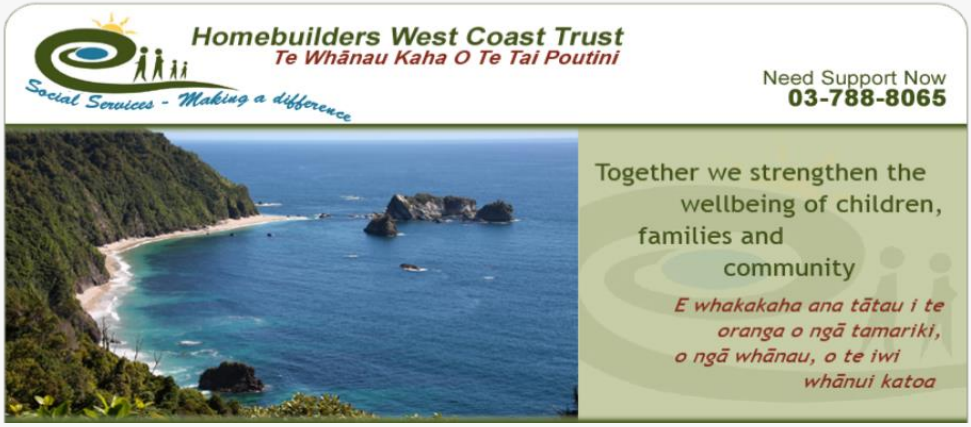

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Christmas Message from Chief Executive

Welcome to our last newsletter of 2019.

This year has certainly been a whirlwind of ups and downs. We have worked through some difficult situations, made some hard decisions and participated in significant conversations, to get to where we are now. We stayed strong and while we have some way to go, we will continue to develop our people, services and structure. Our work is made possible with a strong and supportive Trust Board, who backed and supported us, throughout the past year, on every level.

Earlier in the year, we completed our strategic plan with a focus on the next ten years. What will New Zealand look like in 2030? We considered a variety of information that was presented to us and worked solidly to prepare a plan to guide our service development - to make sure we

are relevant, working multi culturally and serving children, whanau and our communities, to the best of our capability and capacity.

We are ready to start the new decade in good spirits with a focus on what we do best:

- support children, young people, whānau and communities
- provide individualised responses and our group parenting programme
- understand the trauma families find themselves experiencing from time to time

Many of the services we deliver are free of charge. We want to keep providing quality, wrap-around holistic services across the West Coast. Our struggle will always be sufficient funding. We absolutely need sufficient funding to continue to offer services to support wellbeing, to support improved family functioning, to support improved health and education outcomes for our children. Funding is always a challenge for those of us in the Not for Profit sector and we hope the coming years will be innovative, creative and inspiring with funding opportunities.

My wish is for you all to have a wonderful Christmas time, with much joy and good times. I hope you take time to share with those who are special to you, time to share adventures, time to feel the warmth of the sun and smell the roses (or flowers of your choice!).

We wish everyone a safe and peaceful holiday season and all the very best for 2020.

Lorraine Scanlon
Chief Executive

Season's Greetings
Here's wishing you all the joys of the season,
We wish you and your family
A happy Christmas and a safe New Year
Nikki
Lorraine
Marion
from
"The Homebuilders Team"

Christmas Hours

Homebuilders office will be closed for a Staff function on Friday 20 December.

Our Westport and Greymouth offices will be closed over the holiday period from midday Tuesday 24th December, 2019 and reopen 8.30am Monday 6th January 2020. The answer phone will be available during this period.

Have a happy and safe holiday.

Welcome to our new Social Worker in Schools (SWiS) for Buller

Georgia Wilkinson

Kia ora, many will know me already from my previous roles with Homebuilders and more recently my work with CAMHS. I have taken on the position as Social Worker in Schools for the primary school sector within Westport which was previously filled by the wonderful Maegan Bird. I look forward to being a part of the primary school support system and getting to know more of our community through this role. I am a Karamea kid and visit my family up there often, but live full time in Westport where I own my own place. My grandad taught at Buller High School and Westport North School many moons ago, and I have my heart well and truly invested in the Coast.

BBBS Mentors for 2020

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Buller is looking for community mentors for 2020! Being a 'Big Brother' or 'Big Sister' is simple. All you have to do is be a friend to one of our fun-loving kids. You and your 'Little Brother' or 'Little Sister' can do things that you already enjoy doing, such as:

- Kicking a ball around
- Taking a walk on the beach
- Playing a board game
- Hanging out, eating and talking
- Going to the movies and throwing popcorn at the screen (okay, maybe not that second part).

Mentoring sessions are a fun, relaxed time when young people and their 'Bigs' can hang out and build a friendship. The programme is structured in a way that allows mentoring to begin as early as Year 1 and can continue right through until the end of high school.

Building relationships and sharing experiences are most effective when they last a long time and when frequent contact is made. To be a mentor you need to:

- Volunteer 1 – 2 hours per week
- Commit to the mentoring for 12 months
- Be reliable and consistent
- Be willing to be supervised
- For Community-Based programmes the volunteer must be over 18.

For many young people, simply having a mentor turn up week after week is so important, as this provides a stable relationship which will help connect them to other people and to the community around them.
It is more fun than you realise and flexible enough to fit your schedule.

If you are thinking about becoming a mentor, or would like more information first - please contact Kyra at bbbs@homebuilderswpt.co.nz or call the office at 03 788 8065 or Kyra's cell at 027 644 0523.

Alternatively, if you are a parent and think your child could benefit from this programme, or you know a young person that could benefit, referrals can be made through the Homebuilders office.

Jennian Homes

Calling for Christmas gift donations.
Let's help children of the West Coast this Christmas!

Jennian Homes West Coast has teamed up with local charity 'Homebuilders West Coast Trust', who provide essential social services to West Coast families in their time of need.

Jennian is collecting Christmas gifts for children in the Buller and Grey communities. We want to help all children have a joyful Christmas, please help us put a smile on our children's faces by donating gifts.

Gifts can be donated from 1st December - 17th December 2019 to the following:

Jennian Homes Westport – 128 Palmerston Street, Westport
Jennian Homes Greymouth – 76-78 High Street, Westport
Clock Tower Café – 41 Weld Street, Hokitika

Homebuilders West Coast Trust is a child and family support service based in Westport and Greymouth, who provide quality, essential social services to the children, families and whanau in our area.

Together we strengthen the well-being of children, families and community.
E whakakaha ana tatau i te oranga o nga tamariki, o nga whanau, o te iwi whanui katoa

For ease of distribution please label gifts with Gender and an age appropriate band. E.g. Boy 3-5 yrs old.

Homebuilders West Coast Trust

Jennian HOMES
Your personality Our expertise

Hire Equipment

Hire rates are $2 per day or $10 per week.
A deposit of $20.00 is required at the time of hire.
All equipment must be returned clean and tidy.
Short or long term hire.

Bassinette

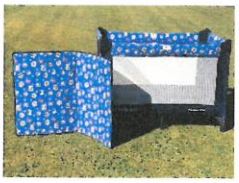
High Chairs

Baby Bouncer

Strollers

Mountain Buggy

Porta cots



Optional mattress for cot
(no extra cost)

Contact Homebuilders West Coast Trust, 52 Mill Street. Westport
Phone: 03 788 8065 Email: office@homebuilderswpt.co.nz

Please note:

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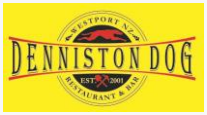
All mail is received via

PO Box 388

Westport.

Thank you for your continued support.



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