

Combined Te Tai o Poutini Plan underway

A new Te Tai o Poutini Plan (TTPP) team has been established to write a combined District Plan covering the whole of the West Coast.

The plan will identify community values and how to achieve them by managing where and how services are delivered and how resources are used. This includes for:

- Drinking water
- Wastewater
- Stormwater
- Local roads
- Rubbish collection and management
- Libraries
- Reserves and outdoor amenities
- Town and rural environments
- Minerals and mining
- Hazardous substances
- Heritage and cultural sites
- Landscapes and habitats

The TTPP team have started by looking at ways the Plan can support vibrant and resilient towns and settlements. It is important to hear your ideas about the place where you live, so the friendly TTPP team will be travelling around the Coast in March 2020 to talk to you.

Once the itinerary is finalised, it will be posted on their new website. You can also find other information about Te Tai o Poutini Plan on the website.

www.ttpp.westcoast.govt.nz

EVENTS WANTED!

Are you interested in holding an event or activity this year? The Town Square is the perfect spot!



Our Community & Events Facilitator can support you with planning and organising your event or activity.

Some examples of activities which could take place in the Town Square include:

Busking, live music, food/coffee carts, children's activities, market stalls, fundraisers, demonstrations and much more.

Let's make use of this great space we have!

Please contact Aza at the Grey District Council if you want to know more, email aza.oneill@greydc.govt.nz.

Mayor's comment



It is an honour and a privilege to be elected Mayor of the Grey District. To everyone who voted for me and supported me, I promise I will work hard and be the voice of the issues that matter most.

I've spent countless hours over the past months out in the

community, talking to people and listening to the issues that matter to them and promise to continue doing this. I will count on the support of my Council colleagues as I build and lead a team of dedicated Councillors, committed to representing the views and aspirations of their community.

My congratulations go to all of our Councillors; those returning with experience and knowledge and those new to the table, bringing fresh ideas. My term as a Councillor has given me insight to the issues facing our District and now that I have been elected Mayor, it's time for the hard work to begin.

I have made my priorities clear and I believe it is Council's responsibility to reflect the wishes of our community. Council's first major decision has been to employ a new

CEO and I would like to introduce you to Paul Morris, who will take up the role at the end of March. Paul moved to Greymouth in June 2019 from Mackenzie District Council to take up the role of Corporate Services Manager with Council. Paul Pretorius has given strong steady leadership for the past 22 years and we wish him well in his retirement.

My focus for the next three years will be:

- I will endeavour to lead but to also work in a manner that takes all Councillors along with me. To facilitate that, I strongly promote inclusivity and look forward to working with my colleagues and giving them opportunities to have a more active role in their portfolios.
- A "back to basics" approach to Local Government, focusing on our core responsibilities, strict and prudent financial management, responsible stewardship of district assets and community involvement. I contested the election based on inclusivity, transparency and accountability and will do my utmost to lead Council based on these approaches. We have many deferred renewals that need to be addressed, including a number of bridges, footpaths and roads. The water reservoir and the future proofing of this is also a major priority.

- I have no illusions that the future holds great challenges, especially from Central Government and the significant impact proposed Crown intervention may have on the District and its people, and I will devote priority attention to making sure our voices are heard. We need to strengthen relationships with local Iwi, our neighbouring regions and stakeholders to help achieve outcomes in this and all other areas.
- I will also work on strengthening relationships with Mawhera Incorporation, as owners of 95% of the Greymouth CBD. The development of our CBD is a priority in our District's future and Mawhera has a significant role to play.
- Working with the Grey Business Promotion Association in making business in the District stronger.

This is just the beginning and I am excited to see what the future holds. We will see some changes and new development happening in the near future in our CBD and we are seeing new businesses opening making great additions to our town.

I hope you all had a great Christmas and holiday period and wish you a happy New Year.

Tania Gibson

Digital literacy classes

The Grey District Library has teamed up with the 2020 Communications Trust to deliver these very popular FREE digital literacy classes to the community. Here is the class schedule for **Term 1 of 2020**.

DATE	TOPIC
Thursday 13 February	Smartphones
Thursday 20 February	Word
Thursday 27 February	Spark Jump
Thursday 5 March	Computer basics
Thursday 12 March	Facebook
Thursday 19 March	Trade Me
Thursday 26 March	Email - Setting up a Gmail account
Thursday 2 April	Introduction to social media, including Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Google+

All classes are from 2pm to 4pm in the West Coast Room at the Grey District Library.

Library news

Do you think the library is a just place for silent reading, where you can only speak in whispers? The Grey District Library is so much more than that and is a vibrant community hub in the centre of Greymouth's CBD.

People visit the Library for a number of reasons, including catching up with friends, attending a class to learn about new digital skills or carrying out family history research. Since the closure of History House Museum, many family history resources have been relocated to the Library's West Coast Room, where members of the public can undertake their own research.

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 need to register for each class you wish to take.

For further information about the Stepping Up programme, please visit <http://steppingup.nz/>.



We offer fantastic activities for children

The Library offers an array of activities as part of the children's programme. During school holidays there is always something to do, with programmes advertised on Facebook and flyers available within the Library. Every summer holidays, the Library works in conjunction with local schools to offer a Summer Reading Challenge.

Check out these story times offered each week during term time:

- Baby Rock and Rhyme on Tuesdays at 11.30am (20 mins)
- Children's Storytime on Thursdays at 11am (30 mins)
- Young Adults book club on Thursdays at 10am (30 mins)
- Adults book club on Thursdays at 10am (30 mins)

Community funding

The Grey District Council administers the following two funding schemes that are available to groups in our community. The funding rounds for both schemes are in September and April each year.

