

## Let's Reset Recycling - Check out the changes here

### Introduction of a Glass Recycling Crate

Council is introducing a crate for glass recycling. The new blue crates will start to be rolled out in November 2021, with the service commencing the week of 6 December 2021. Initially, this service will only be available to residents who currently have wheelie bins. Glass crates will be rolled out to existing bag collection customers along with wheelie bins in mid 2022.

### Changes to Types of Plastics Recycled

From 6 December 2021, Council will move to recycling only plastics numbered 1, 2 and 5. The change in plastic collection is being made to align with New Zealand's commitment to move away from using hard-to-recycle, low value plastics. Plastics with numbers 3,4,6 and 7 will need to be put in your red wheelie bin from 6 December 2021.

### Hook Bins

Council is also excited to announce the new Hook Bins which have been installed at Preston Road in Greymouth, these will be open to the public in December 2021. These bins are for residents and visitors to our district to easily recycle glass bottles, cardboard, paper, cans and plastics. Council will be installing more Hook Bins in another location in the future.

### Refuse and Recycling Collection

In the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan, Council made changes to the levels of service for the refuse and recycling collection for the district. The changes will mean all users will be moved to a kerbside refuse and recycling collection (including Moana, Ruru and Te Kinga). All properties using bag tags will be moved to a yellow bin (recycling), a red bin (rubbish) and a blue crate (glass) commencing July 2022.

Keep an eye on [www.greycdc.govt.nz/recycling](http://www.greycdc.govt.nz/recycling) for updates and more information.



## Mayor's comment



There has been a lot going on with proposed Government legislation changes and our staff and Council have invested a lot of time working through information and documents to make sure we have the best outcomes for our district and

its ratepayers. It has been a very long journey to get where we are now and make the decision, based on the information we have to hand, to opt out of the Government's Three Water Reform proposals. Your feedback on this issue helped make that choice an easier one and I thank you for contributing and making your voices heard. The three main points that we were most concerned about were:

- Loss of local voice, decision making and ability to meet local needs and aspirations.
- The evidence on which the proposal is based is flawed.
- Three Waters service delivery reform should not take place in absence of clear regulatory standards and the framework for financial regulation.

These are your assets, you paid for them and the proposed reform did not do justice to our most precious asset. We will now wait and see whether the Government's decision will be for the proposal to remain optional - a question that is continually asked and never answered.

The Town Square trial closure was raised again for discussion at the September Council meeting. It has always been a hot debate whether to close this area permanently or have it remain open to traffic. I have been in favour of closing the area but after considering the information and data from the summer weekend trial closure, it became clear to Council the area should not be closed permanently to traffic and a resolution was made that the Town Square remain open to traffic but be closed for up to 31 days throughout the year for events. A review will also be undertaken to consider improving safety when the area is open to traffic.

Although the opportunity was there for anyone to hold events or impromptu entertainment, Council was the main organiser of events and the community did not take up the opportunity. Council will continue to organise events and the Town Square will be available for others to organise these also but we believe that during winter realistically there would be very few outdoor events organised and it would be more beneficial to businesses to have traffic passing. Thank you to everyone who participated in providing

information and feedback to help make this decision. If you are interested in reading the report please refer to [www.greycdc.govt.nz](http://www.greycdc.govt.nz), select the "Your Council" page and go to the September Council Meeting agenda.

There is still a lot of work happening and more planned for the Port of Greymouth. Stage One of the PGF funded floating pontoons project is now complete with Stage Two beginning soon. At the September Council meeting a decision was made to apply for a variation of the existing slipway PGF project to redefine the scope. Council's major focus is to provide shelter over the slipway allowing vessel owners to complete boat maintenance year-round and in all weather conditions. With feedback from port users, we concluded that it would be more beneficial to upgrade the existing slipway and provide shelter for vessels. With the weather conditions that our port area endures, we are confident this is the right decision.

We are now nearing the end of 2021 and Christmas will soon be here. Planning is well underway for our annual Christmas Carnival and I hope that this year the weather will be kind and many of you can get out and enjoy the Carnival.

*Tania Gibson  
Mayor*



## Blaketown Retirement Units Re-Bricking Project

The Retirement Units in Blaketown have had a face lift and a refresh with thanks to Tony Wilkins Builders and S. A. Thelning Brick and Blocklayers. Four of the six blocks of units are being rebricked to fix weather tightness issues. The construction works started with the removal of the old brick cladding, installation of the weather tight barrier (including installation of new wall insulation), complex rebricking and porch rebuild.

