

## DWC TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN

The four annual scholarships are valued up to \$32,500 per student over the three to four years of their tertiary study.

The scholarships also offer summer work and guaranteed employment on the West Coast on completion of the applicant's tertiary study.

"The scholarships are designed to grow and retain highly qualified residents on the West Coast by removing barriers to training and employment," explains DWC chief executive Heath Milne.

Rachel Morris, from Hokitika, was one of DWC's 2022 scholarship recipients. She is currently pursuing her nursing studies at the Ara Institute of Canterbury. During her academic break, Rachel had the opportunity to work as a healthcare assistant at Te Nikau Hospital in Greymouth.

"It has been an amazing learning opportunity," Rachel said. "I have learned many skills such as how to deal with difficult situations and getting a glimpse of what nursing will be like in the future while working there."

Greymouth's Clark Fountain is another 2022 scholarship holder. Clark is in his second year studying Industrial Product Design at University of Canterbury.

He has also been doing an internship with Greymouth engineering firm, Quality Machining Ltd.

Clark is not only furthering his academic



**"IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT. THE DWC SCHOLARSHIP GUARANTEES WORK IN YOUR CHOSEN FIELD OF STUDY, PROVIDING INSIGHTS AND A HEAD START IN YOUR CAREER."**

Julian Guppy, 2023 scholarship holder from Karamea

pursuits but also spearheading initiatives as the president of the University Canterbury Motorsport Club.

"The scholarship has been crucial to me getting to university and where I am now," he said.

Zoe Double, a 2023 DWC scholarship recipient from Greymouth High School, is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Environmental Science at Lincoln University.

For Zoe, the scholarship is not just about funds – it's about possibilities.

"The DWC scholarship has provided me with so many connections and made me more recognisable for potential opportunities," she explained.

For those contemplating applying for the DWC tertiary scholarships, Clark has straightforward advice: "Definitely just do it."

For more information and application details, prospective candidates can visit the DWC scholarship website.

[westcoast.co.nz/scholarships](https://westcoast.co.nz/scholarships)

## CO.STARTERS BUSINESS START-UP AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Expressions of interest are open for DWC's Co.Starters programme set to begin on 12 September in Greymouth

The ten-week course is designed to help you find the best approach to starting and growing a business, and collaborate with others who share your entrepreneurial spirit as you work through your business model.

Anna-Marie Bell, from Wild for Knots, is a graduate of the programme.

"Co.Starters helped me see that I have the potential to have a successful business. It gave me the confidence to trust myself and my dream. Gave me the knowledge to chase it and bring it from my imagination into the tangible," she said.

10 Week Programme | 3hrs a week | \$500+GST

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Connecting your business directly to NZMCA members | Hokitika  
24 August, 6pm - 7pm | FREE | Hokitika RSA
- DWC Annual Public Meeting | Hokitika  
29 August, 1pm-2:30pm | FREE | St John Rooms
- Connecting your business directly to NZMCA members | Westport  
30 August, 5:30pm - 6:30pm | FREE | Denniston Dog
- 2023 West Coast Tourism Summit | Greymouth  
31 August, 9:00am - 5:00pm | FREE | Shantytown
- Business Capability Series: Defining your big idea and value proposition | Westport  
11 September, 10:30am - 1:30pm | FREE | Westport Bridge Club
- Business Capability Series: Defining your big idea and value proposition | Greymouth  
12 September, 10:30am - 1:30pm | FREE | Byte Digital Hub
- Connecting your business directly to NZMCA members | Greymouth  
18 September, 5:30pm - 6:30pm | FREE | Speight's Ale House
- Infometrics West Coast Update | Greymouth  
27 September, 7:30am - 9:00am | FREE | Paroa Hotel
- Infometrics West Coast Update | Westport  
27 September, 12:00pm - 1:30pm | FREE | EPIC Westport

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## WEST COAST BUSINESS SURVEY

The input of West Coast businesses is sought in a comprehensive business survey aimed at understanding the current business climate, challenges, and opportunities.

The survey is a joint initiative between several West Coast organisations who provide business support services and help address the workforce needs of the region: Development West Coast, Te Tai o Poutini West Coast Regional Skills Leadership Group, Tai Poutini Polytechnic | Te Pūkenga, Mayors Taskforce for Jobs (Buller, Grey, and Westland), and Upskill West Coast.

The survey is designed to gain a deeper insight into critical areas including recruitment challenges, workforce expectations, future training needs, and the overall business sentiment within the West Coast. This approach also ensures a more holistic understanding of the West Coast business environment, enabling the organisations to work together more efficiently to meet the region's unique needs.

The insights derived from the survey will assist in developing actions to support businesses, improve workforce development, and ultimately contribute to the overall success of the West Coast region.

[westcoast.co.nz/BusinessSurvey](https://westcoast.co.nz/BusinessSurvey)

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# WEST COAST TOURISM SUMMIT

Shantytown  
31 August 2023  
Mawhera  
Greymouth

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