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Keeping you up to date with news from your Buller District Council

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Mayor's message

With the shortest day now behind us, I'm feeling positive for the coming few months ahead. Council staff and the governance team have been very busy bringing key strategic documents to completion.

This work has been significant and in some cases breaking new ground in terms of government policy. It takes time to negotiate and to ensure we have done our best for the community.

The Kawatiri Business Case seeking co-investment from



government to improve Westport's flood resilience, brings together a number of threads into one document. Most of the initiatives included are well known in the community from work done over previous years. However, this is the first time they are being considered strategically and presented as an opportunity to partner with government in new ways, to ensure a safe and resilient future for Westport. The proposal is now with Minister Nanaia Mahuta for consideration.

The Te Tai Poutini Plan (TTPP) is another key document that has been over two years in development and is out for public consultation. The TTPP affects all property on the West Coast and includes some significant changes. It is important people engage in the process and understand the implications for their own properties and how they would like our district to develop.

I hope the Vote 22 campaign is encouraging you to consider standing in the local elections. Being an elected member is a challenging and rewarding role. It is so important that our governance is representative of the community we serve.

It is also really important that those elected come to the role with an open mind and an ability to use their collective experience in a collaborative way.

Our district has great people. Now is the chance to step up and get elected. Mayor Jamie Cleine

Te Tai o Poutini Proposed Plan is open for submissions

Te Tai o Poutini Plan is the combined District Plan for the Buller, Grey and Westland District Councils.

The TTPP sets out the objectives, policies, rules and methods to manage land use activities and subdivision across the districts. TTPP also has online maps showing zoning, and where rules apply.

We want to hear from you!

Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee wants to hear from you on the proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan. What do you support and what would you like changed? And why? It is just as important to understand what you like in the proposed Plan as what you don't. Understanding everyone's perspectives is essential for developing a balanced plan.

Public meetings will be held at a number of venues in Buller between July and September. Check out the meeting schedule at tppp.nz. Submissions must be made by 5pm, Friday 30 September 2022.

How to make a submission

Submissions can be made via the online submission form at tppp.nz or in writing to TTPP Submissions P.O. Box 66 Greymouth 7840. Copies of the plan and submission form are available at the Buller District Council, Westport and Reefton Libraries, Karamea Information Centre, Ngakawau Resource Centre and the Paparoa Visitor Centre at Punakaiki.



There is a lot happening in our district. Find out how Council supports the amazing initiatives, people, projects and organisations in Buller and how you can work with us shaping our district.

Community Funding

Need funding for your project, club, or organisation? Council can support you in accessing funding opportunities and provide useful advice to put your next funding application together.

PROJECT 1.0 LIVE STREAM WORKSHOP @ NOMAD AUDIO & VIDEO

We want to create a thriving, inclusive, safe, healthy and vibrant district, a place people want to live, work, stay, and explore.

One way to achieve this goal, is to join forces with individuals, clubs, groups and organisations and help you to access a range of funds to turn your community inspirations into reality.



GRANITY PLAYERS PERFORMING SHAKESPEARE

Funding sources

There are a number of regional and national funding sources available which support community project small or big. These can be a great alternative to Council's own grants or applying for financial support through the Annual Plan or Long Term Plan, since these external funding sources have larger pools of money available.

If you don't know where to start your funding journey, we can assist you in accessing financial backing opportunities and provide useful advice to put your next application together to access capital support for your project.

Two great options for Buller projects are Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa and the West Coast Community Trust.

Go to Council's website for an overview of funding options, access further information, and start your application.

Funding support in Reefton

Community groups, clubs, and businesses in Reefton, who need; support with planning fundraising, require funding for a community project or event, wanting to start or expand business or just have an idea you want to explore, are invited to contact Rachel Fifield, Reefton's socio-economic development officer.

Call or email Rachel to discuss your fundraising projects for 2022. Rachel offers support with finding the right funding available, link you with agencies and can assist you with funding applications.

Email rachel.fifield@bdc.govt.nz or call 027 3517081.

Council's own or externally funded grants

Council offers a range of own grants and externally funded grants. These grants are usually oversubscribed and limited to a small pool of money to be distributed.

The Community Grants Fund is for community groups and organisations that are carrying out projects that align with Council's Community Outcomes.

The Council Community-Led Revitalisation Fund is designed to support projects that will transform our public spaces, bring new life to our communities, enhance community wellbeing, and grow community ownership.

If you are dreaming about an art project, exhibition, workshop, art class or performance you may be eligible for funding from the Creative Communities Scheme.

The Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund assists the development of junior sport in rural communities by subsidising travel costs.



YOUTH WEEK 2022 CELEBRATED AT CARTERS BEACH

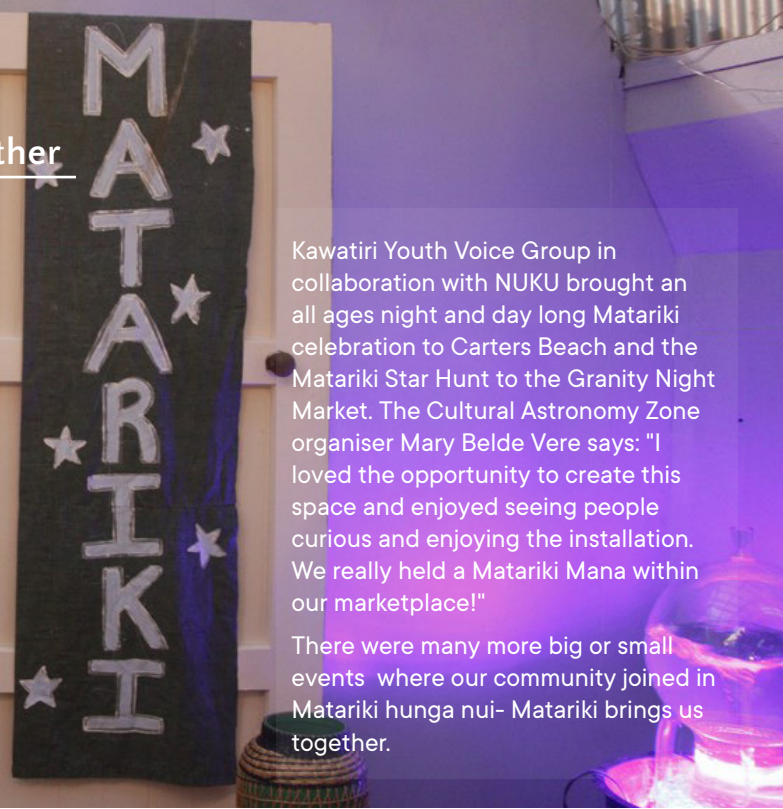
Matariki hunga nui- Matariki brings us together

This year was the first time Matariki was recognised with a public holiday. Right through the district the Māori new year was celebrated at a multitude of events.

Activities ranged from Whale Rider Screening at the NBS Theatre, a weeklong Matariki celebrations in Reefton, Matariki Cards to send to your loved ones, a festive illuminated Matariki Cultural Astronomy Zone at the Granity Night Market, Matariki Kōhungahunga Reo Hui scoping opportunities for early childhood in Buller, Matariki Star Gazing at the Denniston Plateau and puka ngohe colouring and activity books for pupils to learn about Matariki. The Cultural Activator Fund funded these sparkling Matariki projects with just under \$10,000.00.

Veronica de Friez, Cultural Activator says: "I believe these projects represented an opportunity to open conversations in our community between pākeha, iwi and Māori which help us to connect, learn, and enjoy Matariki across the Buller region."

MATARIKI CULTURAL ASTRONOMY ZONE at the GRANITY NIGHT MARKET



Kawatiri Youth Voice Group in collaboration with NUKU brought an all ages night and day long Matariki celebration to Carters Beach and the Matariki Star Hunt to the Granity Night Market. The Cultural Astronomy Zone organiser Mary Belde Vere says: "I loved the opportunity to create this space and enjoyed seeing people curious and enjoying the installation. We really held a Matariki Mana within our marketplace!"

There were many more big or small events where our community joined in Matariki hunga nui- Matariki brings us together.



PUANGA MATARIKI WINTER FESTIVAL 2022

Are you inspired to get your project, event or initiative going?

Creative Communities Scheme

If you want to bring an art project, exhibition, workshop, class or performance to Buller, that enhances participation, diversity or engages young people, the Creative Communities Scheme is open for applications.

Applications must be submitted no later than 4:30pm Monday 1 August 2022. Applications will be reviewed in August.

Community Grants

The Community Grants fund supports the work of community groups and volunteer organisations, which provide community and social projects and services within the Buller District.

Applications must be submitted no later than 4:30pm Monday 22 August 2022.

Applications will be reviewed in September.

Funding support

If you don't know where to start your funding journey, our staff can assist you in accessing opportunities and provide useful advice to put your next application together.

