Programme.

The Lake Brunner Scenic Trail Committee (LBST) is made up of a willing band of members from the Moana, Greymouth and Christchurch locations.

To date 6.5km of the trail (total 12km) has been accomplished starting from the Moana Community Centre to now well past Duck Creek working our way along Irishman's Bay. We are into the 1B stage of construction which will bring us to Irishman's Landing picnic area sometime in April.

The LBST Trust is working hard on construction planning for 2023.

We are thrilled to see the high number of visitors and locals walking and biking the available trail, and you are all welcome to walk and ride this spectacular area, become familiar with our trail progress, and share your pics with family and friends.



Follow the Lake Brunner Scenic Trail Instagram for trail construction progress and updates:
[instagram.com/lakebrunnerscenictrail](https://www.instagram.com/lakebrunnerscenictrail)

Greymouth/Mawhera Business and Promotions Assn News

The Greymouth/Mawhera Business and Promotions Assn (GBPA) were delighted to see the end result of their latest project with the completion of this fantastically bright and colourful mural by Fi Ginivan on the Westland Accountancy building in our CBD.

The GBPA, together with GDC, commissioned Fi to create the artwork with funding from Development West Coast for beautification of our central business district. I'm sure everyone agrees it adds an awesome pop of colour and vibrancy to our town!

The mural is created with 255 triangles and 60 different colours and represents our untamed natural wilderness with an ocean wave and nikau palms. It was the first large scale mural for Fi and took over 133 hours to complete. Well done Fi!

We hope to do more like this to brighten our town. If you own a CBD building with a highly visible wall and would like to see a fabulous artwork like this on it – talk to us at greybpa@gmail.com.

If you're a business owner in the Grey District your BPA membership goes a long way to help complete these projects for our town so please consider joining up and supporting our work. It is only \$150 + GST per year. Email us if you'd like to join.

New Year's Eve 2022 again saw a fabulous street party in our town square culminating in the spectacular fireworks display over the river on the stroke of midnight. This event is brought to you by the combined efforts of the GBPA and Superbrain Productions with support from the Grey District Council and Sevenpenny. The event has grown over the 4 years since the inaugural event to be hugely popular with both local families and visitors alike enjoying the fantastic entertainment and celebrating the New Year. It was estimated well over 2000 people visited the event.

Unfortunately, the future of the fireworks display at this event is not looking so bright. Under our current funding model the GBPA will



not be in a position to light up the Greymouth sky with fireworks this New Year's Eve. The only way we'll be able to put on the fireworks spectacular again this year will be if we get the backing of a large corporate sponsor. We need a generous local business owner who wants to give back to their community by supporting this very popular free-to-attend Greymouth event. So if you and your business want to help make the fireworks happen for Greymouth NYE 2023, and promote your business at the same time, contact us today at greybpa@gmail.com

REMINDER

DOG REGISTRATION



A reminder to all Grey District residents that dog registration notices for the 23/24 year will be mailed out to dog owners by the end of June and will be due for payment by 31 July 2023.

Penalty fees: Unpaid registration fees will incur a late payment penalty from 01 August 2023.

Please note: We are unable to accept payments until 01 July 2022.

All dogs must be registered by the time they are three months of age, and this must be renewed every year thereafter.

If you have a new dog and we don't know about it please contact us to start the registration process.

If you have moved here from a different district let us know and we will do a district changeover at no extra cost.

If you have recently moved to a new house or no longer have your dog, please contact the Animal Control team to let us know so we can update our records, phone 03 769 8600 or email info@greydc.govt.nz

While you are required to register your dogs by law, your registration fee helps contribute to a range of benefits that we all get to enjoy as residents in the district. A few of these include:

- Ensuring community safety by managing roaming and aggressive dogs
- Reuniting lost dogs with owners
- Responding to complaints about dogs
- Provides an afterhours (emergency only) service
- Educating owners and promoting better care and welfare of dogs
- Administration of the Dog Control Act 1996 and Council Bylaws

To find out more information about Grey District Council animal related services please go to our website: www.greydc.govt.nz/animal-control. Or alternatively, give the Animal Control team a call on 03 769 8600.



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GREY DISTRICT LIBRARY NEWS

Digital Skills for Life Class Timetable

The Library's Stepping Up Digital Skills for Life classes are extremely popular and best of all, they're free and open to people of all ages. Here is the schedule for Term 2, 2023:

Date	Time	Class
Thursday, 4 May	10:30am – 12:30pm	Smartphones
Thursday, 11 May	2:00pm – 4:00pm	Computer Basics
Thursday, 18 May	10:30am – 12:30pm	Chromebooks
Thursday, 25 May	2:00pm – 4:00pm	Smartphones
Thursday, 1 June	1:00pm – 3:00pm	Internet Security
Thursday, 8 June	10:30am–12:30pm	Trade Me
Thursday, 15 June	2:00pm – 4:00pm	Smartphones

All classes are on a Thursday with a variety of times to suit and will be held in the West Coast Room at Grey District Library. Registration is easy – either visit or phone the Library (03 768 5597) or go to 2020.arlo.co/upcoming-courses and select 'Grey District Library'. You need to register for each class you wish to attend.

We look forward to seeing you there!