

Council News

FEBRUARY 2023

Mayors Comment

Welcome back to everyone after the holiday season, I hope you all had some time to relax, recharge and spend time with family and friends.

Your new Council has settled in well and has come up to speed quickly on the projects that we have underway. Councillors have a good grasp on the future challenges facing the district and I am pleased we have a skilled and reliable team who care about our community. We are looking forward to welcoming a new councillor once the by-election is complete.

We have a busy year ahead with multiple projects underway. We will be working to complete the slipway shed and Blaketown pens at the port, three water reservoirs that will ensure Grey District's resilience in drinking water and planning for the new library. Our roading and infrastructure work is also ongoing. We are beginning to get started on this year's Annual Plan and are preparing for the 2024 Long-Term Plan, which is always a large amount of work for our staff.

Mayors Taskforce for jobs still has funding available, so if you are looking for an employee please get in touch. Our new Coordinator Serena and I have been looking at new initiatives this year and are proud to say we are helping to fund Greymouth High School and John Paul II with their Career Pathways Advisor. A role that will help young people coming out of High School to plan their next steps.

With this year being an election year, we still do not know where the Three Waters reform will take us. The Government has another two new pieces of legislation to pass, that will put in place the provisions to take your water assets. This is expected to happen by mid-year.

Council believes the fight is not over and we are continuing work with other councils through Communities 4 Local Democracy (C4LD). We hope to have a Mayoral Declaration in opposition to the proposed reform out by the end of January to coincide with the reopening of Parliament. So far 40 Mayors will sign with hopefully more to come. We need to make it known that we agree reform is needed, but we oppose the proposed model



and C4LD have created a credible alternative. Whatever happens in this space this year will continue to be disruptive and create uncertainty as to where and how councils will work in the future.

It has been great to see you all out and about now that events have begun to successfully resume. Keep an eye out for more still to come.

My councillors' doors, as well as mine, are always open and if you wish to get in contact please do. You can reach me on email mayor@greydc.govt.nz or phone **027 296 7526**.

Tania Gibson
Grey District Mayor

UPDATE

What's Been Happening Around the District

» Solid Waste Recycling

We have been noticing some higher rates of recycling contamination. When recycling product is contaminated, we are unable to process it due to the health and safety risk to employees.

Contaminated recycling is discarded into the general waste landfill site and is counted towards our Total Emissions Trading Scheme Units and Waste levy. High rates of resource recovery helps divert waste from the landfill and controls the cost of refuse disposal for the district's ratepayers.

BEFORE YOU RECYCLE

- ✓ Rinse all containers
- ✓ Take lids of all bottles and containers
- ✓ Remove bubble wrap or plastic packaging from cardboard boxes - but tape and labels can remain

ITEMS YOU CAN PUT IN YOUR RECYCLING

Blue crate items

- ✓ Glass bottles and glass jars

Yellow bin items

- ✓ Tin, steel and aluminium cans, including empty aerosols
- ✓ Plastic bottles from your kitchen bathroom and laundry (numbered 1,2 and 5). Flattening or squashing containers is not required.
- ✓ Clear plastic food containers (numbered 1,2 and 5)
- ✓ Pizza boxes (remove any leftover food)
- ✓ Newspapers, magazines, advertising mail and envelopes
- ✓ Paper and cardboard packaging
- ✓ Egg cartons

To learn more about rubbish and recycling please visit our website: www.greymouth.govt.nz/06your-home/rubbish-and-recycling



» CBD Entranceways

The new entranceways to town are looking nice, with the first sign in place on the south side and plantings underway. The northern side will receive its new signage and plantings towards the end of January. The signs are made of corten steel, with location-specific landscape features, designed by local, Jase Blair, and fabricated by Mike Ellis of Tommasi Sheetmetal. The Provincial Growth Fund and additional funding provided by Development West Coast has enabled this project to be realised and forms part of the wider CBD report.



