



NEW LIBRARY & COMMUNITY HUB



The Grey District is getting a new library. Our designers have worked with our funding partners to decide how big the building will be and the basic layout. Now it's time for you to share what you think should be included in the interior and fit out.

What we have done

Grey District Council has entered into a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) joint venture partnership with Development West Coast to construct a new building that will be a new home for our library & community hub, along with retail space in Greymouth's Central Business District.

This partnership is supported by additional funding from Kānoa – Regional Economic Development & Investment Unit (MBIE) and Better Off Funding. The opportunity to secure this funding meant the library project has been brought forward and has dictated the size and shape of the building.

We've spoken to our library team, our designers have consulted with specialist library designers and now we want to hear from our community about what you want to see in the library.

Why we believe in this project

- Libraries are community spaces
- This is a chance to ensure we include things that will benefit our entire community
- We can look at more children's activities and areas
- We want to provide a space that is safe, fun and engaging
- We'd like to see an increase in younger people using the spaces and facilities
- This new facility will encourage people to be in the CBD area
- We have a chance to offer more space for community and school visits
- Our design can create space for people to use a variety of changing technology
- Our library patronage is growing and this is an opportunity to invest in the future of our district

What we want from you

We know that our library is something people are passionate about and that all users have different ways they like to interact with the space.

As a library our first priority is to offer a space that encourages people to use our services and resources, a public space that offers something for everyone.

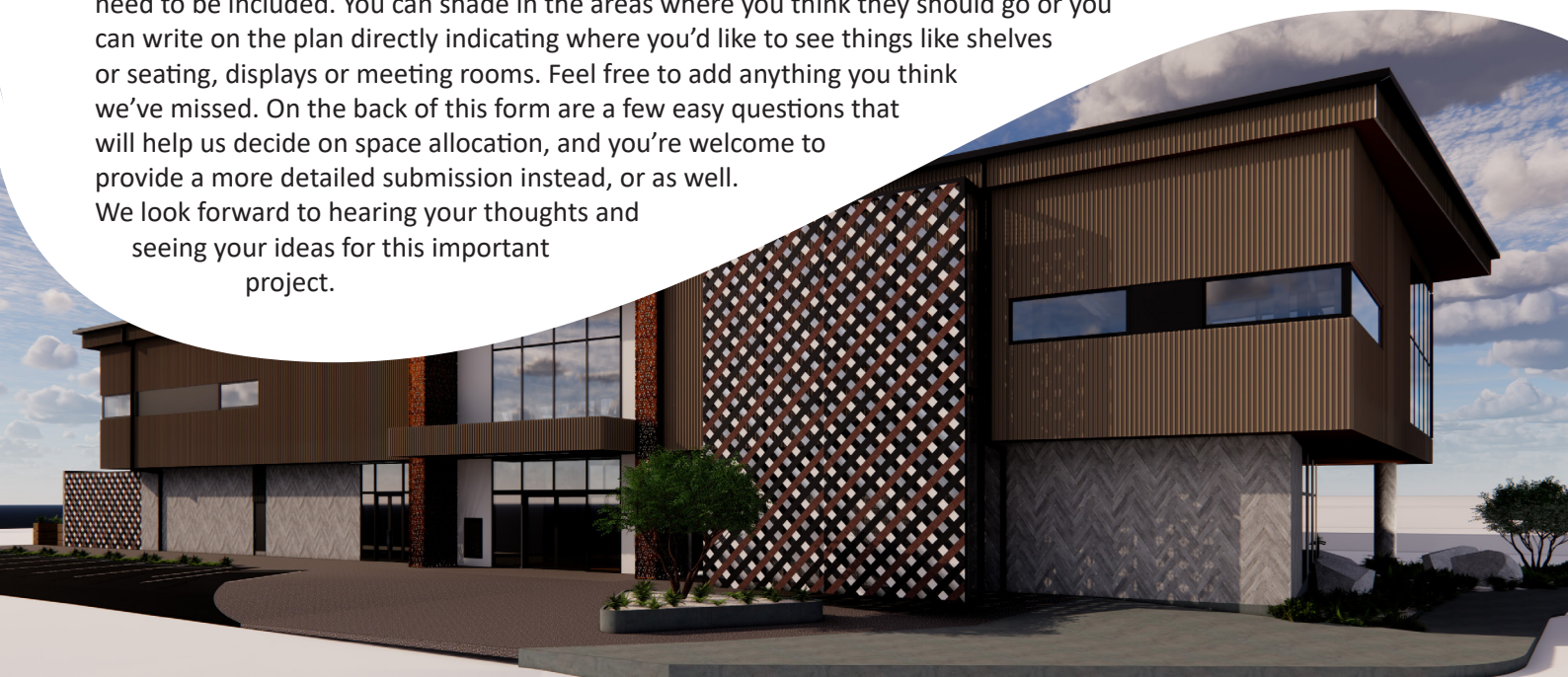
Over time how we learn and read has changed and people's needs have changed. A great library must stay current to provide for the needs of a changing and aging population in the Grey District.

