

MAY 2026

Our new library will be progressively opened from late June – and we have five prestigious Golden Tickets to give away, allowing exclusive access. A competition, created by Willy Wonka himself, will give the opportunity to all Grey District residents to win the tickets. The winners will be the first public group to be taken through the new building, along with a person of their choice.

The library will begin its progressive opening starting with a blessing in mid-June. In the weeks that follow, the Golden Ticket holders will be taken through, as well as school groups. We will then throw open the doors to the wider public.

There is no cost to enter or join the library. All the favourites from the old library are being transferred – books (of course!), magazines, DVDs, the heritage collection, Chromebooks, computer stations, Wi-Fi – along with some exciting new additions.

The library will include a café on the top floor and an indoor children's playground. There will be bookable meeting rooms, study rooms, and a creative space room. There is also a parents' room with space for strollers and feeding babies, as well as a new and improved teen area.

Members will also be able to use self-checkout and check-in kiosks for the first time.

The existing library will be closed. However, fear not, library lovers – staff are working on some initiatives to keep in touch with the community during this time.

More information will come out closer to the time.

Follow us on Facebook for information on how to enter, or ask library staff.



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The Golden Ticket contest is open to all members of the Grey District community, but Augustus Gloop, Veruca Salt, Violet Beauregarde, Mike Teavee, and Charlie Bucket are barred for having sticky fingers from their recent Chocolate Factory visit!

Mayor's Comment



I am pleased to share that we are now in the final stages of preparing to open the new Greymouth Library, which is expected to open in late June/early July, following a formal blessing. This is a milestone that has taken years of hard work, commitment and persistence to achieve, and it is incredibly rewarding to see the project reaching completion.

As part of this transition, we will be closing the old library and undertaking the significant task of relocating more than 30,000 books and other items into the new space. This is no small undertaking, and I want to acknowledge the staff and teams who will be working hard behind the scenes to make this move as smooth as possible for our community.

The new library is about much more than books. It has been designed as a place for people to come together, to meet, learn and connect. There will be bookable meeting rooms for community use, spaces to sit and spend time, and incredible views looking down the river, creating a welcoming and accessible place for everyone.

The transformation of the Richmond Quay site has been significant, and I would like to acknowledge and thank the many local tradies who have contributed their skills and workmanship to bring this project to life. Their work has played a vital role in turning this site into something the whole district can be proud of.

We are very much looking forward to opening the doors and showing the public inside this new space. It represents not only a new chapter for our library services, but an important investment in our community and the future of Greymouth.

Tania Gibson
Grey District Mayor



Work all wrapped up at the Runanga Flats!

All doors across the Runanga flats have now been fully replaced, an upgrade that will make a noticeable difference for residents.

With winter just around the corner, this project brings a timely improvement, helping create cosier homes while also supporting energy efficiency and everyday comfort for everyone living at the flats.

Marck (middle) from Design Windows is pictured with Kyle and Liam from KP Build, onsite at the flats completing the final touches to the new doors.



Solar panels to help power Barrytown, Runanga and Moana

Hundreds of solar panels are being installed at three Grey District sites to improve emergency resilience.

The Grey District Council has been working with the West Coast Emergency Management Group and the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) through its Community Renewable Energy Fund (CREF) to equip community buildings with photovoltaic (solar) systems and battery banks.

The initiative will strengthen community resilience by providing access to power when the electricity grid is down during an emergency or other outage.

While each building will offer different facilities, they will serve as places people can go during emergencies to charge phones, store and cook food, and potentially keep essential medicines and perishable items safe. At other times, the solar systems will reduce electricity costs and lower the carbon footprint of each building.

Westfleet Runanga Community Pool will receive 120 panels, the Barrytown Hall 30, and a site is close to being finalised in Moana. The Runanga system has been designed with extra capacity and cabling so power can be supplied to Runanga School in an emergency. Group Manager Community Penny Kirk said the council had been allocated funds from EECA's Community Renewable Energy Fund, and it's exciting to see communities supported to strengthen their resilience in emergencies.

Communities are committing co-funding, and no ratepayer funding is involved. Installation is earmarked for autumn and winter.



Civic Awards Nominations Open 8 May 2026!

If you know someone who has made an outstanding voluntary contribution to the Grey District over a period of at least 10 years, now is the time to nominate them for a Civic Award.

The criteria is broad with categories including recreation, youth activities, social welfare, cultural, religious or community affairs. Our community relies on the work of volunteers, and this is an opportunity to recognise them for their dedication, commitment and hard work. A list of previous recipients can be viewed on the Grey District Council website.

