

Summary of Buller District Council's achievements from 2019/2020

Message from the Mayor & Chief Executive Officer

Dear Buller District ratepayers & residents
He Kupu Whakataki I te Kahika & Kaihautu

Let us keep close together, not wide apart.
Waiho i te toipoto, kaua I te toiroa

Our Summary Annual Report looks back on the 2019/2020 year, which is year 2 of our 2018-2028 Long Term Plan. This summary report is an opportunity to reflect on the year and report to you, our community, on the progress Council has made towards achieving the plans we agreed in the Long Term Plan with the continuation on the theme "fit for the future".

Despite the significant challenge of the Covid-19 lockdown and ongoing effects we've kept a focus on the planned work program outlined in the LTP 2018-2028. Council has performed well this year from a financial perspective taking into account non-cash transactions that have affected the surplus. Council has delivered on its capital expenditure program including expenditure on the Westport water tunnel upgrade, roading and footpath upgrades and community assets.

Buller District Council has had a stable year in terms of the New Mayor and Councillors working in partnership with the CEO to build on the strong foundations put in place from the previous year.



Jamie Cleine
Mayor
Officer



Sharon Mason
Chief Executive

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Overall financial result

Total operating revenue was \$28.0 million which was greater than the anticipated budget of \$26.1 million. Council's total operating expenditure was \$31.4 million which exceeded the budget of \$26.9 million by \$4.5 million. Overall Buller District Council has a deficit of \$3.4m compared to a predicted deficit in the 2019/2020 Annual Plan of \$876,000.



Council embracing the four Community Well-beings: Cultural, Social, Economic and Environment

Council remains committed to delivering services which embraces the four well-beings framework and recognising that we have a significant role to play in lifting the quality of life of our people, and the health of our environment. Council has delivered infrastructure vital to our economy, such as roads & footpath maintenance and renewals, progressed significant three waters projects across the district including preparedness to respond to the three waters reforms and transitioning of the community and council led revitalisation program into its 3rd year with a focus on cultural and social amenities..

Strategy for protecting, optimising and growing business within the Buller District | Covid-19

created funding opportunities via the Provincial growth fund and Council brought to life its strategic economic mind map and environmental advocacy through active submission or advocacy for the following projects.

The intention of this strategy was protecting, optimising and growing business within Buller district:

- Westport Airport seawall - \$2 million dollars to prevent sea inundation.
- Pounamu pathway – \$18 million dollars across the region (\$5 million attributed to Coaltown museum).
- Worker redeployment contract tree planting \$900,000 across the North Beach and Carters Beach area.
- Renew port jetties (\$4 million dollars).
- Bridge & Waterfront project (\$1.8 million).
- Hector landfill (\$1 million).

Council made a key strategic decision to remove the Kawatiri dredge from the market. The Port Operations Manager and Commercial & Corporate Services Group manager have proactively and successfully sought external dredging contracts and with the certainty of PGF funding into the revitalisation of our port we are optimistic for the potential of future investment from private business into the port precinct area.

Council is also aware of the challenges to face related to New Zealand return schemes (packaging plastic, vehicles tyres, e-waste agrochemicals and synthetic greenhouse gases), as well changes in the curbside collection scheme by standardising model. Council embarked on a strategic review of waste minimization opportunities and has developed a multiyear program which includes a Waste Management Education Campaign, implementation of resources that permit a more effective way to quantify waste, prevention of illegal dumping, and planning for the future.

Non-financial performance measures

Council measures its performance each year using a core set of Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) that are determined in the Long Term Plan. Council has 68 performance measures reported across 10 groups of activities.

During 2019/2020 Council met 50 of the 68 measures.

Governance and Representation

Council measures 6 KPIs. 4 were met and 2 were not met.

A target that 85% of residents would be satisfied with the information Council distributes was not directly measured due to Covid-19 this year (2019: not met as not measured).

A target that 90% of residents are satisfied that Council consults with them on important issues was also not directly measured due to Covid-19 this year, therefore the KPI could not be met (2019: not met as not measured).