» Reservoirs

Tasman View Reservoirs: The reservoir is essentially complete. Pipework has been laid and tank and access ladders are in place for the new Tasman Views reservoir. Specialist contractors began constructing the reservoir structure in mid-October. All that remains is to connect it, fill it and test it.

Arnott Heights Reservoir: Similar work has been undertaken at Arnott Heights since November with the specialists returning to construct the tank from mid January. Commissioning the new Arnott Heights Reservoir is scheduled for early March.



» Port Development Slipway

Piling has been progressing well for the foundation shed. The bottom section of the columns currently measure 6 metres however the finished height at the centre of the shed will be 18 metres high. The new slipway cradle is significantly heavier than its predecessor to carry loads safely over the hump in the existing slipway. The new cradle is designed to carry twice the load, it is near twice the length and the spacing between the support wheels is significantly longer due to the length of the cradle.

The new slipway will be a positive economic addition to the Greymouth port opening up new opportunities and growing local industry.

Work is expected to be completed in March.

Check out the photo above of this huge cradle being fabricated at Dispatch and Garlick, note this is only half of it!



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: **Contestable Grant Fund, Creative Communities New Zealand Scheme, Signage Interpretation Public Art Fund (SIPA), and Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund.**

Application rounds open in April/August 2023 for Creative Communities New Zealand Scheme and Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund. Please refer to our website to view the details and the remaining application openings for all funding opportunities.

Creative Communities New Zealand Scheme

Funding opens April 2023 for Round 1, and August for Round 2. Full details can be found on our website or at Council Office.

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; and
- Benefit local communities.

Recent recipients have been: Humorous Arts Charitable Trust, The West Coast Society of Arts, Creative Collaboration Creativity and Wellbeing, SuperBrain Production NZ, Pou Mahi a Iwi Cultural Work Centre Trust, Greymouth Highland Dancing and The Barden Party.



Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund

Funding rounds are open in April 2023 for Round 1, and August 2023 for round Two. Full details can be found on our website or at Council Office.

The fund helps to lower travel barriers for rural sport clubs and school teams where players aged between 5 and 19 years require subsidies to assist with transport expenses to local sporting competitions.

Sport NZ's Rural Travel Fund (RTF) supports young people to take part in regular sporting activities through clubs and schools.

School club teams and sport club teams are defined as:

- A school club team participating in regular local sport competition in weekends, that excludes interschool and intraschool competitions played during school time.
- A sports club team participating in organised, regular sport competition through club membership outside of school time.

A recent recipient was the Greymouth Junior Athletic Club.



Reporting local issues is a

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Solve



Snap, Send, Solve!

Coming to the Grey District community in 2023, follow us to receive further updates on this exciting new interactive initiative.

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GREY DISTRICT LIBRARY NEWS

Digital Skills for Life

The Library's Stepping Up Digital Skills for Life classes are extremely popular and best of all, they're free and open to people of all ages. Here is the schedule for Term 1, 2023:

Date	Class
Thursday 16 February	Smartphones
Thursday 23 February	Computer Basics
Thursday 2 March	Google and the Internet
Thursday 9 March	Word
Thursday 16 March	Smartphones
Thursday 23 March	Chromebooks
Thursday 30 March	Google Drive

All classes are from 2 pm to 4 pm and will be held in the West Coast Room at Grey District Library. Classes are open to all ages and registration 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 attend.

We look forward to seeing you there!

GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL EVENTS

LIVE MUSIC

FRIDAY NIGHT STREET EATS

ENJOY FROM *4:30pm*

Street Food
It's a great way to eat!

Join us on the first Friday of every month at the Greymouth Town Square (weather dependant) and enjoy the unique flavours and cuisine from your local food stalls.

GREYMOUTH TOWN SQUARE

HOSTED BY: GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL

2023

ART
in the
PARK

ART • MUSIC • OBJECTS • FOOD

Greymouth High School
Shakespeare Street entry

ENTRY FEE \$2 UNDER 12 FREE
Sat 22nd April 10am - 4pm & Sun 23rd April 10am to 3pm

SAT 22 & SUN 23 APRIL 2023

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Left Bank Art Gallery children's art activities