

Covid-19 recognition awards



On 24 September 2020, certificates of recognition for services to the community during COVID-19 were presented by the Mayor to deserving recipients.

The certificates were presented to people and businesses to acknowledge the outstanding efforts undertaken by some of our community members during the COVID-19 lockdown period.

Congratulations to everyone who received a certificate.

Mayor's comment



The West Coast is weathering the post COVID period to the best of its ability and has many opportunities and projects happening. The applications that the Grey District Council put to the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) and

Shovel Ready Government funds have been very successful. Our staff have done a great job and through the PGF we have received funding for the rebuilds of our port and slipway along with the new dredge. Our port has needed assistance for many years and has been a burden on our ratepayers, now we see some exciting opportunities arising within the fishing industry which is a great employer in our region. We will be able to expand our port capabilities, attract more business and be able to cope with larger vessels for repair.

Many of our bridges have had maintenance deferred over the years due to lack of funding. Through the Shovel Ready project applications, we received funding for three bridges - Moonlight, Rough River and William Stewart. These bridges are on key transport routes and with heavier vehicles and increased traffic on our roads, upgrading them is a priority in order to meet safety standards.

We have also received funding from the PGF for Grey District community halls, war memorials and community spaces, which is great as the money will be spread across our district and benefit our small rural community groups who often struggle for funding. There will be 13 halls, a war memorial and community space that will be repaired, painted or renovated. I am looking forward to visiting them all and seeing the improvements this funding will enable.

There are big changes coming from our Government through the proposed Three Waters reforms. With the election looming, all councils across the country are waiting to see how these changes pan out. Water is always a passionate subject for our communities. In the meantime, we are carrying on with our capital projects to build a new water reservoir on the Cobden side of the river and have received Shovel Ready project funding for a further two reservoirs - Tasman Views and Arnott Heights.

Making the Greymouth water supply more resilient was a top priority of mine. The current reservoir was built in 1904 and sits on the Omoto Hill, so to be able to have such good progress on this in one year is great.

The Council has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government to discuss the water reforms. Entering the agreement commits us to discussions, nothing more, and as a result of this the Grey District will be receiving an additional \$3.84 million to be spent three waters projects. This funding must be targeted at the purpose it is given for and we

have decided to finalise water supply security and upgrade capacity by building a final reservoir for Greymouth and undertake some long overdue renewals of our underground services. All this funding is great news and will assist in ensuring rates aren't required for these projects.

We are currently working on our 10-year long term plan and deciding the priorities and spending for that period, while trying to make the best decisions for our district's future. It is no easy task, but I remind us all we still live in one of the best places in the world and are lucky to live where we do. The Grey District still has many infrastructure deferrals and provides 45 different services.

I have also been working on Mayors Taskforce for Jobs in conjunction with Ministry of Social Development. Funding is available to help businesses take on new employees and offer opportunities in the workforce. I have been enjoying the chance to get out and engage with our local businesses throughout this time and if you are thinking of employing, please get in touch. I love seeing what our local businesses do and many would surprise you.

We have innovative, sustainable and successful businesses in our district, many working busily under the radar doing great things. Hearing the positive stories and the opportunities that are out there certainly make for a good day and I look forward to visiting more of you in the future.

*Tania Gibson
Mayor*

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. Below is the schedule for Term 4.

DATE	TOPIC
Thursday 22 October	Smartphones
Thursday 29 October	Digital photos
Thursday 5 November	Computer basics
Thursday 12 November	Google & the Internet
Thursday 19 November	Internet Safety & Security
Thursday 26 November	Online newspapers
Thursday 3 December	Email 1
Thursday 10 December	TradeMe



All classes are held on a Thursday from 2pm to 4pm in the West Coast Room at the Grey District Library. Classes are open to all ages and 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/>.

Justices of the Peace

The West Coast Justices of the Peace will run a service desk in the West Coast Room of the Grey District Library for members of the public who need their services each Tuesday from 1-3pm.

Westland Recreation Centre news

Summer is just around the corner
Why not join as a member at the Westland Recreation Centre?

Membership options:

- Multi Membership - This membership includes the use of the lap pool, learners pool, leisure pool, toddler pool, hot tub, sauna, hydrosides, gym, circuit and aquacise and group fitness classes, where applicable. *\$21.90 per week for an adult, \$20.20 per week for a senior/ student/CCH (3-month minimum membership applies), pay upfront options also available.*
- Fitness Membership - This membership includes the gym, circuit and group fitness classes, where applicable. *\$17.60 per week for an adult, \$15.80 per week for a senior/ student/CCH (3-month minimum membership applies), payup front options also available.*

You can read more about our membership options and pricing at www.facebook.com/WestlandRec.

Spring Creek Pool opening

Spring Creek Pool in Runanga will be open to the public from 28 November 2020. See below for dates and time.