For more details, scan the QR code or visit our website:

www.greydc.govt.nz/03yourcommunity/civic-awards

Nominations close: Wednesday 1 July 2026

Contact: catriona.bayliss@greydc.govt.nz

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A reminder to all Grey District residents that dog registration notices for the 2026/27 year will be issued soon, with registration fees due by 31 July 2026.

We are unable to accept payments until 01 July 2026. Unpaid registration fees will incur a late payment penalty from 01 August 2026.

All dogs must be registered by the time they are three months of age, and this must be renewed every year thereafter. If you have a new dog and we don't know about it, please contact us to start the registration process. If you have moved here from a different district let us know and we will do a district changeover at no extra cost. If you've recently moved to a new house or no longer have your dog, please contact the Animal Control team to let us know so we can update our records. **You can reach us on 03 769 8600 or email info@greydc.govt.nz**

While you are required to register your dogs by law, your registration fee helps contribute to a range of benefits that we all get to enjoy as residents in the district. A few of these include:

- Ensuring community safety by managing roaming and aggressive dogs
- Reuniting lost dogs with owners
- Responding to complaints about dogs
- Providing an after hours (emergency only) service
- Educating owners and promoting better care and welfare of dogs
- Administration of the Dog Control Act 1996 and Council Bylaws

To find out more about Grey District Council animal related services please go to our website: www.greydc.govt.nz/animalcontrol Or alternatively, give the Animal Control team a call on 03 769 8600



There was recently an early morning water break. By the time it was reported, half the area's water supply had been lost!

Normally, we like people to use our Snap Send Solve app to report problems. But for urgent after hours problems, a phone call is required. **Please call us on 769 8600 to report breaks** - after 4.30pm, on weekends and public holidays, this number will divert through to our after-hours service.

**Have your say...
We are here to listen
We value your opinion
Your views matter!**



Do you visit the Westland Recreation Centre, the library, or Customer Services at GDC? We'd love to hear your feedback!

Simply scan the QR code at the front counter and tell us about your experience. What worked well? What could we do better?

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



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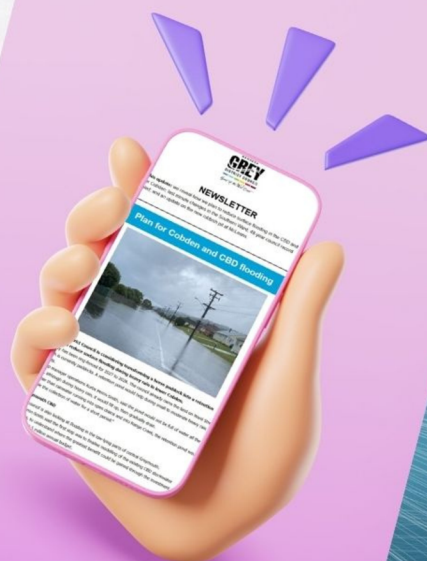


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Coast Waters Ltd named as new West Coast water services organisation

The three West Coast district councils have agreed on a name for the new joint water services organisation — Coast Waters Ltd.

The council-controlled organisation will manage drinking water, wastewater and stormwater services on behalf of West Coast communities, bringing the region together to strengthen capability, meet national regulations and plan for the long-term future of water infrastructure.

Draft governance documents set out how Coast Waters Ltd will operate, how directors will be appointed, and how councils will continue to provide strategic oversight while the company manages day-to-day operations independently.

An initial Board of Directors will be appointed by a sub-committee made up of West Coast mayors and iwi representative. A Shareholders' Representative Forum — including elected members and iwi representatives — will oversee governance and ensure local voices remain central to decision-making.

While councils will jointly own the company, any future financial surplus is expected to be reinvested back into improving water services rather than paid as dividends.

Council chief executives say the new organisation represents a practical, collaborative approach that allows West Coast councils to share expertise, meet increasing regulatory requirements, and deliver sustainable water services for current and future generations.



Finding it hard? Not sure what to do?

Call our customer service team on 03 769 8600 or email info@greydc.govt.nz

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Upcoming Events

Women's Fun Day Out

May 10 2026 West Coast Wilderness Trail

Spot Prizes, Music, BBQ
Take friends for a walk, a run, a bike ride or all three

8am: Check-in Kumara Domain
For Bike ride then Run or walk

OR.....

11am: Check-in Karoro Domain
To do the walk or run section only
Finish BBQ Blaketown Rugby Club
Prizes for Best Fun Dressed "Head Turners"



Entry Donations:

\$30pp or \$35pp Elites are timed

Entry fees support West Coasters with cancer

Scan for more info & to join or go to

events.humanitix.com/womens-fun-day-out-west-coast-2026



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