For more information go to Council's website bullerdc.govt.nz/funding, email grants@bdc.govt.nz or call 03 788 9683.



MATARIKI STAR HUNT



MATARIKI STAR GAZING AT THE DENNISTON PLATEAU

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Now it's your turn

Becoming an elected member of Council is your chance to shape our district for today, tomorrow and into the future..

The next triennial local government elections will be held on Saturday 8 October 2022, with voting for not only the Buller Mayor and Council (including the Inangahua Community Board), but also the Buller representatives on the West Coast Regional Council and Development West Coast.

Councils and subcommittees play a critical role in supporting the resilience and prosperity of all our people, whānau and communities in Buller.

By being an elected member, you can make a real difference in the crucial strategic decisions about the Buller District's future resilience. You can help shape your community.

For more information please visit www.bullerdc.govt.nz.
www.votelocal.co.nz



KEY DATES FOR THE 2022 LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS

15 July 2022

Candidate nominations open and roll opens for public inspection

12 August 2022 at 12 noon

Candidate nominations close and roll closes

17 August 2022

Public notice of candidates' names

16 – 21 September 2022

Voting documents delivered

4 October 2022

Last day for posting vote by mail. After this date votes must be returned to Council's secure ballot boxes

8 October 2022 at 12 noon

Election day – voting closes midday

8 October 2022 from 12 noon

Preliminary results

13-19 October 2022

Declaration of results

October/November 2022

Elected members' swearing in ceremonies

Explore how Bullers recycling and waste system is working and what we do to improve our local waste and recycling management.

Karamea landfill upgrades on its way

Buller District Council and the Karamea Waste Management Group sealed the deal for two major investments to go ahead at the Karamea landfill this year. 👍👍♻️

The two projects aim to install a weighbridge at the Karamea landfill and to upgrade the Karamea Resource Recovery Centre.

The weighbridge project encompasses purchasing, installing, and integrating a weighbridge to record the accurate amount of refuse received and disposed of.



Council's solid waste coordinator Juliana Ruiz says: "The new weighbridge will allow council and WestReef to provide stakeholders with more precise data of waste being disposed of at the Karamea landfill. This enables better future planning and management of the landfill."

The Karamea landfill weighbridge project is estimated to cost \$110,000 and is principally funded by the Ministry for Environment (MfE) through the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund (CRRF). The Ministry's contribution is \$100,000, with the remaining \$10,000 funded by the council.

Ms Ruiz says: "A big benefit for the Karamea community is that

users will be charged more accurately for their refuse since the weighbridge will allow to charge according to waste weight, instead of volume, as it is done currently."

The second project is the Karamea Resource Recovery Centre upgrade. This project has an estimated cost of \$70,000 and will be fully funded by the /Council through the Karamea Waste Management budget.

The goal of the upgrade is to build a suitable recycling area that facilitates better drop off, of recycling materials. The new recycling area will offer a proper space for resorting, storing and baling recyclable materials. The upgrade will also incorporate an appropriate office space for the site manager to receive customers.

"We are thrilled that the projects are taking shape now. The project planning stage was carried out over the last year involving the MfE, council, WestReef Services Ltd and the KWMG," says Ms Ruiz.

Read the full story on our website bullerdc.govt.nz/news/latest-news/.



The Buller recycling and refuse system at a glance

The Buller District is divided into three zones. Each of these zones has specific refuse and recycling guidelines which you can find on Council's website.

Council provides recycling kerbside collection only in zone one. You can find the recycling map and instructions how to determine your collection day online on Council's website under 'Recycling and Refuse Recycling Collection Map'.

If you live in zone one, place your wheelie bin and glass crate as close to the kerb as possible and clear of the footpath by 7:30am on your collection day.

Keep in mind that overfull glass crates are a safety hazard. You

must ensure the glass is level with the top of the crate or it may not be picked up. Extra bottles can be taken to the transfer station for FREE.

Broken window glass can not go in the recycling bins or be disposed off at the transfer stations. Only glass bottles and jars are accepted as recycling once their lids are off. You need to dispose broken window glass as refuse.

You must follow the local recycling rules. It's important we all manage our waste correctly to minimise waste going into landfills.





BULLER RECOVERY update

Ongoing support for Buller

Assessing the welfare of the community is a key goal for the Buller Flood Recovery team, hence our two recent engagement initiatives.

The first was **Operation Outreach** targeting the owners of red and yellow stickered homes in Buller. We were happy with the response and extremely grateful to those who completed and returned the forms. The information received has provided us with some valuable information on outstanding/ongoing issues with the rebuild. We were also able to update our records and those of Buller District Council on the 'sticker' status of various properties.

