

Retirement Housing Update



Threadneedle Street Exterior Painting Project

The Retirement Housing units in Threadneedle Street will receive a fresh coat of paint on their exterior during the month of February 2022. The photo on the left is of the units prior to the painting.

Alan Atkinson and his team have been awarded the project and are looking forward to giving the complex a fresh new look.

Blaketown Re-Bricking Project

Great progress has been made by Tony Wilkins Builders and S.A. Thelning Brick and Blocklayers, they have now completed re-bricking three out of four blocks of units in Blaketown including the porch rebuilds. All work is scheduled to be complete including the final block of units towards the end of January 2022.

New Key & Lock System

Council has introduced a new key & lock system for all of the Retirement Housing units. The new system will be phased in over a three year period beginning with the Blackmore Street complex which has recently been completed. The next complex to be fitted with the new system will be in Blaketown. The new system is designed to tighten the security around the keys to our 118 Retirement Housing Units. Local contractor Mann Security has been awarded this project.

Mayor's comment



As I write this, our District has made it through the holiday period COVID free and with beautiful weather playing ball some great events have been pulled off despite restrictions. Congratulations to all those involved and a special shout out

to the Greymouth Business Promotions Association and SuperBrain Productions for putting together the Greymouth New Year's Eve celebrations. Well done, this was an amazing night that brought fun and vibrancy to our town and it received rave reviews from those in attendance. It was awesome seeing you all out, catching up and enjoying yourselves. I met many visitors that night and over the holiday period that were in awe of the activities and adventures they were able to enjoy and were very complimentary with many saying that now they know about our treasures they would be back more often. It was lovely to welcome them and hear such positivity.

I think we are all pleased to see the arrival of a new year and it's looking like it's going to be another busy one. Industry is thriving and involvement in Mayors Taskforce for Jobs indicates there is certainly training and employment opportunities to be had. It's been

great to see our hospitality sector getting a good injection of visitors to give them a boost after some rough years. We don't know when or where COVID will arrive on the West Coast, but we are prepared and are collaborating with all sectors involved to make sure we are ready. If we all follow the guidelines and keep improving our vaccination rates, we will get through those times ahead.

You will be aware that a precautionary boil water notice was put in place on 23 December after a failed test at a sampling point on the Greater Greymouth water supply. This is the first notice put on the supply for an e-coli transgression for at least five years and was lifted on Boxing Day after three daily samples returned clear results. We are unsure how the one negative result occurred, as the supply is appropriately monitored and treated. Follow-up sampling and testing shows that it is very unlikely there was an issue with the supply but due to the time of the year and the likely influx of visitors, the notice was issued as a precautionary measure.

The Grey District Council has another busy year ahead and major projects are still underway. The Grey Port and Slipway projects are still in process and work continues at pace on the three bridges with Rough River Bridge being approximately 50% complete, Moonlight Bridge slightly less than 50% and work on William Stewart Bridge site has just commenced. We expect all three bridges to be practically complete in April. The CBD

entranceway by the Revington's site has also started. Three new water reservoirs are going to be constructed which will provide resilience to our drinking water supply. We will also be working with the Communities 4 Local Democracy Group to advocate against the Government's proposed mandated Three Water reforms. It is easy to say we don't agree with the proposal, but we need to back it up with credible alternatives and we will be working on these to present to all political parties soon. Our main aim is to give our communities a voice around the ownership of their assets.

There are major changes coming for Local Government and the Grey District Council Customer Focused Council project is working to make sure we are match fit for what the future holds. There has not been an organisation structure change or investment in technology for a very long time, and all this is taking place to make sure that we improve customer service and realise cost savings by having more efficient processes in place.

That is just a snapshot of what lays ahead. Please remember my door is always open and to get in contact if you would like to discuss anything. My contact details are:

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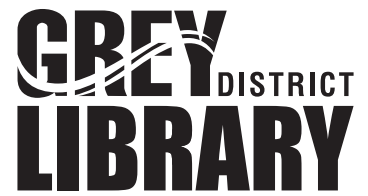
*Tania Gibson
Mayor*

Reading with Waldo and Mulu

Did you know the Grey District Library has had a dog called Waldo come into the Library every week since May 2015 to help children practise reading aloud? Research has shown that reluctant readers respond very positively to reading aloud to a dog who is a non-judgemental and supportive listener.

Waldo was even presented a Civic Award by the Mayor in 2019 in recognition of his decade of volunteer services to the community.

A whole generation of Greymouth school students have improved their reading with Waldo's help. Waldo is now an elderly gentleman of 13 years, and he is going into a much-deserved retirement. Waldo's owners Katie and Dean from Two Brown Dogs and a Cat have arranged an understudy for Waldo. They have a new puppy called Moolu who is a Newfoundland. Moolu commenced her apprenticeship just before the August 2021 lockdown, although the library has not resumed reading programmes as yet, Moolu has been continuing her training by visiting the Library and becoming used to the environment. We hope that in early 2022 Moolu will have completed her training and be ready to listen to those who would like to read to her.



Waldo listening to reading



Moolu settling in at the Library

Plumbing Fitting Precaution

Some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water standing in the fittings for several hours.

Although the health risk is small, the Ministry of Health (MoH) recommends that you flush a mug full of water from your drinking-water tap each morning before use to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings.

The MoH recommends this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies. It is important to note that heavy metals are not a problem with the water itself but rather, when plumb-solvent water dissolves heavy metals found in household plumbing fittings.

If any residents would like further information, they can contact either the Community & Public Health office on 768 1160 or the Infrastructure Services Department of the Grey District Council on 769 8611.

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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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Resource Centres - Blackball, Moana & Nelson Creek

Council would like to remind residents about their Resource Centres, located in Blackball, Moana and Nelson Creek. Refuse and recyclable materials can be disposed of at any of these centres. Below you will find information about the centres including opening hours and fees & charges.

Blackball Resource Centre

Address: Corner of Blackball and Roa Roads, Blackball
 Summer hours: Friday, Saturday & Sunday: 11am - 4pm
 Winter hours: Saturday & Sunday: 1pm - 4pm

Note: Summer and Winter hours are determined by daylight saving

Moana Resource Centre

Address: Arnold Valley Road, Moana
 Operating hours: Weekdays (closed Tuesdays): 10am - 2pm
 Saturday & Sunday: 11am - 4pm

Nelson Creek Resource Centre

Address: Gows Creek Road, Nelson Creek
 Operating hours: Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday: 1pm - 4pm

Fees and Charges

Refuse Bag with Council issued tie	per bag	Free
Refuse Bag without Council issued tie	per bag	\$5.50
Car Boot	per load	\$34.90
Station Wagon	per load	\$52.80
Utility Vehicle/Van	per load	\$52.80
Single Axle Trailer	per load	\$69.60
Tandem Trailer	per load	\$113.80
Truck under 5m ³ , uncompacted general waste	per load	\$249.50
Truck under 5m ³ , compacted general waste or dense material such as building waste	per load	\$394.90

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