Customer and Support Services

Council measures 2 KPIs, both were met (2019: both were met).



Community Services

Council measures 6 KPIs, with 5 met and 1 KPI not met.

The measure was to achieve at least 80% of respondents to a survey of library services to be 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied'. This survey was not completed due to Covid-19 (2019: 97% 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied').



Regulatory Services

Council measures 4 KPIs, with 3 being met.

1 KPI was not met because not all food, hairdresser, funeral homes, camp grounds and offensive trader premises were inspected. Under new legislation not all food premises are required to be inspected annually (22 overdue for inspection) (2019 78% were inspected).

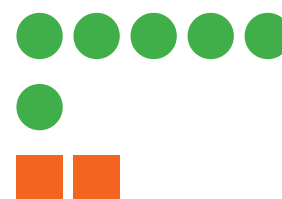


Property Management

Council measures 8 KPIs with 6 being met and 2 KPIs not met.

Council planned to respond to service requests 100% of the time within 10 working days or less. The actual result was 53% if service requests were responded to within 10 working days (2019: 58%).

Council also planned to complete a satisfaction survey during the year but this was not undertaken due to Covid-19, therefore the measure could not be met (2019: 82% satisfied, measure was met).



In-house Professional Business Unit

Council measured 1 KPI, which was met (2019: the measure was met).



Stormwater

Council measures 9 KPIs, all of which were met.





Wastewater

Council measures 8 KPIs. 7 were met, 1 was not met.

This is due to the mandatory measure that there should be less than 5 complaints per 1,000 connections not being met for sewerage system blockages (There were 8.2 complaints per 1,000 connections). (2019: target met 2.3 complaints per 1,000 connections).

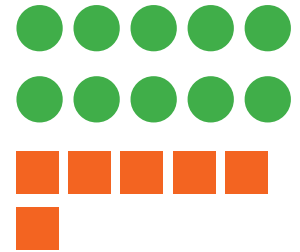


Water Supplies

Council measures 16 KPIs. 10 were met, 6 KPIs were not met

Bacterial compliance was met for Inangahua Junction, but not for any other supplies. Protozoal compliance was not met for any supplies. The target is 100% compliance (2019: Bacterial compliance was met for Westport, Punakaiki and Inangahua, but protozoal compliance was not achieved for any water supplies). The target percentage of water loss from networked reticulation of 20% was not met because the plant item to measure water loss was not operational for the whole year and the water loss was unknown (2019 58% water loss).

The target for average consumption of drinking water per day per resident of 700 litres could not be measured and the target has not been met because plant used to measure water flow was not in use for the entire year (2019: 414 litres per person, per day. Target met). The mandatory performance measure to have less than 5 complaints per 1,000 connections about the continuity of supply was not met (6.23) (2019: target was met 0.5), and the measure to have less than 5 complaints per 1,000 connections about response to issues was not met (8.97) (2019: 1.49 target was met).



Roading and Transport

Council measures 8 KPIs. 7 were met and 1 was not met.

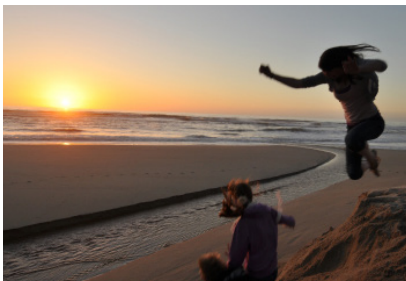
This was because the 2019/2020 reseal programme focused predominantly on urban roads which have a greater width therefore Council did not achieve lane kilometres sealing area target of > 5.8%. The result was 4.7% (2019 5.5%).



Statement of Compliance and Responsibility

The Annual Report Summary provides an overview of Council's activities, services and finances for the year 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020. The information is taken from Council's audited 2019/2020 Annual Report, adopted by Council on 16 December 2020. Complete information about Council's financial position and operation is provided in the full 2019/2020 Annual Report. The summary Annual Report was authorised by the Chief Executive Officer of the Buller District Council on 23 December 2020.

