

Central Ward.

Graeme Axford.

A sixth-generation West Coaster, Graeme has lived all his life in the Grey District. Despite severe dyslexia, he qualified as a social worker, focusing on community development and education. Practicing as a human rights, disability, and consumer advocate, Graeme has helped thousands of people navigate bureaucracy when dealing with diverse community challenges and issues.

Graeme received the 2012 Kiwibank Local Hero Medal, being nominated again in 2019. His letters to the *Greymouth Star* and submissions to Council and Parliament over the decades, demonstrate his ongoing commitment to local affairs.

Graeme tackles complex issues with a common-sense approach, using critical governance skills to deliver solutions acceptable to all parties involved. These are the skills he will bring to Council for you, along with his selfless dedication to helping others.

His biography *Differently Abled* is available at the Greymouth Library or look him up on *Wikipedia*.