28 November 2020 - 29 January 2021 30 January 2021 - 28 March 2021

- Monday to Friday 3.30pm - 7.00pm
- Saturday and Sunday 12.30pm - 7pm
- Saturday and Sunday - 12.30pm to 7pm (Weekends only - Subject to demand)

Stay up to date on the Westland Recreation Centre Facebook page



Funding for heaters and insulation with Warmer Kiwi Homes.

Warmer Kiwi Homes is a Government programme offering insulation and heater grants to low-income home owners.

What could you get?

We all want a warm, dry, healthy home. Find out if you're eligible to receive a grant for a heater, insulation or both. Grants cover:

- 90% of the total cost of ceiling and underfloor insulation. In some areas, the cost to you may be even lower, thanks to generous funding from community organisations.
- 90% of the cost of an approved heater. This could be a heat pump or an efficient wood/pellet burner for the main living area. Heater grants are capped at \$3000 including GST.

Are you eligible? Checklist for an insulation grant

- You own and live in a home built before 2008.
- You (the owner) have a community services card or live in an area identified as low income.
- Your home doesn't have ceiling and underfloor insulation. (If you had an insulation grant for a previous house, no worries, you can apply again).

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- You own and live in a home built before 2008.
- You (the owner) have a community services card or live in an area identified as low income.

Visit the website: warmerkiwihomes.govt.nz or freephone 0800 749 728 to find out if you are eligible.

What is Mayors Taskforce For Jobs?

Funding is available to help businesses take on new employees and offer opportunities in the workforce.

A collaboration between Mayors Task Force For Jobs (MTFJ) and the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) The MTFJ Community Recovery Programme helping Rural councils assist small to medium sized businesses with recruitment, training and subsidies, to help them take on young workers or those who have been displaced due to the impact of the COVID-19 crises.

The programme has provided up to \$500,000 per rural council, aiming to create a minimum of 50 sustainable employment positions.

Up to \$10K is available for each employee within the Grey District.

What can the Mayors Task Force for Jobs offer?

- Training
- Wage support
- Tools/ equipment
- Accommodation assistance
- PPE
- Travel assistance

If you would like to know more please contact our Greymouth Mayors Taskforce for Jobs, Co-ordinator Marina Tomasi-Atkinson on:

E: Marina.tomasi@greydc.govt.nz
M: 027 243 9381

Marina is looking forward to hearing from you



Friday 13 and Saturday 14 November 2020 at the Greymouth Aerodrome.

Come along to AgFest West Coast and you'll experience every inch of farming in New Zealand; from the latest in dairy sheds to the best gumboots to wear in them. You'll see the latest in farming vehicles and implements, stock care, health and safety, and much more, AgFest West Coast promises that this is an event that will hold hours of interest for every person in your family regardless of whether you directly work in the rural sector or not.

There will be entertainment for the whole family including the live Agchef West Coast Cooking Competition, the Creative Gumbboot and Colour Competition and the Farmlands AgFest Women's Pavilion area that caters exclusively for women who want to see the latest in homewares, education, skin care, fashion, food and more.

Come and check it out, to keep upto date visit the AgFest website <https://www.agfest.co.nz/> or Facebook page.



Heart of the West Coast

Civic Awards Ceremony 2020

The Grey District Council likes to acknowledge the outstanding voluntary community service of our citizens. Each year in May nominations are sought for hard working volunteers in our district, and up to five awards can be granted each year. Successful candidates are then presented with their Award by the Mayor at a ceremony at Council.

The annual Civic Awards ceremony was held at Council Chambers on 10 September 2020. Four people were granted a Civic Award to say thank you for their dedication to our community.

You can see more on the Grey District Civic Awards on our website:

<https://www.greycdc.govt.nz/our-district/civic-awards>

Pictured below from left to right are our four 2020 recipients: Jeanette Oliver, Mayor Tania Gibson, John Oliver, Cliff Sandrey and Olga Dodd.




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.

 www.greycdc.govt.nz

 www.facebook.com/GreyDC

Westland Anniversary Day

This year, Westland Anniversary public holiday will be observed on **Monday 30 November 2020.**

Council's weed spraying programme

Commencing on 15 September 2020 through to 30 June 2021, Westroads Greymouth Limited will begin the weed spraying programme. If you have any queries or concerns you are asked to contact Steve Smith of Westroads Greymouth Limited on 768 7042. Westroads Greymouth Limited are Registered Chemical Applicators.

NOTE: The public are asked not to take vegetation from the roadside for human consumption.

If you do not wish to have your roadside included in the weedspraying programme you may phone the Grey District Council, Infrastructure Services Department on ph: 769 8611 or download from Council's website a "No Weedspray Option" form which must be completed and returned to us before spraying commences.

Have Your Say!