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West Coast Regional Council to host NZHS Technical Workshop in Greymouth

West Coast Regional Council is delighted to announce that it will partner with the New Zealand Hydrological Society in hosting the New Zealand Hydrological Society (NZHS) Technical Workshop in Greymouth next year.

The workshop, which will be held at Shantytown from 24 to 26 March 2026, marks a significant opportunity to showcase some of the region's rich hydrological landscapes and reinforce the critical role of regional partnership in water science.

Under the workshop's theme "*Back to Basics - Core Principles for a New Era*" delegates will hear from members of the environmental monitoring industry on a range of subjects, as well as participate in either the annual Data Workshop or Field Day/Gauging Regatta.

The workshop is expected to bring more than 120 people to the Coast from around New Zealand with delegates attending from Australia, the United States, South Korea and Europe.

West Coast Regional Council Chair Peter Haddock said hosting this national event on the Coast was an excellent opportunity for the region and a success for the Regional Council.

"It's a real testament to the dedication and experience of council's Hydrology team."

WCRC Hydrology Manager Samwell Warren said it is a privilege to have been accepted as hosts for this event next year.

"This reflects some of the hard work we have done over the past few years, including our increased presence in hydrometric and science monitoring community,"

"We are eager to not only put on a great conference for everyone but get some time to see and explore some of this incredible region."

Last year, WCRC hydrology staff Reuben Stuart and Pete Mason attended the NZHS Technical Workshop in Hamilton, winning Best Presentation for their work comparing old methods of flood gauging with modern techniques on West Coast rivers.

Their prize included a trip to Tasmania to represent New Zealand and present their work at the Australian Hydrographers Association Conference.

About the NZHS Technical Workshop

The New Zealand Hydrological Society Technical Workshop is the society's flagship professional development event, dedicated to advancing hydrological science and practice in Aotearoa. It brings together hydrologists, scientists, technicians and practitioners to exchange ideas, share innovations, and build capacity across the sector.

Image: Reuben Stuart and Pete Mason radar gauging at Maruia.

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