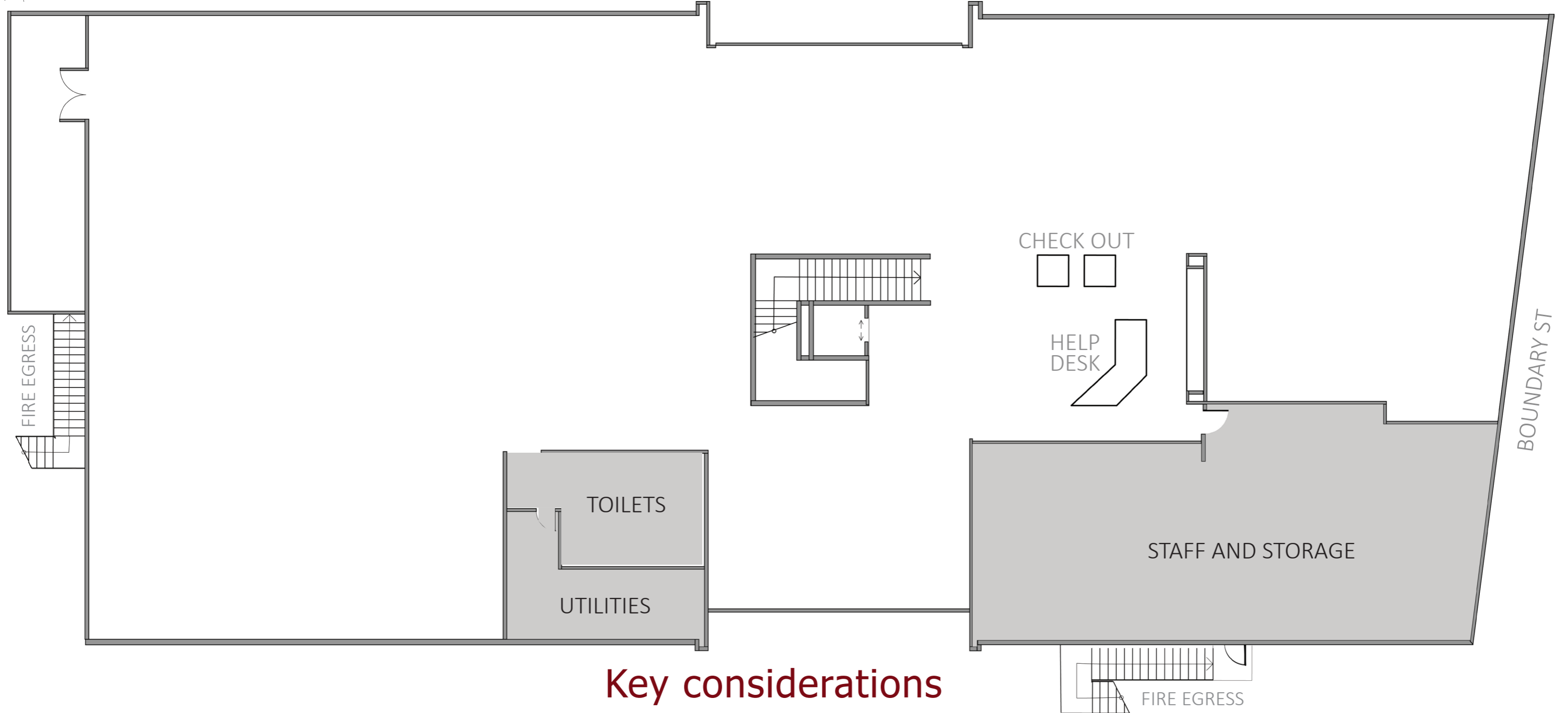
We invite you to share your ideas about what you want to see included in the library.

