



Clark Fountain (DWC scholarship recipient) and Jade Mahuika (DWC vocational coordinator)

WEST COAST INNOVATION

An internship with Greymouth business Quality Machining has provided DWC scholarship recipient Clark Fountain with first-hand experience of West Coast ingenuity.

Quality Machining have built a brand-new firefighter training simulator for the Wellington Airport. The simulator was originally an old grain silo. Clark, who is also part of the Cobden Fire Brigade, helped with the design of various parts of the plane including the nose/tail, the cockpit, seating, and decals.

A few local Volunteer Fire Brigades, St John staff, and ROA rescue helicopter

staff were the very first people to give the new simulator a go, with drills involving the different crews.

The simulator is now at its new home at the Wellington airport.



Before: the old grain silo

COME AND MEET THE DWC TEAM

Get ready for the DWC Roadshow, coming to a location near you.

From Karamea to Franz Josef, this Roadshow is designed to inform you about DWC's range of support services and activities.

Whether you're interested in business

support, tourism, marketing, regional promotion, or commercial finance, these sessions offer an opportunity to learn how DWC can assist and collaborate with you. So join us at an After-5 session near you for some light refreshments and networking, and connect with the team behind DWC.

FREE COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE WORKSHOPS

DWC is bringing community governance training to the West Coast.

One-day introductory community governance workshops will be facilitated by Richard Westlake of Westlake Governance and are designed for not-for-profit and community organisations.

DWC Economic Development Manager, Jo Birnie, said based on community feedback DWC are running the workshop from Karamea to Haast.

Normally the workshop would cost around \$1000 per person, however recognising the financial restraints on community groups this training has been made free and only

requires the investment of your time.

"Community groups, regardless of their size or purpose, can greatly benefit from governance training," Birnie said.

"Governance training reinforces the importance of keeping the community group's mission and goals at the forefront of decision-making. By aligning actions with the group's purpose, members can ensure that their efforts remain focused and impactful."

Spaces are limited to 20 in each location, so ensure you apply now.

Further information can be found online.

DWC ROADSHOW AND NETWORKING EVENT

- **Health and Safety: Stage 1 Training | Greymouth**
6 March, 9:00am - 4:00pm | \$450+GST | Byte Digital Hub
- **Institute of Directors: Evening with Rob Campbell**
19 March, 6.30pm - 8.30pm | \$25 members, \$50 non-members | Station's Inn, Hokitika
- **Employment Law 24: What do employers need to know? | Greymouth**
22 March, 9.00am-11.00am | FREE | Ashley Hotel
- **Coast Employment Expo | Westport**
14 May, 10.00am - 2.00pm | FREE | Westport Clocktower
- **Coast Employment Expo | Greymouth**
16 May, 10.00am - 2.00pm | FREE | Westland Recreation Centre

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DWC ROADSHOW AND NETWORKING EVENT

- **Greymouth**
11 March, 5:30pm - 7:00pm | FREE | Venue TBC
- **Hokitika**
12 March, 5:30pm - 7:00pm | FREE | Hokitika St John
- **Reefton**
13 March, 5:30pm - 7:00pm | FREE | Dawson's Hotel
- **Franz Josef**
20 March, 5:30pm - 7:00pm | FREE | Venue TBC
- **Westport**
20 March May, 5:30pm - 7:00pm | FREE | Club Buller
- **Karamea**
21 March, 5:30pm - 7:00pm | FREE | Karamea RSA

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE WORKSHOPS

- **Karamea**
5 March, 9:00am - 4:00pm | FREE | Karamea RSA
- **Reefton**
6 March, 9:00am - 4:00pm | FREE | Reefton St John
- **Hokitika**
7 March, 9:00am - 4:00pm | FREE | Hokitika St John
- **Westport**
30 April, 9:00am - 4:00pm | FREE | Club Buller
- **Greymouth**
1 May, 9:00am - 4:00pm | FREE | Greymouth St John
- **Franz Josef**
15 May, 9:00am - 4:00pm | FREE | Franz Josef St John
- **Haast**
16 May, 9:00am - 4:00pm | FREE | Venue TBC

Registrations essential