

## Mayors Comment

November is already here, and we're fast approaching another busy Christmas and holiday season! It's wonderful to be attending events and witnessing and observing the big changes in our CBD.

In December, Pounamu Pathways, a new tourism initiative, will open. Pounamu Pathways uses technology created by Weta Workshops in collaboration with Poutini Ngāi Tahu, to tell the story of the ancient routes of pounamu traders and warriors along the West Coast. This initiative will enhance our region's economic growth by providing an anchor point for visitors disembarking the Tranz Alpine, encouraging them to stay longer on the West Coast. The Greymouth site will serve as the central hub, connecting visitors and locals to the historical journey from Haast to Westport, showcasing our rich history. I'm eager to see the effect of this fantastic new attraction on visitor numbers.

Recent developments include the construction of new retail premises for Noel Leeming and some Town Centre sites that were in disrepair earmarked for demolition. While it's sad to see buildings that have served our town for many years disappear, safety and economic viability require these tough decisions to pave the way for progress. Progress creates new opportunities for the future, instils confidence in businesses and communities, and further establishes Grey District as an attractive place to live, work and play.

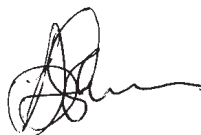
To further this quest, we are excited to embark on the development of our new library complex, located on a freehold site at the intersection of Boundary Street and Richmond Quay. Council is collaborating with Development West Coast to deliver this facility that is set to be an attractive destination for all. The complex will feature commercial space on the ground floor and the library on the top floor, offering stunning views of the Grey River and the sea. A lift will

provide easy access to the upper floor. The commercial spaces will increase activity at the complex and produce revenue that will help offset library operating costs and reduce long-term expenses.

Modern libraries, offering more than traditional books, serve as community hubs that enhance community participation and capability by providing access to various activities, technology, and meeting spaces. Our current library is highly utilised and popular among all age groups in our community and visitors. In planning our new library for Grey District, we've looked at other successful new libraries including Motueka, Blenheim, Selwyn, and Christchurch. These concepts have helped us to consider the possibilities for our new library. We look forward to engaging with you, gathering feedback, and ensuring that what we deliver meets the community's needs.

A range of events are planned for the upcoming festive season and I encourage everyone to keep up to date with these by visiting the Council website or Facebook page.

I wish you all a safe and happy summer season, making the most of the holiday period with your friends and family.



**Tania Gibson**  
Grey District Mayor



Check out  
our new  
engagement  
platform

**Have Your  
Say Grey!**

Have Your Say Grey is a fantastic addition to our engagement toolkit. It is an online hub for engagement, where you can explore our projects, give us feedback on the things that matter to you, or sign up to receive notifications about upcoming engagements and consultations.

**Check it out today!**

Visit [www.haveyoursay.greymouth.govt.nz](http://www.haveyoursay.greymouth.govt.nz) to look around the site and see some of our past and current projects.

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THE SITE





## GREY DISTRICT MAWHERA

BUSINESS & PROMOTIONS ASSN

**WILD ABOUT GREY MOUTH**  
UNTAMED NATURAL WILDERNESS

# New members wanted!

Greymouth/Mawhera Business and Promotions Assn (BPA) is on the lookout for new members.

They care about beautifying and adding vibrancy to our Central Business District and assist with projects and promotions i.e. the shop local campaign, the New Year's Eve concert and fireworks display, the mural

created by artist Art by Fi, CBD planter boxes, and managing the CBD promotional street flags.

Council staff work closely with members of the Grey BPA to support their initiatives for the benefit of our district.

### Keen to be involved?

If yes, your support will be gratefully accepted and will help to ensure the organisation can continue its great work for the benefit of the community and the Central Business District.

To learn more or to join them, email [greybpa@gmail.com](mailto:greybpa@gmail.com)



## WHAT CAN GO IN THE YELLOW TOP BIN?

Plastics numbered 1, 2 and 5, paper, cardboard and cans

Look for these numbers on the bottom of plastics



Clean plastic, lids off (No's 1,2,5)

Clean tins & cans

Clean flat paper & cardboard

## WHAT CAN GO IN THE BLUE CRATE?



Empty, unbroken glass bottles and jars (lids removed)

## WHAT GOES IN THE RED TOP BIN?



Plastics 3, 4, 6, 7, glass, liquids, rubbish, polystyrene, plastic bags, garden waste, food waste, disposable nappies, cold ashes, oven ware, electrical goods, engine oil bottles, automotive parts, paint and chemicals, bubble wrap, ceramics, crockery and porcelain, lids, toothpaste tubes.

