

AUGUST 2026

Mayor's Comment

Over the past month it has been fantastic to officially open our new Greymouth Library alongside our partners, Development West Coast and Ngāti Waewae. Since opening its doors, it has been wonderful to see the building so well used with people of all ages enjoying the many services and spaces it provides. The excitement from our community has been evident and it is already becoming the vibrant community hub we had envisioned.

This project has been a true partnership and I would like to sincerely thank everyone who played a part in bringing it to life. We made a conscious decision to maximise local involvement wherever possible, the finished facility is a credit to our local contractors, tradespeople, suppliers and project team. Alongside facilities such as the Westland Recreation Centre, our new library strengthens the infrastructure that makes the Grey District a great place to live, work, visit and raise a family. As we continue to grow, modern community facilities like this will play an important role in attracting people to our district, supporting our residents and creating a stronger future.

While we celebrate this milestone, our focus now shifts to delivering another significant year of infrastructure investment. Council has around \$31 million of capital works planned this financial year, with much of that investment focused on our three waters networks.

One of our highest priorities is sewer separation. We have now reached a significant milestone with wastewater from Cobden being pumped across the Grey River via the Cobden Bridge to the Greater Greymouth Wastewater

Treatment Plant on Preston Road. With this key piece of infrastructure now commissioned, our attention turns to ensuring properties are connected to the new sewer-only system. We have appointed a dedicated project manager to oversee this work and I encourage any property owners who have not yet completed their separation and connection to do so as soon as possible. Council will shortly begin following up with affected property owners as completing this work is essential for meeting our environmental obligations and resource consent requirements.

Later this year work will also begin on the next stage of improvements at the Greymouth Port. This includes construction of the new Blaketown berths, a new ablution block, and commissioning of our new sounding boat. Following this, work will progress on rebuilding the Richmond Quay waterfront, made possible through funding received from the Regional Infrastructure Fund and the Coastal Shipping Fund. These projects will improve the safety, resilience and functionality of our port and continue to support one of the district's most important assets.

There is a great deal happening across our district and while much of this work takes time, these investments will provide lasting benefits for our communities for many years to come.



Tania Gibson
Grey District Mayor



Greymouth Library

OPENING HOURS

Monday	9.30am – 5.00pm
Tuesday	9.30am – 5.00pm
Wednesday	9.30am – 7.00pm
Thursday	9.30am – 5.00pm
Friday	9.30am – 5.00pm
Saturday	9.30am – 12.30pm
Sunday	Closed 



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Community Funding

The Grey District Council administers the following funding schemes that are available at various times throughout the year to groups in our community: Community-Led Vibrancy Fund, Creative Communities New Zealand Scheme, Community Waste Disposal Fund and Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund.

Grey District Council manages the **Community-Led Vibrancy Fund** (previously the Contestable Fund), The aim is a thriving, connected and resilient Grey District. Priority is given to Grey District community-led volunteer groups undertaking projects or events in Grey District spaces and places.



Applications for the Community Led Vibrancy Fund open on Tuesday 1 September 2026 and close Wednesday 31 September 2026.



Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund

Applications for round one 2026/2027 will open on **Saturday 1 August 2026** and close **Monday 31 August 2026**. Full details can be found on our website or at the Council Office.

Grey District schools and sports club teams can apply for **Sport NZ Rural Travel funding**. Applications are open to rural sports clubs and rural school teams with young people aged between 5 - 18 years who require subsidies to help with transport expenses to local sporting competitions.

Creative Communities New Zealand Scheme

Funding round one of the 2026/2027 **Creative Communities Fund** will open **Saturday 1 August 2026** and close on **Monday 31 August 2026**. Full details can be found on our website or at Council Offices.



The scheme supports and encourages communities throughout New Zealand to create and present diverse opportunities for accessing and participating in local arts activities. 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
- Benefit local communities

Visit our website for more details:
www.greydc.govt.nz/03your-community/grants-and-funding



SCAN ME!

Show off your pride and joy this Labour Weekend

A two-day motorbike display is returning to Greymouth for Labour Weekend, alongside the Greymouth Motorcycle Street Races. We have been working with Dave McNoe and the Street Race Committee to bring the Regent Theatre display back to life.

We are now seeking expressions of interest from people with classic or unusual motorbikes who may like to put them on display.



If you are interested, please call the Council and ask for the events team, or email:

communications@greydc.govt.nz

Thank you to everyone who has already come forward.

Donations from the event will go to charity.

Contract extended

We're pleased to confirm a two-year extension of our roading network maintenance contract with Isaac Group.

Their team has proudly delivered roading network maintenance services in the challenging West Coast environment since 2023, and they look forward to continuing this valued partnership over the next two years. Look out for the crews out and about, through the district.