A copy of the full 2019/2020 Annual Report is available to read online at www.bullerdc.govt.nz/annual-report/, from Council libraries and offices in Reefton and Westport.



Infrastructure assets

How are they performing?

Solid Waste | The contracted approach to Solid Waste has reduced the amount of refuse being transported to Nelson by 30%.

Continued education around recycling regularly reminding residents as to what can be recycled via the bin and glass crate.

Karamea and Maruia continue within budgets. There is a very effective solid waste community group formed at Karamea who work in conjunction with Council to optimise the use of the landfill and recycling opportunities.



Wastewater / Sewerage | Monitoring and reporting of the Wastewater Treatment Plants has been undertaken in accordance with the resource consents.

- The composting of bio-solids from the wastewater treatment plant with green waste has continued at Westport.
- The sewer and stormwater system modelling and separation are continuing. This work assesses the level of stormwater infiltration into the network and allows for planning to reduce the amount of stormwater entering it, therefore improving capacity across the network.
- The ongoing upgrade of Derby Street has continued with the block between Mill Street and Disraeli Street being completed.

ROADING & TRANSPORT

Funding | Buller is a large district with numerous settlements and small towns along its coastline and in the hinterland. It is only able to function economically and socially because of a vital local roading network maintained by Council. 604km of Council roads link into the main State Highways. Half of those local roads are sealed, with the other half unsealed. These local roads incorporate 153 bridges and large culverts.

- The local roads financial assistance rate that has been determined by the New Zealand Transport Agency is 66% for the 2019/2020 year, with this rate until at least 2020/2021.
- The financial assistance rate of 100% is guaranteed for special purpose roads (SPRs) until 2023/2024. A business case assessment has been completed and Council is negotiating a transition plan with Waka Kotahi/NZTA to determine if the Karamea SPR should be re-classified as State Highway.
- Council has undertaken a classification of all the roads in the network in accordance with the guidelines developed by the New Zealand Transport Agency. The classification of the roading network will lead to levels of service being developed for each road category, this may impact on our customer's expectations.

Major Projects | This year remedial upgrades to the Karamea Highway included drainage facilities, pavement rehabilitation and reseals.

- Emergency works were undertaken district-wide to address drainage work and remedial structures, caused by adverse weather events.
- Footpaths in Westport, Reefton and Karamea were progressively renewed/resurfaced to provide a safe environment. A total of 4,924m² of footpaths was completed out of planned 10,146m². Due to Covid-19 interrupting the contracted delivery of the programme the remainder of the programme will be completed in 2020/21. The period did see 272m² of new footpath installed in Reefton township.
- Rosstown river protection works were completed.
- Reseals throughout the district were also undertaken.

Water Supplies

Westport | Council has started the replacement of the trunk main across the terrace section. This is a 600 metre section from the top of the terrace to the bottom and is scheduled to be completed in 2020/2021.

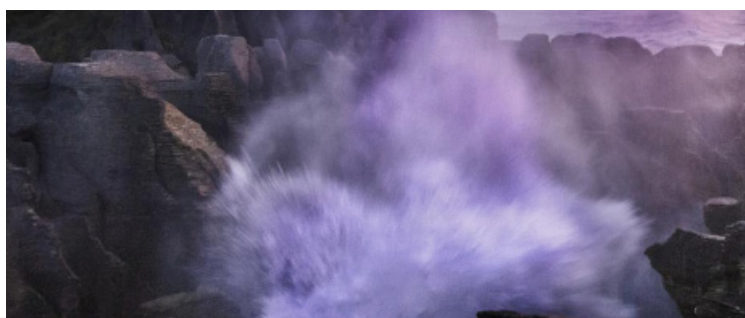
2019/2020 saw the completion of the Westport water tunnel project which has reinstated the gravity fed raw water supply. Westport's alternative pump station will be utilised as required to retain raw water storage levels.

Waimangaroa | Council has resolved to upgrade the Conns Creek water supply to provide the community of Waimangaroa with safe and complaint drinking water.