We have a blank canvas on which to place all the wonderful, creative and important things our library can offer its community.

In this document you'll find a blank floor plan if you'd like to have a go at planning out your perfect library. Let your imagination run wild, and show us what you'd like to see, and where. We've provided a 'key' for the things we think need to be included. You can shade in the areas where you think they should go or you can write on the plan directly indicating where you'd like to see things like shelves or seating, displays or meeting rooms. Feel free to add anything you think we've missed. On the back of this form are a few easy questions that will help us decide on space allocation, and you're welcome to provide a more detailed submission instead, or as well.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts and seeing your ideas for this important project.





Key considerations

Technology space



Technology spaces that allow people to put into practice things they have researched and can implement. For example 3D printing, podcasting and music production.

Adult fiction



Encouraging use through modernising the space and how the books are displayed. Space to sit and relax.

Meeting / teaching / performance rooms



Functional spaces for meetings, for larger groups and for larger activities. Spaces can be divided into multi-room options through use of fold-away walls.

Teen / Young Adult space



Space to read, relax, research and interact for teens. Gaming consoles and television for fostering a positive place for teens from around the district to come and spend time.

Heritage displays



Alcoves and spaces to display our heritage items and artifacts. Changeable spaces for sharing our history and local art.

Children's area



Better division of space for kids to use. A safer space for parents with younger children. Space designed for more interactive sessions. Large shared parent's room located nearby.

Study / breakout rooms



Spaces for quiet study, Zoom calls and small groups. Useful for interviews or Justice of the Peace appointments. Could be bookable or drop-in.

Reading areas



Comfortable seating and the best view in town will encourage people to slow down, enjoy the space and the facilities, and make the most of this special place.

Café



The cafe offers a new gathering space. Coffee and free Wifi will be available, encouraging people to relax and use it as a gathering space in town.



Tell us what you think

If you've sketched a floor plan, wonderful - please send it through. We're also keen to hear your thoughts on the wider project and any other ideas or feedback you have below.

Let us know your answers to the questions, and tell us what you think we need to consider when we're thinking about spaces, colours, fabrics, seating, materials – any and all ideas are most welcome!

You can also provide feedback directly to us on our Have your say Grey page. You can find this at www.haveyoursay.greymouth.govt.nz or use the QR code at the bottom of this form.

Quick questions

	Y	N
Do you think a library should be a space for the entire community?		
Would you like to see more space for reading?		
Would you like to see more space dedicated to technology?		
Do you think we should include a café in the new design?		
Do you think we need to prioritise meeting rooms and quiet study spaces?		
Would you like access to more digital resources? Any suggestions? (Please add them below)		

Other comments:

To give us feedback you can fill out this form and drop it in the box in the library or our offices at 105 Tainui Street, Greymouth or pick up a postage-paid envelope from a librarian and drop it in the post to us at PO Box 382 Greymouth 7840. Or you can scan the QR code and do it all online at Have your say Grey. This form plus an online response can be found here.