This work, along with the installation of heaters with the correct heating capacities and extraction fans in kitchens and bathrooms, have brought Council's 118 retirement units up to comply with the Healthy Homes Standards which became law in New Zealand on July 2019.

## Greymouth Business and Promotions Association Update

### Ring in the New Year in the Heart of Greymouth

Greymouth is gearing up for a cracker New Year's Eve celebration in the centre of town with entertainment, food and fun for all ages.

Led by the Greymouth Business and Promotions Association (GBPA) in conjunction with Superbrain Productions, the New Year's Eve event will be a great opportunity to come into town, enjoy the first stages of the Greymouth CBD Beautification Project and bring in the New Year with friends and family.

GBPA Chair Phillip Barnett says there will be music, entertainment for kids, a bouncy castle, fireworks, food stalls and a garden bar in the Town Square for adults.

"We're incredibly grateful to some wonderful sponsors who have got behind the New Year's Eve planning to help us bring a fun and entertaining event to the community.

"With work on the CBD redevelopment really starting to take shape, the town centre is becoming a lively and attractive place to be. We can't wait to welcome everyone to town on New Year's Eve and celebrate what has been another busy year for our town."

The New Year's Eve event tops off a big year for the GBPA, with several key projects underway.

### GBPA Projects Brighten Grey CBD

With the financial support of Development West Coast, the Association began rolling out its Greymouth CBD Volunteer Army Project in spring. Calling on businesses and individuals from across the community, who are donating their time and expertise for free, the project – which is actually a series of improvement projects – is helping build a bright and vibrant CBD where our community and visitors want to come and hang out.

### The Greymouth CBD Volunteer Army Project includes:

- Planting
- West Coast Hut Historic Weigh Station Restoration
- Mural/interactive art
- Floodwall Art Panels
- Planter Boxes
- Lighting
- Signage and interpretation

The Project follows the hard work of volunteers at the end of 2020 as part of the CBD Working Bee. The general tidy-up was timed ahead of the annual street races to give the town a facelift and make it a more attractive place to visit.

In 2021, the GBPA also ran the hugely successful Mid-year Christmas Celebration, with businesses in the CBD really getting into the spirit of Christmas. There were some fantastic window displays, events, in-store specials and prizes for visitors and shoppers.

Mr Barnett says the GBPA's role is to champion the CBD, coordinating activities that contribute to the revitalisation of the town centre and help make it a place that people want to be.

"We have fantastic community support across all our events and activities; Greymouth is a special community, with people prepared to offer their time and expertise to help make great things happen."

Along with coordination of events, project funding applications, and promotional activities, the GPBA also works closely with local councils, support agencies and central government to leverage funding and opportunities to support the CBD and local businesses.

Find out more about the GBPA, including how to become a member, at [fb.com/GreyDistrictBPA](https://fb.com/GreyDistrictBPA)





# Library news

## Digital literacy class timetable

Below is the timetable of digital literacy classes offered by the Library during Term 4. The classes will proceed when we drop to Alert Level 1; unfortunately the Library is unable to offer classes during Alert Level 2 due to our small building and our inability to support physical distancing during classes.

**GREY** DISTRICT  
**LIBRARY**

| DATE                 | TIME        | TOPIC                               |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| Thursday 28 October  | 2 - 4pm     | Intro to Spreadsheets               |
| Thursday 4 November  | 2 - 4pm     | Email 1 -Setting up a Gmail account |
| Saturday 6 November  | 10am - 12pm | Google Drive                        |
| Thursday 11 November | 2 - 4pm     | Smartphones                         |
| Thursday 18 November | 2 - 4pm     | Google and the internet             |
| Saturday 20 November | 10am - 12pm | Smartphones                         |
| Thursday 25 November | 2 - 4pm     | Smartphones                         |
| Thursday 2 December  | 2 - 4pm     | Internet safety and security        |
| Saturday 4 December  | 10am - 12pm | Facebook                            |
| Thursday 9 December  | 2 - 4pm     | Facebook                            |



All classes are held in the West Coast Room at the Grey District Library. 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 will need to register for each class you wish to take. For further information about the Stepping UP programme, please visit <http://steppingup.nz>.

## Stay up to date with Council news

You can stay up to date with all Council news on our website or Facebook page, which are updated regularly.

You can also find details of issues Council is currently consulting on and how you can have your say.

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're here to help.



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## Westland Anniversary Day

This year, Westland Anniversary public holiday will be observed on  
**Monday 29 November 2021.**

## Spring Creek Pool

Spring Creek Swimming Pool in Runanga will be opening to the public in December 2021. Keep an eye on our website or Facebook page for opening days and times.

