



## History House - temporary pop-up exhibition

Our staff have been very busy gathering items from the History House Museum in Gresson Street and creating interpretation panels for a temporary central Greymouth pop up museum which opened late last year. This exhibition space has been set up to tell the stories of our local history and themes include sporting heroes, social history, mining, the Chinese in Greymouth and much more. As well as displays and colourful interpretation panels, other attractions include a children's corner and an audio visual room (which we hope to launch this month).

The temporary display covers just part of the collection normally held in the museum and key aspects of our history, ie pre-European, are not yet captured well - arrangements are in place to address this. Nevertheless, the current display is very impressive and a good snapshot of where we come from.



We see the exhibition as a collaborative effort - we want our community to not only visit the temporary space, but also to talk with staff on site about how to make it even more relevant. We are missing photos of key local sporting heroes and we are working with the individuals involved to correct that. Also, we have objects such as a signed rugby ball on display but do not have any information on where it was played. You may well have information on items such as these to really make them come to life.

The temporary History House Museum space will be onsite for around six months. Please pop on in and take a look!

*Two lovely ladies, Yvonne and Barbara, couldn't help but chuckle as they sat on the same chairs Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip did during their visit to Greymouth in 1954*

### Temporary History House Museum exhibition space

Located at 130 Mackay Street, Greymouth  
Open 1pm to 6pm, Wednesday to Sunday  
(currently closed Monday and Tuesday)

## Mayor's comment

### Point of View - Regional Development Fund

The announcement by the new Government that \$1 billion will be available per annum to strengthen Regions represents a significant opportunity and we need to be proactive in putting a considered and responsible proposal together that will see our Region develop into the future, as well as create wealth and jobs.

Our submission needs to make sure we have access to funding in each of the following three years. Two important principles underpin this:

- The West Coast Growth Study has identified a number of projects deemed important. My belief is that the focus for access to the new Regional funding should be on macro concepts rather than

individual projects as now is not the time for lolly scrambles.

- Councils need control over our future economic development. The Governance Group concept cannot work without the Councils.

These are some likely projects that I propose be put forward for funding from the Regional Development Fund:

- Forestry - Intensive re-forestation of all ex Timberlands and low value stewardship land.
- Minerals - Mining and development of the rare earth minerals throughout the West Coast.
- Tourism - Pursue the concepts of Health and Wellbeing Tourism, Adventure Tourism and Event Tourism.
- Water - We have it in absolute abundance. How can we make it work for us?
- Horticulture - We have all the components for a potentially hugely productive in-house horticulture industry by using

geothermal heat and steam generated from the tectonic plates below us. Also investigate honey production, especially manuka honey, which is well known for its health benefits.

- Fishing - Lobby for greater use of international waters by our local industries.
- Education - Are we really making full use of our existing opportunities, ie Tai Poutini Polytech?
- Communication - UFB, cell phone coverage etc establishes the Coast as an attractive place for on-line businesses and digital expansion away from the hustle and bustle of city life.

The above are examples of macro thinking which, I strongly believe, will resonate well with the new Government and will prove to them that the Councils, and Development West Coast, can, in fact, work together to take our Region into a new and prosperous future.

Tony Kokshoorn



## 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 2018**.

DATE	TOPIC
Thursday 15 February	Email - Setting up an email account
Thursday 22 February	Email - Using email
Thursday 1 March	Word - Text formatting
Thursday 8 March	Employment - Creating a CV and cover letter and finding a job online
Thursday 15 March	Google and the internet
Thursday 22 March	Word - Editing documents
Thursday 29 March	Excel
Thursday 5 April	Digital photos - sharing photos from your digital camera or smartphone



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

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/>.



After much deliberation, last year the team behind AgFest West Coast made a unanimous decision to move the biannual event to the Greymouth Aerodrome. This is a very exciting opportunity for Greymouth and the wider West Coast region and Council are pleased to be working with the AgFest crew.

The 2018 AgFest event, being held on 13 and 14 April 2018, promises to have more entertainment for children and will offer all West Coasters a trade fair element.

Stay up to date by following their Facebook page or checking out their website.

[www.facebook.com/westcoastagfest](http://www.facebook.com/westcoastagfest)  
[www.agfest.co.nz](http://www.agfest.co.nz)

## Community funding

The Grey District Council administers 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.