Creative Communities Scheme

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.

Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund

School club teams and sport club teams are defined as:

- "A school club team participating in regular local sport competition in weekends, that excludes inter-school and intra-school competitions played during school time."
and/or
- "A sports club team participating in organised, regular sport competition through club membership outside of school time."

Full details can be found on our website or at Council offices when funding rounds are open.

SPRING CREEK POOL OPEN

The Spring Creek Swimming Pool is open for the summer season. The pools have been constructed to provide the very best facilities, including:

- The main pool is 25m long with a maximum depth of 1.5m.
- There is also an extra sloped learners' pool.
- Male and female changing rooms.
- Two sets of disability changing rooms.

We are open from 12.30pm to 7pm, Monday to Sunday.

Check out our website for more details.

www.greymouth.govt.nz/spring-creek-pool

CBD REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Greymouth CBD Redevelopment Forum have been hard at work working on an implementation plan for stage one actions arising from the CBD Redevelopment Plan. Feedback from the community has been taken into account, as well as looking at actions that will have a positive, visual impact of beautifying and tidying up the CBD. Stage one actions include:

- Sculpture to represent a Pohutukawa/Wild West Coast theme.
- Artwork on buildings.
- Re-wilding (planting) in the township.
- 'Greymouth' sign.
- Street flags - community design competition.

Work on these projects will start shortly. Please visit our website if you'd like to know more.

Recycling

Want a reminder of what goes into your recycling bin? Check out the sticker under the lid of your yellow bin.

What you can put into your RECYCLING bin...

Note: All RECYCLABLES must be clean!



Cardboard



Steel cans



Glass bottles and jars - green, white and brown lids in red bin



Aluminium cans



Paper



Empty aerosol cans



Plastic containers lids in red bin



Plastic bottles (numbered 1,2,3,4,5,6)



What NOT to put into your RECYCLING bin...

- Aerosol cans (unless empty)
- Batteries
- Glass or mirrors (other than bottles)
- Greenwaste
- Grass clippings
- Liquids
- Plastic bags
- Plasticised cardboard cartons
- Porcelain
- Refuse
- Wood
- Any other item NOT listed as acceptable

It is very important that only clean, approved recyclables are placed in your recycling bin put out for kerbside collection.

This means NO plastic bags, refuse or garden clippings as these items contaminate the recyclables. ALL recyclables must be cleaned before being placed in the bin

Contractors will sticker recycling bins containing non-recyclables and re-offending may mean your recycling bin is no longer emptied.

Together we can "sort it" and look after our environment.

Please contact Council on 03 769 8611 if you have any queries.



WAITANGI DAY COMMUNITY PICNIC THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2020

Head on down to Dixon Park from 11am on Thursday 6 February 2020 for the Waitangi Day community picnic.

Come along to this fabulous family day made possible by the generosity of many sponsors and organisers. A bbq lunch, including a hangi, will be available for a gold coin donation. Everyone is welcome!

Starting at 11am, there will be:

- Music and lots of other entertainment throughout the day
- Lots of fun activities for the kids, including a bouncy castle, face painting, kids parachute, rock painting and a lolly scramble
- A bbq and hangi for lunch, as well as tea, coffee and ice creams

Grey District Waitangi Day Picnic Community Celebrations

Canine Tips: Heat stress

Hi everyone, my name is Rocko and I hope you all had a great Christmas. I went out for lots of trips in the car with my family over Christmas and saw some of my canine friends in cars, on their own. We can get really hot really quickly, so here's some friendly tips on how best to look after us if you have to leave us in a car unattended for any length of time.



- We get really hot really quickly. You see, we don't have a lot of sweat glands like our owners and therefore can't regulate our own body temperature. You can help by not leaving us in the car for a long time.
- If you need to run some errands, you can make us less stressed by either leaving us at home or leaving us with a bowl of water in the car.
- Leave at least two windows slightly open if you leave us in the car as this will allow the air to circulate.
- Please do not leave us any food in the car as this will make us sick.

Happy New Year to you all from me and my canine friends.

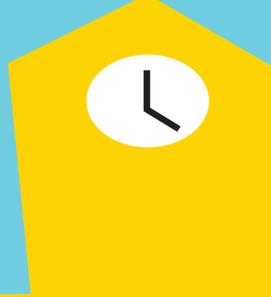
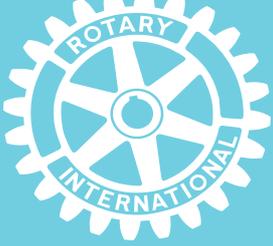
Our **Draft Annual Plan** will be out for public consultation around March/April. This plan is for the 12 months from 1 July and sets out proposed projects, levels of service, rates, fees and charges.

This is your chance to have your say, before the final plan is adopted in June. We want our community to take this opportunity to read the draft plan and submit their feedback.

Watch our website for details.

HAVE YOUR SAY!

Heart of the West Coast



GREYMOUTH ROTARY STREET 'FARE'

SUN 16 FEB
2020

4PM - 7PM
TOWN SQUARE

ART

in the

PARK



Greymouth High School

Shakespeare Street entry

ENTRY FEE \$2 UNDER 12 FREE 10am - 4pm

SAT 29 FEB & SUN 1 MARCH 2020

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