Ngakawau-Hector

Discussions between the Ngakawau-Hector Water Society, the Buller District Council, and the Ministry of Health (MoH) have been ongoing with respect to establishing the correct registration for the water supply. The registration of the Ngakawau-Hector water supply has now been moved from Council and officially re-registered to the Ngakawau-Hector Water Society Inc.

Punakaiki | Additional water storage for the Punakaiki community has also been established.



Financials as at 30 June 2020

Summary of Statement of Comprehensive Revenue & Expenses <i>for the year ended 30 June 2020</i>	Parent 2019/2020 Actual \$'000	Parent 2019/2020 Budget \$'000	Parent 2018/2019 Actual \$'000	Group 2019/2020 Actual \$'000	Group 2018/2019 Actual \$'000
Total Operating Revenue	27,988	26,090	26,347	35,247	32,835
Total Operating Expenditure *	31,376	26,966	27,238	39,007	34,241
Net Surplus (Deficit) from Continuing Operations	(3,388)	(876)	(891)	(3,760)	(1,406)
Surplus (Deficit) from Discontinued Operations	0	0	0	0	0
Net Surplus (Deficit) Before Taxation	(3,388)	(876)	(891)	(3,760)	(1,406)
Income Tax Expense	0	0	0	(1,417)	(53)
Net Surplus (Deficit) After Taxation	(3,388)	(876)	(891)	2,343	(1,353)
Other Comprehensive Revenue & Expense - Increase/Decrease in Asset Revaluation & Other Reserves	(19)	0	43,556	(19)	44,086
Total Comprehensive Revenue & Expense	(3,407)	(876)	42,665	(2,362)	42,733
* Includes finance costs and derivative losses of:	2,102	1,319	2,182	2,117	2,173

Summary of Statement of Changes in Equity <i>for the year ended 30 June 2020</i>	Parent 2019/2020 Actual \$'000	Parent 2019/2020 Budget \$'000	Parent 2018/2019 Actual \$'000	Group 2019/2020 Actual \$'000	Group 2018/2019 Actual \$'000
Equity As At 1 July	384,530	334,337	341,865	381,910	339,177
Total Comprehensive Revenue & Expense	(3,407)	(876)	42,665	(2,362)	42,733
Equity At The End Of The Year	381,123	333,461	384,530	379,548	381,910
Accumulated Funds	163,346	170,673	165,752	158,823	160,185
Reserves	5,893	5,405	5,650	5,893	5,650
Asset Revaluation Reserve	211,884	157,383	213,128	214,832	216,075
Total Equity	381,123	333,461	384,530	379,548	381,910

Summary of Statement of Financial Position <i>as at 30 June 2020</i>	Parent 2019/2020 Actual \$'000	Parent 2019/2020 Budget \$'000	Parent 2018/2019 Actual \$'000	Group 2019/2020 Actual \$'000	Group 2018/2019 Actual \$'000
Total Current Assets	25,691	24,030	23,482	30,238	27,336
Total Non Current Assets	398,237	351,572	396,392	393,536	392,265
Total Assets	423,928	375,602	419,874	423,774	419,601
Total Current Liabilities	16,803	5,363	10,017	18,195	10,934
Total Non Current Liabilities	26,002	36,777	25,327	26,030	26,757
Total Equity	381,123	333,461	384,530	379,548	381,910
Total Liabilities And Equity	423,928	375,602	419,874	423,774	419,601

Summary of Statement of Cash Flows <i>for the year ended 30 June 2020</i>	Parent 2019/2020 Actual \$'000	Parent 2019/2020 Budget \$'000	Parent 2018/2019 Actual \$'000	Group 2019/2020 Actual \$'000	Group 2018/2019 Actual \$'000
Net Cash Inflow (Outflow) From Operating Activities	7,932	5,763	5,816	10,190	7,767
Net Cash Inflow (Outflow) From Investing Activities	(12,791)	(10,926)	(8,210)	(13,645)	(9,938)
Net Cash Inflow (Outflow) From Financing Activities	5,000	3,407	2,000	5,001	2,000
Net Increase (Decrease) In Cash Held	141	(1,756)	(394)	1,546	(171)
Opening Cash Balance At 1 July	2,725	2,834	3,119	5,837	6,008
Closing Cash Balance	2,866	1,078	2,725	7,383	5,837

Audit New Zealand has issued an unmodified audit opinion for the full Annual Report. Audit New Zealand has raised an emphasis of matter regarding Covid-19.

