

Resident Satisfaction Survey

The Grey District Council Resident Satisfaction Survey for 2019 will be carried out between 21 October and 24 November 2019 by Opinions Market Research.

Feedback gathered from this survey is important as it provides information on satisfaction with Council services, how well the community supports the direction and priorities of Council and also helps with future planning.

This year, as well as the usual phone survey, we are also able to provide the option to take the survey online. You can find the survey on our website, www.greycdc.govt.nz.

Everyone who completes the survey online will go in the draw to win a \$200 Prezzy Card. So head to our website now, complete the survey and be in to win a prize.

People who complete the survey by phone will go in the draw to win a \$100 Prezzy Card.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact:

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The end of an era



The October 2019 local government elections marked the end of an era with long-serving Mayor Tony Kokshoorn "hanging up the boots", so to speak.

Tony came on Council at the end of 1999 and became Mayor in October 2004. Since then, he has served our District as Mayor and did so with great distinction.

He earned respect, not only for the capable way in which he put forward the case of the District, but also as a project minded person, always happy to do the hard work to make the projects a success. His fundraising capabilities are legendary and is perhaps surpassed only by his oral capabilities.

We wish Tony and Lynne a long and healthy retirement. It is certainly well-deserved.

Vote 2019

Our voting return rate for 2019 was 63.14% (as at 12 October), a marked improvement from the 2016 elections, where the return rate was just 49.13%.

There was a steady stream of people dropping off their papers on the last day. It was great to see everyone get involved this year and have their say.

New Council

Preliminary results are out and the final results for the 2019 local body elections are due to be declared by 23 October at the latest (after all votes, including specials, have been counted and confirmed).

This was the first time since 2004 that we have had a mayoral election and 2019 saw every ward being contested. The preliminary results from Saturday 12 October saw some changes in the way our Council is made up.

To elected members who are leaving us - thanks for all your service over the years and your dedication to the community.

To the new faces around the table, welcome. We hope you enjoy your time in local government and doing your best for your community.

The inaugural Council meeting to induct the new Council will be held on Thursday 31 October, followed by an ordinary meeting of Council.

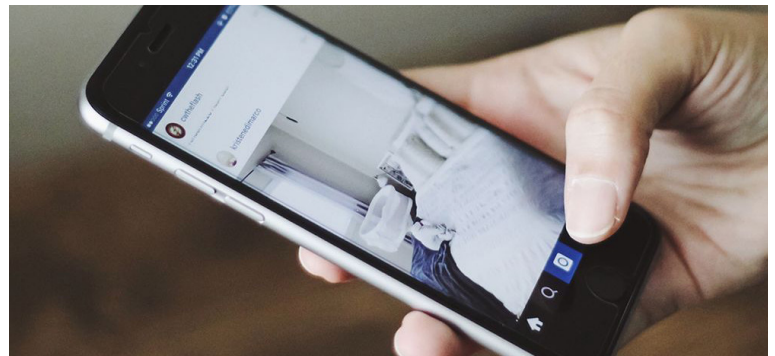
Election results are available on our website, www.greycdc.govt.nz/elections.



Digital literacy class timetable

Our Stepping Up digital literacy classes are extremely popular and best of all, they are free and open to people of all ages! Here is the schedule for Term 4.

DATE	TOPIC
Thursday 24 October	Smartphone Basics
Thursday 31 October	Classroom e-Learning
Thursday 7 November	Pinterest
Thursday 14 November	Google Drive
Thursday 21 November	Digital Well-Being
Thursday 28 November	Online Newspapers
Thursday 5 December	Facebook
Thursday 12 December	Introduction to Chromebooks



All classes are held on a **Thursday from 2pm to 4pm** in the West Coast Room at the Library.

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 will need to register for each class you wish to take.

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

Free device advice @ the Library

On Tuesday mornings from 10.30am to 11.30am during school terms, Library staff are available to provide assistance with a wide range of digital devices: phones, laptops, digital cameras, ebook devices, etc. Bookings are not necessary so pop on in if you need some advice on your device.