Recent funding recipients:

- West Coast Society of Arts
- Baroque Music and Education
- Soul Kitchen
- Rosa Heney

### 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."

Recent funding recipients:

- Amateur Swim Club
- Paroa Tennis Club
- Junior Athletic Club
- Brunner Rugby League Club

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

## Stay up to date



Want to get the latest updates on Council news such as water breaks, issues we're consulting on, job vacancies, refuse collection changes and much more? Then follow us on Facebook or visit our website. Here you'll find everything you need to know!

[www.facebook.com/GreyDC](http://www.facebook.com/GreyDC)  
[www.greydc.govt.nz](http://www.greydc.govt.nz)

## Refuse collection - stat days

Sometimes your refuse or recycling kerbside collection day has to change due to public holidays.

When this happens, we let people know by publishing the changes on our website, Facebook and the newspaper.

We've also put together a list of all refuse and recycling kerbside collection days affected by public holidays for 2018. Pin this list to your fridge as a handy reminder.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY	NORMAL COLLECTION	NEW COLLECTION DATE
Waitangi Day	Tuesday 6 February 2018	Wednesday 7 February 2018
Easter Monday	Monday 2 April 2018	Tuesday 3 April 2018
Anzac Day	Wednesday 25 April 2018	Thursday 26 April 2018
Queen's Birthday	Monday 4 June 2018	Tuesday 5 June 2018
Labour Day	Monday 22 October 2018	Tuesday 23 October 2018
Westland Anniversary Day	Monday 3 December 2018	Tuesday 4 December 2108
Christmas period	Monday 24 December 2018	No change
	Tuesday 25 December 2018	Thursday 27 December 2018
	Wednesday 26 December 2018	Thursday 27 December 2018
	Thursday 27 December 2018	Friday 28 December 2018
New Year's period	Monday 31 December 2018	No change
	Tuesday 1 January 2019	Thursday 3 January 2019
	Wednesday 2 January 2019	Thursday 3 January 2019
	Thursday 3 January 2019	Friday 4 January 2019

## Westland Recreation Centre pool

Works are going really well on the repair of the breams in the Westland Recreation Centre pool roof. Once the contractor has finished his work, we'll be working hard to get the pool back into shape to reopen.

We're looking forward to having the pool open again and know everyone is dying to get back in the water.

Spring Creek Pool in Runanga has extended opening hours this summer to provide a swimming venue for the community. We have also just installed a water heating unit so we can keep the pool open on those cooler days.

## WAITANGI DAY COMMUNITY PICNIC TUESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2018



Head on down to Dixon Park from 11am on Tuesday 6 February 2018 for the Waitangi Day community picnic.

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

Starting at 11am, there will be:

- A bbq and hangi for lunch, as well as tea and coffee
- Bouncy castle, face painting and a lolly scramble for the kids
- Music and lots of other entertainment throughout the day



Grey District Waitangi Day Picnic  
Community Celebrations

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS WANTED!** The Waitangi Day Community Picnic Committee is currently looking for motivated people to join their organising committee. If you've got some fresh new ideas or are interested in helping to organise our event, please contact Sarah on 03 769 8623 or [sarah.conroy@greydc.govt.nz](mailto:sarah.conroy@greydc.govt.nz).

## Have your say on rates and fees

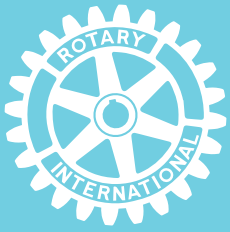
A plan is produced each year that lays out what the Council plans on doing for the next 12 months and how the activities and services will be paid for, ie rates, subsidies and user fees or charges.

Rates are used to fund activities and services provided by Council. These include (but are not limited to): roading, refuse/recycling collection and disposal, stormwater, parks & reserves, community services, district planning, rural fire, flood protection, sewer, water and economic development.

Fees and charges apply to Council services such as building consents, swimming pools, gym, stadium, Port of Greymouth, liquor licence applications, resource consents, dog registration and more. Some of our fees are set by Government legislation.

This year we are developing our Ten Year Plan, the first year of which will become our Annual Plan and cover the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019. Public consultation on the Draft Plan will take place in March/April 2018.

We encourage our community to get involved and have their say before Council adopts the Final Plan in June.



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## SAT 3 & SUN 4 MARCH 2018