The second initiative, **'Tell us how you're going'** aims to do just that – find out how people are getting on in our community, how our communities are coping, how supported people feel and what could be done better. This is running until late July. If you've taken part already, thank you. If not, there's still time – go to **westportfloodrecovery.org.nz** to find out more. Once we've processed the results, we will bring those to you.

I can't stress enough how up-to-date information helps inform how we provide supports to the community. We are also in the midst of some very important decision-making in terms of Westport and Buller future flood resilience and need to work with various government departments to gain the support we need. Knowing how our communities are coping and identifying any gaps in support is extremely helpful information in these ongoing discussions.

As we talk about ongoing support, I think it is important to note that there will be some changes with the Buller Flood Recovery team. The team was initially set up to run for a year from the July 2021 floods. Given we have had three flood events in that time and varying demands for support, I feel the work the team has done within the community has made a significant difference. It's now time to work on the transition from the support process to business as usual and shift the responsibility for providing what remains to others.

In the meantime, essential support work will carry on. We have a small core staff remaining, the Community Hub will continue with a smaller Navigator team and our website will carry on providing updates. Any future changes to that will be communicated.

This only leaves me to thank the team for everything they've done – for their caring and commitment to this community and the work to support it.

Kia kaha and go well

Bob Dickson – Project Manager Buller Recovery



Picture: The Buller Flood Recovery team (June 2022)

How are you going?

Such a common question and so often people don't have time to listen to the reply.

Well, we're listening.

The Buller Flood Recovery Team has prepared a survey to help gauge how people are getting on in the community called: **'Tell us how you're going'** to do just that - find out how people are doing.

There's a lot going on in the district and this survey is an important tool in gauging the wellbeing of our community and in seeking ongoing central government support in our resilience and adaptation journey.



Scan the QR code to take our wellbeing survey and be in to win one of 6 \$200 prizes.

Visit our website (www.westportfloodrecovery.org.nz) for more information, or if talking is the best way for you, phone call **0800 OPINIONS** or **(0800 674 646)**.

You can also call into the Flood Recovery Community Hub on Palmerston Street in Westport if you need help completing the survey.

This survey is funded by DIA lotteries.

www.westportfloodrecovery.org.nz



Growing a happy, healthy home for flood affected Westport resident

The journey of Lorraine Hartigan since the July 2021 floods would be familiar to many.

Scary times as the flood waters rose faster than she could possibly imagine, trying to contact and track down family and of course looking out for her two precious pug dogs. She got through all that and found herself in need of a place to stay.

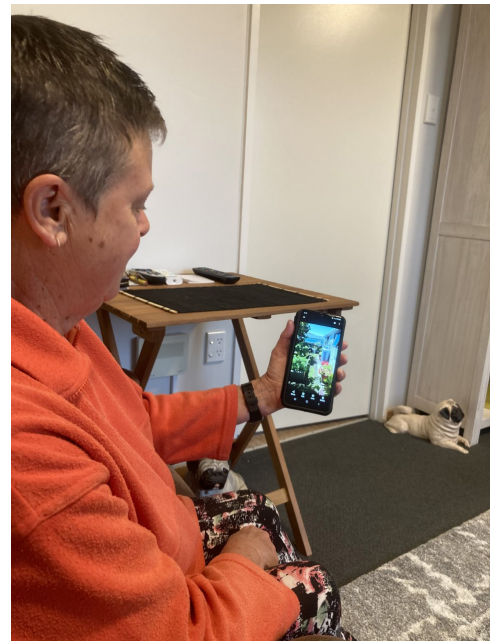


With the help of the Temporary Accommodation Service (TAS), Lorraine, a retiree, ended up at the Westport Kiwi Holiday Park where she stayed for six months. Although she was happy in her cabin, sharing facilities began to wear thin and Lorraine was delighted to find out she qualified for one of the new temporary accommodation homes on Stafford Street in Westport. She moved in April.

"I just love it. It is so warm and cosy and feels like home," says Lorraine.

When she first moved in, she could sense reserve from some people in the neighbouring area who weren't sure who was going to be living in the temporary homes.

"Turned out I knew some of them and they were like, 'Oh you are from Westport'. They realised the homes are simply for members of our community needing somewhere to be following the floods. We all get along fine. It's quiet and neighbourly."



One of the things Lorraine missed from her pre-flood home was her garden. So, she was thrilled recently to receive a portable garden for her Stafford Street home.