WESTLAND RECREATION CENTRE NEWS

The Westland Recreation Centre recently received an award from AUSTSWIM Aotearoa for being the '2019 AUSTSWIM Recognised Swim Centre'. This was awarded for all of the extra and high-quality programmes offered, such as Advanced Strokes, Diaper Dolphin Workshops, Race starts-turns-finishes workshop and the Water Safety events held by the Swim School team. This award has also put the team in the running to receive an award over the puddle in Australia as part of AUSTSWIM Australasia's awards at this year's Soak It Up conference.



On Wednesday 25 September 2019 the international Tread-A-Thon event was held to help raise awareness of the ongoing global drowning pandemic and vast number of people that lose their lives to drowning each year. We had 12 awesome people make the full hour of treading water. (Note - it is much harder than it looks!) If you think you're up for the challenge, the team will be holding another Tread-A-Thon one evening during December. Come along and get involved.



Water Safety New Zealand granted the Swim School \$17,500 to teach the Water Safety+ Programme to all local schools. Currently Grey Main, St Patrick's, Cobden, Blaketown, Karoro, Runanga, Papanoa Range, Kumara, Paroa, Barrytown and Lake Brunner schools have bookings in Term 4 2019 and Term 1 2020. The team are really looking forward to gaining new relationships with these schools and providing top quality water safety education to the children in our community.

Our award-winning Swim School is also very excited to have two of our most experienced Swim Tutors coming back to join us for Term 4 - Mason Hunt and Rachel Crawford, who have both been away on overseas adventures.

Aqua classes (AQUA-TONE, AQUA-ATTACK & AQUA-TABATA) continue to be popular and attract good numbers, resulting in numerous requests from customers for more classes. Have you tried one yet? You can find details about all our classes, including aqua classes, on our website, www.greydc.govt.nz/westlandrec.

WESTLAND ANNIVERSARY DAY

Westland Anniversary Day happens on the Monday closest to 1st December each year. For 2019, the public holiday will be observed on **Monday 2 December 2019**.

Spring Creek pool

The Spring Creek Swimming Pool in Runanga is due to open for the summer season on **Saturday 30 November 2019**. Stay up to date on Facebook, www.facebook.com/westlandrec.

LOADING ZONES

Council have several designated areas in the CBD and surrounds that are loading zones. The majority of these have time limits and are for goods vehicles only

These areas are only for commercial delivery trucks and couriers etc to pick up or deliver goods for businesses in the area. They are not for other vehicles to park or stop in.

If you're not a goods vehicle loading or unloading goods, then please don't park in the loading zone, otherwise you will receive a \$40 infringement.

CBD Redevelopment Plan

Following public consultation and engagement, Council adopted the final CBD Redevelopment Plan in August as recommended by the CBD Redevelopment Forum (made up of representatives from the Greymouth Business & Promotions Association (BPA), Māwhera Incorporation, Development West Coast (DWC) and Council and chaired by Alex Cabrera of Tai Poutini Polytechnic).

The final plan builds on earlier redevelopment work done by Council, notably through Opus, and is about identifying Greymouth's assets and how best to utilise them. Council is excited about the plan and what it offers. The development of the plan was funded from the Government's Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) and from this fund there is \$100,000 available to implement projects arising from the plan.

Exciting opportunities now exist for everyone to work together and implement the plan, coordinated by the CBD Redevelopment Forum. The initial focus is on getting some of the foundation work done (ie how best to get traffic into our town) as well as beautifying and adding vibrancy to our CBD. Some of the first actions which will be undertaken include:

- Develop a traffic and associated parking strategy to address issues such as stopping traffic from bypassing the town, access and egress for the CBD and implications of accommodating a potential discovery centre (significant tourism attraction) in the CBD.
- Rewilding initiatives to beautify our town.
- Outdoor dining - this is already under way, with a draft policy having already been consulted on.
- Development of Iwi narrative.
- The Forum are working with the Future Leaders group on their paint the town project.
- Strengthening the Greymouth Business Promotion Association and putting in place a Strategic Action Plan - this has been completed.