## You can now use Snap Send Solve to report issues directly to Grey District Council!

The Snap Send Solve app helps you to report things like dumped rubbish, footpath problems, water leaks and other issues in seconds.

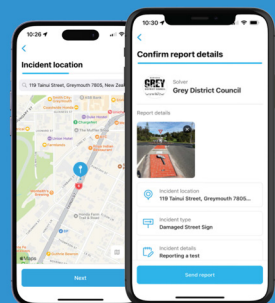
There are just four simple steps:

- Take a picture of the issue (this is optional)
- Confirm the location of the issue
- Select the type of issue (Snap, Send, Solve uses the location and type of issue to send the report to the correct authority).
- Fill out the details on the form and press "submit".

That's it. We'll get onto the issue and let you know what we've done.

Download the app for free from the App Store or Google Play and get snapping!

Report local issues in a Snap!





**We are.  
LGNZ.**

Te Kāhui Kaunihera o Aotearoa.

**MTFJ**

MAYORS TASKFORCE FOR JOBS

## What is Mayors Taskforce for Jobs?

The Mayors Taskforce for Jobs is a community employment programme that supports NEETS (young people aged 16-24 not in education, training or employment), people living with a disability or people who are disadvantaged in the workforce.

The programme has funding available to support the jobseeker to become work ready and offer support as they secure sustainable employment within the Grey District.

Our team will work with them to create a specific plan to support their goals and aspirations for their future. Each jobseekers situation is unique, so our team uses a tailored approach to suit each jobseekers situation.

## What can Mayors Taskforce for Jobs offer?

Below are some examples where Mayors Taskforce for Jobs can support a jobseeker into employment;

- CV preparation
- Purchasing their tools or equipment
- Purchasing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Covering the cost of any training and courses
- Offering travel and accommodation assistances
- Covering the cost of driver licensing
- Offering pastoral care support
- Offering a Wage Subsidy to the employer

## How to make contact with Mayors Taskforce for Jobs?

If you or someone you know wants to know more about Mayors Taskforce for Jobs, please reach out to MTFJ coordinator Serena Moles to have a chat about whether you may be eligible for funding.

Serena Moles

📞 027 700 7376 📧 [serena.moles@greycdc.govt.nz](mailto:serena.moles@greycdc.govt.nz)

📘 [Facebook.com/MTFJGreyDistrict](https://www.facebook.com/MTFJGreyDistrict)



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## ARE YOU... Over 65? A Grey District ratepayer?

If you answer yes to both of these questions, you are eligible for a FREE compost bin!

### WHY COMPOST?

Composting is a fantastic way to turn your kitchen and garden waste into nutrient-rich goodness for your plants.

Green waste that may otherwise be taken to the landfill can instead be composted at home in your own backyard!



### PICKING UP YOUR BIN

Compost bins are available to pick up from Council offices.

Our friendly staff will ask you to confirm your eligibility so please bring along your Gold Card or a valid form of ID, and your latest rates invoice if possible.

*Forms of ID: Drivers Licence, Birth Certificate, Passport, 18+ card or Kiwi Access Card.*

The compost bins are 240L. The bins require assembly and will be in a flat pack box. Full instructions are included, however if you are unable to assemble your bin at home or transport it, please let us know.

With your compost bin, you'll receive a composting guide with helpful tips and tricks to get you started on the right foot. Our website also has helpful information about composting, [www.greycdc.govt.nz/composting](http://www.greycdc.govt.nz/composting).



One bin per household. Numbers are limited and will be allocated on a first in first served basis.