Without modifying their opinion, Audit New Zealand drew attention to the disclosures about the impact of Covid-19 on the District Council as set out in note 31 to the financial statements and pages 16, 19, 43 to 44, 47, and 54 of the statement of service provision.

Financial results.....

Revenue and Expenditure

- Total operating revenue was greater than predicted. Subsidies and grants income were greater than anticipated due to additional grants received for a number of Central government grants received including grants from the Provincial Growth Fund and for responsible camping. Income for fees and charges was also greater than anticipated due primarily to additional dredging income received from outport harbour dredging activities.
- Total operating expenditure was also over budget for the year. The main contributor was additional expenses incurred in providing outport harbour dredging activity in Gisborne and Oamaru. Operating expenses was also impacted by a significant non-cash entry of over \$0.9m relating to the market interest rate movement effect on Councils fixed interest debt and for \$3.1m write-off of infrastructure assets.
- The balance of the operating expenses variances was made up of employment costs which were higher than budget, offset by financing costs which were less than anticipated.
- Operating expenses was impacted by a significant non-cash entry of over \$0.9m relating to the market interest rate movement effect on Councils fixed interest debt, and for \$2.6m more than budgeted non-cash write-off of infrastructure assets which primarily relates to the Westport water tunnel assets that were written down in value.
- Operating revenue included a number of unbudgeted subsidies from external parties over the period. PGF grants from central government for the Airport rockwall accounted for \$0.6m, government funded shovel ready projects including tree planting projects (\$370,000) and Harbour (\$70,000) were received. There was also a grant of \$300,000 for responsible camping to cover expenses related to tourism activity. Funding was received from Oceania Gold for an economic development officer for Reefton for \$50,000.



Council's net debt position | Net debt (debt less term deposits) was \$13.8m at balance date. The 2019/2020 Annual Plan budget estimated that net debt would be \$17m for this period.

Capital expenditure | Council continued to maintain assets and upgrade them when required. 2019/2020 was a year where there was good progress made on upgrading capital projects. Council budgeted to spend \$7.4m on capital expenditure in the 2019/2020 Annual Plan. A total of \$9.6m was spent on capital expenditure in 2019/2020.

Major projects this year have included:

- Completion of the upgrade to the Westport water tunnels accounted for most of the \$4.4m for water.
- Roading capital expenditure totalled \$1.6m for 2019/2020 compared to the budgeted spend of \$2.9m.
- There was some impact to infrastructure asset completion due to the effects of Covid-19.
- Council spent funds on a number of community assets during the year. District revitalisation expenditure totalled \$280,000

Council's Annual Report shows that it exceeded its essential services benchmark on capital expenditure by increasing the level of capital expenditure for the year. The expected statutory benchmark for capital expenditure delivery for infrastructure is 100%. Council delivered above 130%.

Buller Holdings Ltd | Council-owned Buller Holdings Ltd had another good year, the cash distribution was \$1.2m in line with Council budget predictions. Moving forward the holding company is in a strong financial position and is well poised to deliver a good result for the ratepayer in the 2020-2021 financial year.

