

## Mayors Comment

I begin this newsletter by welcoming our new Council and Councillors. Congratulations on putting your hand up to represent your district. There are some exciting projects happening in the next three years as well as ongoing infrastructure upgrades. We are facing some major reforms from the Government that may significantly change the landscape of Council's structure, its funding and how it works. We must still stand firm and represent our district and local community as well as having a regional voice and continue to build strong relationships with our neighbours Buller and Westland along with our local Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae and Makaawhio. Together our voice is stronger. I look forward to working with you in the years ahead.

I would also like to thank our past Council and our retiring councillors. Many councils around the country have been fractured and this makes decision-making difficult. Whilst we didn't always agree I have been privileged to work with a team of councillors who have good knowledge, skills and sensible thinking.

We have farewelled from Council Anton Becker, Peter Haddock and Murray Hay. These councillors have a combined total of 33 years' experience with Grey District with Murray and Anton both serving 9 years and Peter 15. During their time on Council, they have had significant involvement in, and seen through to completion some major infrastructure projects across our district including the Westland Recreation Centre, Town Square, the Three Bridges, \$48 million in wastewater upgrades along with commencement of the new slipway shed with off-site prefabrication having already begun. On an individual basis Peter held the Transport and Port portfolios and his depth of knowledge and expertise in these areas will be very much missed. Anton has held the Finance portfolio and represented Council on the Tai Poutini One District Plan Committee which required massive hours of research and work. Murray was Deputy Mayor 2016-2019, held

the Civil Defence portfolio and been on a range of committees extending from the Joint Floodwall, sport and recreation, arts, culture and history.

We also farewelled Rose Green who has been a councillor for the last three years but has also spent years as a volunteer in her community and she is now part of the new Trust supported by Council to secure the future of the Runanga Swimming Pool. Her three years on Council has been a challenging term but we have had some great achievements, one being recently planned upgrades to the Runanga Domain.

In addition to the above, we have also lost Patrick McBride from the Council table. Patrick was successfully elected again this year however a career change led him to the decision to withdraw. Patrick has been part of a dedicated council and he has been involved in many of the major achievements mentioned above. I thank Patrick for his role as a councillor from 2016-2022.

While working hard for Council, these councillors have also made outstanding contributions as volunteers in their communities. The list of projects and organisations in which they have been involved is too numerous to list and their



dedication and commitment to our district and their achievements are truly honourable. I would like to acknowledge their work and thank them and their families who support them in these often-challenging roles and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

Thank you from Grey District Council and your community for your service.

**Tania Gibson**  
Mayor

UPDATE

# What's Been Happening Around the District



## » CBD Entranceways

The new entranceways to town are looking great, work is gradually progressing, the beautiful stonework is complete and grass is growing on site. Wet weather has impacted the project with contractors needing to prioritise other civil work created by the severe weather events we have been experiencing this winter. Stonework is a specialised process and can be troublesome at the best of times so the wet weather added to the complications. Despite the hurdles the project is progressing, the new signage made from curved corten steel with a local mountain scape profile, is currently being manufactured and is expected to be installed this month.

## » Better of Funding Projects

Councils application for the first tranche of funding has been drafted with the design of the new Grey District Library being the major project. Concept design work is already underway with further work for future funding scheduled for early in the new year. The current application also includes funding for Runanga Kotare Domain development and Lake Brunner Scenic trail, Duck Creek to Irishman's Landing.



## » Port Development Slipway

Piling has started for the foundation of the maintenance facility. Steel has arrived on the Coast and being fabricated for the shed structure and new 150T capacity slipway cradle. Civils Contractors have also started working on the slipway rails.

## » Croesus Track Road Slip

Repair work undertaken by MBD Solutions proceeded as planned. The road reopened to the public on the 21 October 2022, ready for the summer season.



## » Solid Waste (refuse and recycling)

The wheelie bin and glass crate extension of services to remaining bag collection residents is now significantly complete. A further 2,600 customers can now utilise refuse and recycling wheelie bins and a glass crate. The new service is running well, with monitoring showing very good recyclable product being received. Thank you to residents for putting clean, recyclable products into their recycling wheelie bin. High rates of resource recovery helps divert waste from the landfill and controls the cost of refuse disposal for the districts rate payers.



## » Tasman View Reservoirs

Pipework has been laid and foundations poured for the new Tasman Views reservoir. Specialist contractors will begin constructing the reservoir structure from mid-October for a December completion. Similar work will begin at Arnott Heights in mid-October with the specialists commissioning the new Reservoir in February.

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## Snap, Send, Solve!

Coming to the Grey District community in 2023, a quick easy way to report local issues. Follow us to receive further updates.

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## New GDC Engagement and Communication Officer

Marina Tomasi Atkinson newly appointed GDC Engagement and Communication Officer. Her role involves community engagement and public consultation to support all areas of Council. I'm looking forward to build on strong collaborative relationships within the community and our Council team.