105 Tainui Street, Greymouth  
[www.greycdc.govt.nz](http://www.greycdc.govt.nz) 03 769 8600

## GREY DISTRICT LIBRARY NEWS

### Digital Skills for Life class timetable

The Library's Stepping Up Digital Skills for Life classes are informative, relaxed, open to people of all ages and, best of all, they're free! Here is the schedule for Term 4, 2023:

Date	Time	Class
Thursday 19 October	10:30am – 12:30pm	Smartphones
Thursday 26 October	10:30am – 12:30pm	Chromebooks
Thursday 2 November	2:00pm – 4:00pm	Computer Basics
Thursday 9 November	10:30am – 12:30pm	Smartphones
Thursday 16 November	1:00 – 3:00pm	Internet Security & Safety
Thursday 23 November	10:30am – 12:30pm	Excel
Thursday 30 November	2:00pm – 4:00pm	Google & the Internet

All classes are 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 <https://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!**

# Liquor Licensing

## Close off dates 2023/24

The following deadlines apply for ALL liquor licencing applications, including special licence applications for Christmas, New Year's Eve and Waitangi Day:

- If your event date is between 20 December 2023 and 13 February 2024, you must make your application by 20 November 2023 at the latest, to ensure it can be processed and granted and issued to you before 20 December 2023.

**Note: New Year's Eve comes on the same date every year. Late notice applications are unlikely to be accepted as the need for a special licence can be reasonably foreseen.**

- If you have an event on or after 14 February 2024, the 18th of January 2024 is the very last day for submitting an application (so think about filing before 20 December 2023 because of our non-working day period from 20 December 2023 to 15 January 2024).

### Waitangi Day 2024

- Because we do not count the days from 20 December 2023 to 15 January 2024 this also means that all special licence applications for Waitangi Day, 6 February 2024 must be received by 20 November 2023 at the latest.

We encourage you to apply early as this is our busiest period for processing applications.



## Get Tsunami Ready

All of New Zealand is at risk of earthquakes and all of our coastline is at risk of tsunami. We can't predict when one will happen, but we can protect ourselves and our family.

Check out West Coast Tsunami Mapping to see where are the safer places to go if you are at home, work or out and about.

▶ [www.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=56e898a420fd4285ae288881b3a393eb](http://www.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=56e898a420fd4285ae288881b3a393eb)

All of the New Zealand coastline is mapped as well, so check out the other parts of the country where you may have family or planning to visit on summer holidays.

▶ [www.civildefence.govt.nz/get-ready/get-tsunami-ready/tsunami-evacuation-zones/](http://www.civildefence.govt.nz/get-ready/get-tsunami-ready/tsunami-evacuation-zones/)

▶ [www.civildefence.govt.nz/get-ready/get-tsunami-ready/](http://www.civildefence.govt.nz/get-ready/get-tsunami-ready/)

SCAN TO VIEW THE WEST COAST TSUNAMI MAP



**GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL** **CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL** **THE HITS**

The Hits Christmas Carnival is held in central Greymouth  
**Friday 8th - Sunday 10th December**  
 It's packed full of activities with lots to see and do, including kid's attractions, live music, markets and Family Movie Christmas parade!

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Friday 8 December 2023**

**4pm** **Kids attractions:** Wipeout, Water Rollers and Bumper Boats plus large Inflatable Bouncy Castles.

**5pm-9pm** **Food Stalls:** in Town Square delicious food from our local stall holders and mobile food trucks.

**6pm-9pm** **Concert** with a selection of local entertainment.

**Saturday 9 December 2023**

**10am** **Kids attractions:** Wipeout, Water Rollers and Bumper Boats plus large Inflatable Bouncy Castles.

**11am** **Christmas Parade with Family Movie Theme**

**Sunday 10 December 2023**

**10am-2pm** **The Annual Christmas Market** along Mackay Street and inside Town Square (delicious food and amazing crafts from our local stall holders).

**11am-2pm** **Live entertainment inside Greymouth Town Square**

Market stalls and Christmas float registration  
 Contact Kate Dumitru via email  
[kate.dumitru@greydc.govt.nz](mailto:kate.dumitru@greydc.govt.nz) or  
 phone 027 181 00 457

We can't wait to see you come on downtown and join the fun!

CHILL WITH US

**SPRING INTO SUMMER**

**11 NOVEMBER**

**4PM - 7PM**

**FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE & FOOD & MARKET STALLS**

**ACTIVITIES**

LIVE MUSIC, DANCE, GAMES AND MORE!

**COBDEN AROMAHANA LAGOON**  
**COBDEN TIP**

Bring a chair and picnic blanket