Notes to the Accounts

1. Part 6 Section 98(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002 requires Council to make publicly available a summary of information contained in its full financial report.
2. All figures reported in the summary are presented in New Zealand dollars and are rounded to the nearest thousand dollar amount.
3. Comparative information for the previous reporting period is shown for all items disclosed in the summary financial statements, except when such information is not disclosed in the full financial statements.
4. The specific disclosures included in the summary financial report have been extracted from the full financial report adopted on 16 December 2020 and authorised for issue by the Buller District Councillors on that date. This summary has been prepared in accordance with Public Benefit Entity (PBE) FRS 43: Summary Financial Statements.
5. The summary financial report cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as provided by the full financial report. The report dated 16 December 2020 has received an unmodified audit report. A copy of the full financial report may be obtained from Council's offices or on the Council's website (www.bullerdc.govt.nz).
6. This summary financial report has been examined by the auditor for compliance with the full financial report. An unmodified auditors report is included with this summary
7. The information included in the summary financial report has been extracted from the audited full annual report and authorised for issue by the Chief Executive on 23 December 2020.
8. Council's summary financial report has been prepared in accordance with NZ GAAP. The report complies with PBE Standards as they relate to financial statements.
9. Council's full financial statements have been prepared in accordance with NZ GAAP. They comply with PBE Accounting Standards as applicable for a Tier 1 Public Benefit Entity.
10. Council applied five new standards in preparing the 30 June 2020 financial statements, PBE IPSAS 34-38. These standards replaced the existing standards for interests in other entities (PBE IPSAS 6-8).
11. **Post Balance Date Events**
 - 2019/2020: Council signed a delivery plan and funding agreement for the Three Waters Reform on 29 July 2020. Council's maximum amount payable under the funding agreement is \$2.27m.
 - (2018/2019: In August 2019 the motor vessel Bob Gower categorised as an asset held for sale was sold by Council. The sale price is \$150,000 (GST exclusive) resulting in a gain on carrying value (nil) of \$150,000.
 - Council has entered into a Settlement Agreement in respect to a leaky home claim relating to a residential property in the Reefton area constructed in 2008. The settlement amount paid in September 2019 is \$124,000.
 - Subsequent to balance date the Reserve Bank reduced the Official Cash Rate (OCR) on 7 August to 1.0% and market interest rates have reduced. This will reduce Council's interest costs on floating rate borrowings.
12. **Contingent Liabilities**
Contingent Liabilities for the Council and Group are as follows:
Council
Council has recognised a Housing New Zealand contribution of \$400,000 as a contingent liability. The funds were used for pensioner housing upgrades. The amount will be required to be paid back to Housing New Zealand if Council does not utilise the funds on a pensioner housing project or divests the completed project within a 20-year timeframe. This liability ceases on 11 June 2027.
Council has provided Sounds Air with a guarantee for \$108,000 should passenger number on flight to and from Westport Airport fall below 2.9 passengers per flight for a 12 month period.

Council's obligation to construct a rock wall to contain the erosion of the Hector landfill site has been mitigated by the July 2020 allocation of a Provincial Growth Fund grant to complete this project of \$1,000,000 (2018/2019: Hector landfill site rock wall, liability unknown at balance date).

Ministry of Education and Carter Holt Harvey (CHH): In 2013, the Ministry of Education (MOE) initiated High Court proceedings against Carter Holt Harvey (CHH) and others alleging inherent defects in the shadow clad plywood cladding sheets manufactured and distributed by CHH. The MOE's claim against CHH is for 833 school buildings, 36 of which are located within the Auckland region. In 2016, CHH commenced proceedings against 48 councils, including Auckland Council, alleging a breach of duty in the processing of building consents, undertaking building inspections and issuing Code Compliance Certificates. Eight school buildings (one in Auckland) built outside the 10 year long stop contained within the Building Act 2004 have since been struck out by the High Court. The court has directed that the trial be staged. The first stage will be a 6 month hearing commencing in April 2020, to determine whether shadow clad is inherently defective. Uncertainty existed at the end of the 2019/2020 financial year and preceding period. However, the notice of discontinuance signed on 3 September 2020 has now removed this uncertainty and the Council is no longer a subject to this legal proceeding. No settlement by the Council has been made.

Homeowners and CHH: During the 2018/2019 financial year, a group of homeowners initiated High Court proceedings against Carter Holt Harvey (CHH) and others alleging inherent defects in the shadow clad plywood cladding sheets manufactured and distributed by CHH. CHH has joined 19 Councils as co-defendants in this claim. At present, there is still insufficient information to conclude on potential liability and claim quantum, if any (2018/2019: CHH proceedings, liability unquantified).