So watch this space!



DOG REGISTRATION

Hi, my name is Russell. I am a Jack Russell and I live in the Grey District.

Did you know:

- All dogs aged three months and over must be registered. My owner gets me registered every year to avoid having to pay a penalty.
- If I lived in another district and moved to the Grey District part way through the dog registration year, my owner would take my current registration tag into Council offices, along with any relevant paper work (eg proof of desexing if applicable) and they would be issued with a Grey District dog registration tag to give to me.
- Lucky for me, I am already registered in the Grey District. This means my owner receives a notice for re-registration in July each year. They must register me and my brother by 31 July every year to avoid penalties. Registration fees are used by Council to maintain a safe and healthy environment for residents, including responding to complaints, providing a pound facility, community education and re-uniting lost dogs with owners.

Refund of registration

It can be a sad and traumatic time when we lose a loved pet as they are very much part of our family. All of us canines are the same - we love our families just as much as they love us. I like to be fussed over as much as I like fussing over my owners.

In the unfortunate event your dog dies, you are entitled to a refund of the registration fee for the remaining full months of the year. Please come into Council offices and complete a Dog Registration Refund Form, where our friendly staff can assist you to complete this if needed. The refund is generally calculated from the date on which you apply, however if you can provide proof of the date of death from the vet, it will be backdated to the date the dog died.

Heart of the West Coast



Have you checked out the stunning new images in the Town Square yet?

LIQUOR LICENSING

APPLICATION CLOSE OFF DATES FOR THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

The Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 specifies timelines, deadlines and non-working days that can impact on filing and assessment of alcohol licencing applications. Under this Act, a working day is defined as a day that is not:

- A Saturday, a Sunday, Waitangi Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Anzac Day, Queen's Birthday, or Labour Day; or
- A day in the period commencing on 20th December in one year and ending with 15th January in the next year.

If your event date is between 20 December 2019 and 13 February 2020, please submit your application by 20 November 2019 at the latest to ensure it can be processed and granted and issued to you by 20 December 2019.

This applies to ALL liquor licence applications, including special licence applications for Christmas, New Year's Eve and Waitangi Day.

We encourage you to apply early as this is our busiest period for processing applications. If you want the security of knowing whether your special licence will be granted, you should apply even earlier.

Stay up to date with Council news

You can stay up to date with all Council news on our website or Facebook page, which are updated regularly.

You can also find details of issues Council is currently consulting on and how you can have your say.

If you've got a question or some feedback for us, please feel free to use the easy online contact form on our website - we're here to help.



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BUILDING NEWS

CONSENT PROCESSING TIMES OVER CHRISTMAS

Under the Building Act 2004 and the Resource Management Act 1991, the period between 20 December and 10 January each year is excluded from the working days count for all timeframes.

This means that any weekdays during this time will not be counted as working days and this affects people applying for building or resources consents where the processing of them falls over the Christmas and New Year period.

We want to let people know that any building or resource consent applications received after 9am on Monday 19 November 2019 are not guaranteed to be processed before Christmas, although we will do our best to make sure all complete consent applications are issued within their timeframe.

If you need your building or resource consent to be processed before Christmas (barring any further information requests which may occur and which stop the processing clock), please submit it before 9am on Monday 19 November 2019.

BUILDING INSPECTIONS

The last building inspections for the year will be done on Monday 23 December 2019 - these should be booked no later than Friday 20 December 2019.

Inspections can be booked again from Monday 6 January 2020.

LIM APPLICATIONS

If you need a LIM before Christmas, you will need to apply for it before Monday 9 December 2019.

The NZME Christmas Carnival (a joint venture between NZME and Council) will include a number of exciting activities and events for the whole family, including children's attractions, Christmas Concert, Christmas parade, markets and much more!

The three day Christmas Carnival starts from Friday 6 December 2019 and full details will be on our website closer to the time!