The Food Security Network, through Love Kawatiri and No.37, is placing portable garden beds for residents to enjoy at the temporary houses in Queen and Stafford streets.

Residents can grow their own veggies in their bins or, if they don't have such a green thumb, seasonal vegetables can be raised at the community garden.

Lorraine's garden arrived recently, ready to go, so she's got plenty of healthy silver beet and lettuce to get her started. Since she already has a green thumb, she's looking forward to adding her own touches as she goes along.

"This is just lovely," says Lorraine. "Now I feel like I am truly building my new 'happy place' here at Stafford Street.

Picture: Garden facilitator at No. 37 Community House John MacFadgen with avid gardener Lorraine Hartigan.

IT'S ALL RIGHT TO TAKE SOME DOWNTIME.

ALL RIGHT? ALLRIGHT.ORG.NZ

BULLER RECOVERY
Te Kahui Whakaora Kino Taiao o Kawatiri



Community and Council notices

Dog registrations are in full swing with the NEW working dog rate

If you have received your dog's registration form, take it to Council offices in Westport or Reefton and get your dog registration completed.



If you own a dog you will have received your dog's registration form in your letterbox by the end of July. To pay and pick up your green tag, call into our Council offices in Westport or Reefton.

Prices this year are desexed \$67.50 and entire \$87.50.

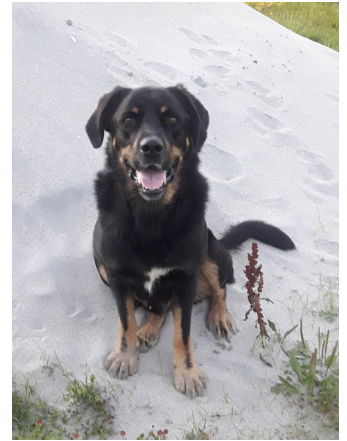
If you use your dog principally for herding or droving stock, your dog is eligible for our NEW working dog rate.

Prices this year are desexed \$50.50 and entire \$65.50

Registration is due 31 July 2022

Busy? You can also download the form online and pay through online banking

For more information and forms go to bullerdc.govt.nz/animal-control/



Water notices

Water supplies

Council would like to remind consumers to flush their taps with a mugful of water in the morning prior to use. This applies to all supplies including rainwater. Visit Council's website 'water - plumbosolvency' for details.

There are different levels of water treatment in Buller. The Cape Foulwind water supply (Wilson's Lead Road and Bulls Rd) is a stock supply not intended for human use. A permanent boil water notice applies for Little Wanganui Subdivision, Mokihinui, Ngakawau/Hector, South Granity and Waimangaroa. Reefton is on a permanent precautionary boil water notice.

Consumers on Westport and Carters Beach Water Supply are asked to conserve water and follow all water restriction notices from Council due to storm impact in the catchment from the February 2022 event.

For more information contact Council or your local water supplier for Ngakawau/Hector and south Granity.

Sewer systems

Council operates sewerage treatment in Little Wanganui, Reefton and Westport.

Please don't flush any wipes, including those labelled as flushable or paper towels into the sewer.

People who have a connection to the Orowaiti sewerage scheme are reminded that they should no longer be using septic tanks and should be connected to the reticulation.

For more details contact Council or visit bullerdc.govt.nz/sewerage/

Storm water

It is important that storm water is not incorporated into the sewer within the Westport reticulation. Storm water that enters the sewer must be treated as sewerage, this represents a significant cost and can cause sewer capacity problems during prolonged and heavy rain.

Meetings July to October

All meetings will be livestreamed to Council's Youtube channel Buller District Council. The 2022 meeting calendar can be found at bullerdc.govt.nz/meetings.

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS

27 July, 3pm

24 August, 3pm

28 September, 3pm

26 October to adopt the Annual Report

COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT & SERVICES COMMITTEE

13 July, 3pm

14 September, 3pm

INANGAHUA COMMUNITY BOARD

9 August, 5pm

4 October, 5pm

FINANCE, RISK AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

20 July, 3pm

17 August, 3pm

21 September, 3pm

19 October, 3pm

REGULATORY & HEARINGS COMMITTEE

19 October, 1pm

INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY COMMITTEE

14 September, 1pm

If you would like to join the meeting, have any questions regarding these meetings, or would like to address Council during the public forum part of the meeting please contact: Governance Assistant, email governance.assistant@bdc.govt.nz or phone 0800 807 239.

