

# NEWSLETTER

Grey District Council - May 2024



## Mayor's comment

Since my last newsletter comment, Coast leaders have been very lucky to have had frequent opportunities to engage with Minister Shane Jones and our West Coast representative MP Maureen Pugh.

Discussion has focused on the briefing to the incoming Government that West Coast Mayors, Chairs and Iwi prepared with the aim of elevating development throughout the region.

Minister Jones attended the February opening of the Pike 29 Track and there was an opportunity to show him the development around our port which was made possible by funding received from the Government's Provincial Growth Fund. The Minister also visited the new Pounamu Pathway cultural experience centre and he was most impressed with both this and the port development. Since then, we have had opportunities to provide information as an aligned group of leaders on what economic development and resilience we need going forward. From these interactions the Minister has requested more information on:

- Upgrading the regional airports
- Waiho River Franz Josef Flood Protection Work
- Waitaha Hydro Scheme
- Westport's Flood Resilience
- Spring Creek Mine
- Greymouth Ports

The information requested has been provided and from the engagement we have had, we're very optimistic these projects that are imperative for our region to thrive and be resilient will be considered for funding opportunities arising in the future. Some of these projects do not even require funding. The Waitaha Scheme and Spring Creek Mine, for example, would both be privately funded. The latter would provide approximately 60 jobs and upwards of \$7.5 million in wages to the West Coast economy. The mine is predicted to produce 200,000 tonnes of internationally rare coal into the specialist coal market targeted at the high value silicon metal industry for use in a variety of products, such as solar panels. If this mine is to reopen it has little to no effect on the environment with infrastructure already in place. There are also various other rare mineral projects being considered on the West Coast including minerals that are needed for components of technologies we all need and use. I'm pleased to say confidence in investment in this sector is also increasing.

We still require housing and both

house prices and confidence in the district have risen substantially. We want to assure investors, developers and the construction sector that the future is looking bright and although all sectors of housing are in need, they have a great part to play in the skilled worker and aging sector of new housing development. Kāinga Ora is working on many housing projects in the social sector which is good to see. Commercial building and our CBD is also at the biggest turning point we have seen in a long time with more buildings and businesses in the planning stages which makes for a very busy sector. There is lots of growth, business projects in the planning, the mineral sector opening but along with all these great positives comes hurdles and problems to overcome. Overall the positivity of the future is looking good, and we will work through whatever pops up as we go along together.

Tania Gibson  
Mayor

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DISTRICT COUNCIL





# DOG REGISTRATION

A reminder to all Grey District residents that dog registration notices for the 24/25 year will be mailed out to dog owners by the end of June and will be due for payment by 31 July 2024.

We are unable to accept payments until 01 July 2024. Unpaid registration fees will incur a late payment penalty from 01 August 2024.

All dogs must be registered by the time they are three months of age, and this must be renewed every year thereafter.

If you have a new dog and we don't know about it, please contact us to start the registration process.

If you have moved here from a different district let us know and we will do a district changeover at no extra cost.

If you've recently moved to a new house or no longer have your dog, please contact the Animal Control team to let us know so we can update our records. You can reach us on 03 769 8600 or email [info@greydc.govt.nz](mailto:info@greydc.govt.nz)

While you are required to register your dogs by law, your registration fee helps contribute to a range of benefits that we all get to enjoy as residents in the district.

A few of these include:

- Ensuring community safety by managing roaming and aggressive dogs
- Reuniting lost dogs with owners
- Responding to complaints about dogs
- Providing an after hours (emergency only) service
- Educating owners and promoting better care and welfare of dogs
- Administration of the Dog Control Act 1996 and Council Bylaws

To find out more about Grey District Council animal related services please go to our website: <https://www.greydc.govt.nz/animalcontrol>

Or alternatively, give the Animal Control team a call on 03 769 8600

# DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN

The 2024 / 2025 Draft Enhanced Annual Plan is now open for consultation.

This is your opportunity to provide feedback on our draft plan. More detailed information can be found in the full Draft Enhanced Annual Plan. Please take this opportunity to read it, consider the Council's proposal and have your say.

You can provide feedback in hard copy by downloading the submission form here, online below, or in person at one of our many public sessions.

We encourage you to provide an in-person submission to Council in early June.

Please take some time to have your say and provide feedback on what Council is proposing and let us know what you see as key issues for our District for the next 12 months.





## Omotumotu Bush Track

The track has reopened with an awesome new bridge to greet walkers. Constructed to endure the test of time, the concrete slab used to span the bridge has been repurposed from the Rough River Bridge removal. It's great to see these being repurposed and for their story to continue.

Rock work on the banks of the Omotumotu Bridge Creek has also been completed to prevent erosion under the bridge and protect neighbouring properties.

We think you'll agree it's been well worth the wait.



## Have your say Grey

We want to hear from you!

Have your say on plans we're making and projects in the pipeline.

Have your say Grey is your portal to sharing your perspectives, providing feedback and connecting with Council and your community.

Visit the website today.

[haveyoursay.greycdc.govt.nz](http://haveyoursay.greycdc.govt.nz)



## Book a librarian

New phone? Need to scan? Post those holiday photos from Acapulco on Facebook?

The Library is here to help!

Free one-on-one sessions to assist with:

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- Social media
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- Government websites and forms

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# FUNDING ROUNDS AVAILABLE

FOR ALL FUNDS AND GRANTS INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORMS PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE & SEARCH "GRANTS & FUNDING"

**greydc.govt.nz**  
or for more info email  
**info@greydc.govt.nz**

Paper copies available:

Recreation Centre/Library/Grey District Council

## Find your fun(d)

Funding rounds are open or opening soon for:

- Creative Communities Fund
- Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund
- Contestable Grant Fund

If you're part of a project or have an idea for a project that will enhance the community, increase participation in the arts or engage young people, the Creative Communities Scheme Fund is for you.

If your school or junior club needs to travel within the Grey District for sport, then the Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund is for you.

If you've got a vision for making our district a thriving, connected and resilient Grey District, check out the criteria and opportunities available through the Contestable Grant Fund.

Find all the details on our website:  
[www.greydc.govt.nz/funding](http://www.greydc.govt.nz/funding)

## COAST EMPLOYMENT EXPO

Discover | Explore | Connect

DISCOVER LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES, EXPLORE LOCAL POSSIBILITIES,  
CONNECT WITH LOCAL INDUSTRIES

### Westport / Kawatiri Event

Date: Tuesday 14 May 2024

Time: 10:00AM - 2:00PM

Location: Westport Clocktower

### Greymouth / Māwhera Event

Date: Thursday 16 May 2024

Time: 10:00AM - 2:00PM

Location: Westland Recreation Centre

Welcoming all Community, Kura and Rangatahi!

For more info contact Jade Mahuika - jade@dwc.org.nz

## REFUSE & RECYCLING MADE EASY



### WHAT CAN GO IN THE YELLOW TOP BIN?

Plastics numbered 1, 2 and 5,  
paper, cardboard and cans

Look for these numbers on the bottom of plastics



Clean plastic, lids off (No's 1,2,5)

Clean tins & cans

Clean flat paper & cardboard

### WHAT CAN GO IN THE BLUE CRATE?



Empty, unbroken  
glass bottles  
and jars  
(lids removed)

### WHAT GOES IN THE RED TOP BIN?



Plastics 3, 4, 6, 7, broken glass, liquids, rubbish, polystyrene,  
plastic bags, garden waste, food waste, disposable nappies,  
cold ashes, bubble wrap, ceramics, crockery and porcelain,  
lids, toothpaste tubes and any other household waste.