Council has one resource consent decision subject to appeal in the Environment Court for which it may be liable for costs should the appeal be upheld. The resource consent decision relates to an open cast coal mine in the Te Kuha area. The extent of any potential liability was unknown at balance date. The court process was put on hold on 22 June 2018 at the request of the resource consent applicant and remains on hold post balance date. (2018/2019: Potential liability for unknown level of costs should the Te Kuha open cast coal mine consent decision appeal be upheld in the Environment Court).

Council is a participating employer in the National Provident Fund's Defined Benefit Plan Contributors Scheme (the scheme) which is a multi-employer defined benefit superannuation scheme. In the unlikely event that the other participating employers cease to participate in the scheme, the Council could be responsible for the entire deficit of the scheme. Similarly, if a number of employers ceased to participate in the scheme, Council could be responsible for an increased share of the deficit. The Fund has advised that insufficient information is available to use defined benefit accounting as it is not possible to determine, from the terms of the scheme, the extent to which the deficit will affect future contributions by employers, as there is no prescribed basis for allocation.

Group

WestReef had \$130,000 in Performance Bonds outstanding with Westpac as at 30 June 2020 (2018/2019: \$30,000).

Buller Health Trust has no contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2020 (2019 nil).

Buller Recreation Limited has no contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2020 (2019 nil).

Buller Holdings Limited has no contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2020 (2019: nil).

13. Covid-19

The Covid-19 pandemic has not significantly impacted the Buller District Council financial results. During Alert Level 3 and 4 the Council was able to operate close to usual capacity, by providing essential services for the community as allowed for under each alert level.

Audit Report

AUDIT NEW ZEALAND
Mana Arotake Aotearoa

Independent Auditor's Report

To the readers of the Buller District Council's summary of the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2020

The summary of the annual report was derived from the annual report of the Buller District Council (the District Council) for the year ended 30 June 2020.

The summary of the annual report comprises the following summary statements of the District Council and group on pages 2, 3, 5 and 7:

- the summary statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020;
- the summaries of the statement of comprehensive revenue and expenses, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2020;
- the notes to the summary financial statements that include other explanatory information; and
- the summary performance information.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- the summary of the annual report represents, fairly and consistently, the information regarding the major matters dealt with in the annual report; and
- the summary statements comply with PBE FRS 43: Summary Financial Statements.

Summary of the annual report

The summary of the annual report does not contain all the disclosures required by generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand. Reading the summary of the annual report and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the full annual report and the auditor's report thereon.

The summary of the annual report does not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our auditor's report on the full annual report.

The full annual report and our audit report thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the information we audited in the full annual report for the year ended 30 June 2020 in our auditor's report dated 16 December 2020. That report also includes an emphasis of matter paragraph drawing attention to the disclosures about the impact of

Covid-19 on the District Council as set out in the full Annual Report in note 31 to the financial statements and pages 16, 19, 43 to 44, 47, and 54 of the statement of service provision. An extract of this information is included in the summary of the annual report on page 7.

Council's responsibility for the summary of the annual report

The Council is responsible for preparing the summary of the annual report which includes preparing summary statements, in accordance with PBE FRS 43: Summary Financial Statements.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary of the annual report represents, fairly and consistently, the information regarding the major matters dealt with in the full annual report and whether the summary statements comply with PBE FRS 43: Summary Financial Statements.

Our opinion on the summary of the annual report is based on our procedures, which were carried out in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the Professional and Ethical Standards and the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

In addition to reporting on the summary and full annual reports, we have performed a limited assurance engagement related to the District Council's debenture trust deed which is compatible with independence requirements. Other than this reporting and this engagement, we have no relationship with, or interests in, the District Council or its subsidiaries and controlled entities.



Stephen Lucy,
Audit New Zealand
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Wellington, New Zealand
23 December 2020

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