Annual 15% Membership Discount

Purchase any **Pay Upfront Membership** in August and receive a **15% discount!**

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A secret worth keeping...

For four years, something special has been quietly taking shape behind the scenes. It has travelled a long road – through ideas, collaboration, unexpected delays, and plenty of determination. Now, at last, it's ready.

Soon we'll unveil a very special community project! We won't spoil the surprise just yet... but trust us, it has been worth the wait.

Keep an eye out for the official launch – we can't wait to share it with you.

Darin Cusack

Board Chair



Onno Mulder

Director



James Ryan

Director



Coast Waters board members announced

The three directors for the new joint West Coast council-controlled organisation for Local Water Done Well - Coast Waters Ltd - have been selected from 50 applicants. Coast Waters has been established by the Buller, Grey and Westland District Councils to deliver drinking water, wastewater and stormwater services across the West Coast.

The new board members are:

Board chair – Darin Cusack

His current governance roles include Chair of Auckland One Rail Ltd and Airways New Zealand Ltd and he is also on the boards of Ashburton Contracting Ltd, Hawkes Bay Airport Ltd, the Civil Aviation Authority of NZ and the Canterbury Cricket Association.

Board member – Onno Mulder

Onno is currently Chief Executive of EA Networks and serves on the board of Wai Hononga, New Plymouth's water organisation. He previously spent more than 15 years as Chief Executive of Citycare Limited.

Board member – James Ryan

His career commenced as a lawyer at Russell McVeagh and has included roles with the United Nations in Switzerland and, most recently, supporting governance across a multi-billion dollar, multi-jurisdictional portfolio of one of the largest single family offices in Europe.

Have your say...

We are here to listen

We value your opinion

Your views matter!



Have Your Say - Your voice matters.

Whether it's a major project, a proposed policy, or a community initiative, our Have Your Say page is where you'll find all current consultations and opportunities to provide feedback. **Scan the QR code** to see what's happening and have your say.

Your feedback helps us understand what we're doing right — and where we can improve.



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FEEDBACK

WEST COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM

Are there too many councils on the West Coast?

164 people sent us feedback on the Head Start local government reform process, with over 69 people already taking the opportunity to share their views. Many more attended drop-in sessions up and down the West Coast.

The engagement process was focused on gathering community values, priorities and aspirations. No decisions have been made, and no preferred option has been identified at this stage.

The next step is to prepare a draft proposal for consideration ahead of the Government's 9 August 2026 submission deadline.

We will keep people updated as things progress.



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AgFest West Coast Returns Bigger Than Ever!

AgFest West Coast returns to Greymouth Airport on Friday 16 and Saturday 17 October, and 2026 is shaping up to be our biggest event yet.

The response from exhibitors has been outstanding. Due to strong demand we've expanded the event to include **six pavilions with 114 indoor exhibition sites**, alongside extensive outdoor machinery, trade and lifestyle exhibits, making this the largest AgFest West Coast ever staged.

Visitors can explore **The Pantry**, showcasing the very best in West Coast and New Zealand food and drink, a dedicated **DWC Rural Professional Pavilion, Retail Pavilion**, and **three Rural Pavilions** featuring the latest agricultural products, services, technology and innovation. Outside, there will be large machinery displays, competitive wood chopping, rural demonstrations and interactive exhibits, giving visitors a true taste of rural New Zealand.

There will also be **fantastic food options** showcasing local flavours, while the **Speight's Bar** will provide a great place to relax, catch up with friends and enjoy the atmosphere of one of the West Coast's premier events.

New for 2026 is the Agri Kids Competition, where teams of three children aged 8–14 will put their agricultural knowledge and practical skills to the test in a fun, hands-on competition on Friday 16 October. Visitors can also enjoy the iconic Creative Gumboot Competition, the West Coast Mullet Competition, the ever-popular Ranui House Charity Tug of War, live auction, and a variety of competitions and activities throughout the weekend, with even more attractions to be announced over the coming months.

Come along also and have your say this year on The Best Trade Exhibit People's Choice Award kindly sponsored by DWC.

AgFest is also proud to support the community, with visitors able to make an optional donation to Ranui House – Bone Marrow Cancer Trust when purchasing tickets.

Admission Prices

Adults.....\$20 (\$15 Earlybird)

Youth.....\$15 (\$10 Earlybird)

Children.....(Under 12) \$5 (Under 5 free)

AgFest West Coast celebrates the people, businesses, innovation and industries that are the backbone of the West Coast economy.

We look forward to welcoming thousands of visitors to Greymouth Airport on 16–17 October 2026.



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Heart
of the **West Coast**

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