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MAYORS TASKFORCE FOR JOBS

## New Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Coordinator

Further funding has been secured for the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ 2022-2023). This will enable us to continue our work to support local young people into employment. We are delighted to welcome and introduce Serena Moles as the new Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Coordinator. "I'm excited to work with local businesses and the youth in our community, please feel free to get in touch to discuss potential employment options and how the MTFJ funding can support employers and potential employees".



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## 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, Sovereigns 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 2022 and 13 February 2023, please submit your application by 20 November 2022 at the latest to ensure it can be processed and granted and issued to you by 20 December 2022.

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

NOW IS THE TIME



# Give us your feedback

## Resident Satisfaction Survey 2022

We want to know your level of satisfaction with Grey District Council's services, performance, and facilities in your local area. Your feedback will be captured in a survey coming out soon and we urge you to participate.

The survey results will be included in our Annual Report performance measures for various activities, and they also help Council to prioritise its future planning.

COMPLETE THE SURVEY HERE



All participants will go into a special draw, so complete the survey today.



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ASSIST COUNCIL TO PRIORITISE IT'S FUTURE PLANNING

## Winter Packs for Greymouth Families

In July 2022 Council received funding from the Ministry of Social Development under the COVID Protection Framework - Community Awareness and Preparedness (CAP) initiative, aiming to support people and whanau with their wellbeing needs to ensure they can keep safe while in self-isolation, and thereafter.

Council has a vested interest in helping whanau to be prepared, so with the approach of Winter, Mayor Tania Gibson reached out to families via all the grey district schools, elderly care groups, and the West Coast COVID Care in the Community Hub, Mayor Gibson said "we coordinated and delivered 235 Winter Packs with the support from Warehouse Greymouth. Families got to keep these which will enable them to keep themselves and their children warm during this winter period. This has been very successful and appreciated within our Grey District Community" she said



For further information contact GDC Engagement and Communications Officer Marina Tomasi Atkinson



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## Email Rates Invoices

You can sign up to receive your rates or debtor invoices via email or to pay your rates by direct debit. Please email [rates@greydc.govt.nz](mailto:rates@greydc.govt.nz) for more information.

If you have any questions about your rates, you can visit our website, [www.greydc.govt.nz/rates](http://www.greydc.govt.nz/rates) or call 03 769 8605 to speak with our friendly rates staff.

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# CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

The Hits Christmas Carnival is held in central Greymouth

**Friday 2nd - Sunday 4th December**

It's packed full of activities with lots to see and do, including kid's attractions, live music, markets and a cartoon Christmas parade!

## Schedule of Events:

### Friday 2 December 2022

**3:00pm** **Kids Attractions:** Wipeout, Water Rollers and Bumper Boats plus large Inflatable Bouncy Castles and Obstacle Courses.

**4:00pm - 9:00pm** The Annual Christmas Night Market along Mackay Street. (Delicious food and amazing crafts from our local stall holders)

**6:00pm - 9:00pm** The Hits Christmas Concert, inside the Greymouth CBD! Santa will be there to hear all your Christmas wishes.

#### Music Schedule:

**4:00pm - 5:00pm** Ben Roper

**5:00pm - 6:00pm** The Cliff Hangers

**6:00pm - 8:00pm** Jaydin Shingleton

**8:00pm - 9:00pm** Backshift Heelers Band

### Saturday 3 December 2022

**10:00am** **Kids Attractions:** Wipeout, Water Rollers and Bumper Boats plus large Inflatable Bouncy Castles and Obstacle Courses.

**11:00am** The Greymouth Cartoon Christmas Parade (Spot prizes for the best Christmas Float and best dressed Cartoons)

**12:30pm - 2:00pm** Live music from Jaydin Shingleton inside Greymouth Town Square

### Sunday 4 December 2022:

**10:00am** **Kids Attractions:** Wipeout, Water Rollers and Bumper Boats plus large Inflatable Bouncy Castles and Obstacle Courses.

**Market stalls and Christmas float registrations:**

Contact Lara Thomas via email [lara.thomas@greydc.govt.nz](mailto:lara.thomas@greydc.govt.nz) or phone 027 263 2650

**We can't wait to see you so come on downtown and join the fun!**



**Your local business association is needing new members!**

The Grey District Business Promotions Association is a voice for the business community.

We are made up of volunteer representatives that believe businesses improve districts.

**Become a member for \$150+gst per year**

Your vital membership contribution shows a collaborative business voice and goes towards making our town and district a place to be proud of.

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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 timetable for Term 4:

Date	Class
Thurs 27 Oct	Smart phones
Thurs 3 Nov	Computer Basics
Thurs 10 Nov	Smart phones
Thurs 17 Nov	Introduction to spreadsheets
Thurs 24 Nov	Smart phones
Thurs 1 Dec	Introduction to Digital Banking

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!

### Device Advice @ the Library

On Tuesdays, between 10.30am and 11.30am we can provide assistance with a wide range of digital devices: phones, laptops, digital cameras, ebook devices, etc. Bookings are not necessary so do drop in if you need some advice on your device.