## Stage one of the Port upgrade complete

Council is pleased to announce that stage one of the Pontoon Project at the Port of Greymouth is now complete. The floating pontoons, which were funded by the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF Fund), were installed to provide more berthage and an increase in safety levels for vessel access during various tides, as well as provide a modern look and feel to the area.

The floating pontoons have been specially designed to withstand flood levels above and beyond the current height of the nearby floodwall. Planning can now begin for stage two of the project, which is the refurbishment of the Blaketown side of the harbour.

Port Team Leader Franco Horridge said, "The feedback from Port users has been positive; they are very happy with the new facility"



## MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

Did you know the Westland Recreation Centre has some great new membership options available for their members? Check these out below.

Please note: You must be aged 16 years or older to join the gym or attend the group fitness classes.

| MEMBERSHIP       |  |                                    | ADULT      | STUDENTS/<br>SENIORS/CCH | CHILD    |
|------------------|--|------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|----------|
| POOLS            | Pay Upfront  | 1 month                            | \$57.20    | \$47.70                  | \$47.70  |
|                  |  | 3 months                           | \$156.00   | \$130.00                 | \$130.00 |
|                  |  | 6 months                           | \$280.80   | \$234.00                 | \$234.00 |
|                  |  | 12 months                          | \$530.40   | \$442.00                 | \$442.00 |
|                  | Pay as You Go - Per week   | 3 month minimum membership applies | \$12.00    | \$10.00                  | \$10.00  |
| GYM              | Pay Upfront  | 1 month                            | \$64.40    | \$54.80                  |          |
|                  |  | 3 months                           | \$175.50   | \$149.50                 |          |
|                  |  | 6 months                           | \$315.90   | \$269.10                 |          |
|                  |  | 12 months                          | \$596.70   | \$508.30                 |          |
|                  | Pay as You Go - Per week   | 3 month minimum membership applies | \$13.50    | \$11.50                  |          |
| GROUP FITNESS    | Pay Upfront  | 1 month                            | \$64.40    | \$54.80                  |          |
|                  |  | 3 months                           | \$175.50   | \$149.50                 |          |
|                  |  | 6 months                           | \$315.90   | \$269.10                 |          |
|                  |  | 12 months                          | \$596.70   | \$508.30                 |          |
|                  | Pay as You Go - Per week   | 3 month minimum membership applies | \$13.50    | \$11.50                  |          |
| DOUBLE           | Pay as You Go - Per week   | 1 month                            | \$88.20    | \$78.60                  |          |
|                  |  | 3 months                           | \$240.50   | \$214.50                 |          |
|                  |  | 6 months                           | \$432.90   | \$386.10                 |          |
|                  |  | 12 months                          | \$817.70   | \$729.30                 |          |
|                  | Pay as You Go - Per week   | 3 month minimum membership applies | \$18.50    | \$16.50                  |          |
| MULTI            | Pay Upfront  | 1 month                            | \$109.60   | \$100.10                 |          |
|                  |  | 3 months                           | \$299.00   | \$273.00                 |          |
|                  |  | 6 months                           | \$538.20   | \$491.40                 |          |
|                  |  | 12 months                          | \$1,016.60 | \$928.20                 |          |
|                  | Pay as You Go - Per week   | 3 month minimum membership applies | \$23.00    | \$21.00                  |          |
| CASUAL ADMISSION |  |                                    | ADULT      | STUDENTS/<br>SENIORS/CCH | CHILD    |
| POOLS            | All pools  |                                    | \$6.00     | \$4.00                   | \$4.00   |
|                  | Aquacise class   |                                    | \$7.00     | \$5.50                   |          |
|                  | Hydroslides  | Unlimited rides during session     | \$6.00     | \$4.00                   | \$4.00   |
| FITNESS          | Multi  | Gym and group fitness class access | \$30.00    | \$25.00                  |          |
|                  | Gym only   | Access to gym                      | \$16.00    | \$13.00                  |          |
|                  | Group Fitness  | Access to class only               | \$16.00    | \$13.00                  |          |
| STADIUM          | \$2.20 per person per hour (when offered) or \$41.80 for a 20 session concession card. |                                    |            |                          |          |

### YOUR BEST FIT

#### If you're planning to ...

Visit once a week or just now and then

Attend at least twice a week & want to pay upfront

Attend at least twice a week & want to pay weekly

Attend irregularly or you're visiting the West Coast

#### Go for...

Casual admission

Pay Upfront membership

Pay as You Go membership

10 session concession card

### YOUR BEST FIT

Don't forget we also have independent Personal Trainers for you to book sessions with and plenty of Group Fitness Classes to choose from, including Les Mills classes.