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

Welcome to the revamped winter edition of our newsletter.

Our Long Term Plan (LTP) has now been finalised to achieve a sensible balance between spending to protect what we have and investing in some things for the future. A special thanks to the community members that took the time to provide input into the LTP, this certainly assists us in shaping the district. The LTP was adopted on 30 June and sets the direction, priorities, and goals for the next 10 years.

I'm just over halfway through my three year term as Mayor and our district continues on a positive path as we navigate an ever changing world. I feel appreciative of the efforts of many people and organisations whose confidence and support is helping drive the momentum, it's great to be a part of leading the change.

I attended the unveiling of the new Pub-Light outside Wilsons Hotel in Reefton. This is an example how passionate individuals, community groups and Council can work together to deliver community projects.

The Labour led government is embarking on a number of nationwide reforms that will significantly change things for Councils and communities. At a governance level we are engaging in these processes in a proactive way and are trying to bring information back to you as things develop. The government has released its plans for Three Waters Reform. We will review it and consider the best way forward for Buller and ratepayers.

The future for local government is another review just starting and Minister Hon Nania Mahuta has instructed the review panel to be bold, innovative and unconstrained in making their recommendations.

Mayor Jamie Cleine



Reduce Reuse Recycle Buller

Protecting our environment, looking after our district, reducing waste, managing recycling responsibly, making conscious decisions, getting involved in initiatives, is a collective effort and Council needs you to join in.

To help you in this effort Council has improved its online waste and recycling information, so you can easily find the information you need, access fun, and informative resources, and get on board with waste minimisation in Buller.

This month is Plastic Free July, and this is your chance to be part of the solution.

Council's new facebook page ReduceReuseRecycleBuller is dedicated to helping you with waste management.

Find out about RRRBuller and Plastic Free July on page three.



Exciting times for infrastructure in Buller

The first shovel of soil was turned for the Toki Poutangata Bridge that will connect Westport's town to the river.

It is exciting and busy times in Buller with many big capital works projects on the go, completed, and in the making throughout the district.

To get an update on these exciting projects our roads, bridges, and water supplies check out our capital works newsletters and find out how they are progressing.

Go to <https://bullerdc.govt.nz/capitalworksprojects/>

For Westport Waterfront The Riverbank project go to <https://bullerdc.govt.nz/westport-riverfront-project/>



There is a lot happening. Here are just some off the amazing initiatives, people, organisations and Council's support to create a thriving, inclusive, healthy, and vibrant community.

Youth Voice - giving rangatahi a voice in Buller

Youth Voice Kawatiri in collaboration with NUKU and Buller REAP put on a nine day event and activity program for youth to celebrate Youth Week 2021. This combined effort supported by Council's Community Grants and the West Coast Community Trust took Youth Week to the next level.

Sport Tasman's bubble soccer arena, a barbeque, speaker, traveled to Karamea, Reefton and Westport taking events to local youth. Highlights were the Amazing Race in Westport, the Carters Beach Enviro Day, the EPIC Digital Escape, and a cultural day, including hangi at Buller High School.

The crew ran nine days of fun filled events, reached hundreds of youth and it was an absolutely wonderful experience to be a part of for everyone involved.

Youth Voice Kawatiri is a group of youth that provides a voice for rangatahi in Kawatiri, shares ideas which enact change and create events that support the community.

Youth Voice Kawatiri was initiated by Sport Tasman, BDC, Buller REAP, and Homebuilders.

To find out about events and get in touch visit Youth Voice Kawatiri on facebook.



Community supported through funding



Council supports the work of community groups and volunteer organisations through a range of funds.

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



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

If you have a dream, project, event, or need support for a community or art project go to <https://bullerdc.govt.nz/funding>.

Find out if your project fits the criteria, get in touch and put in your application.

Applications closing CCS 3 August, Community Grants 23 August

It just got a whole lot easier to make a service request

Spot a leaking pipe, roaming dog, or dumped rubbish ?

It just got a whole lot easier to get something done about it!

Council upgraded its service request function on its website to be mobile friendly and it is now a whole lot easier.

If you are out and about and spot something Council should know about go to <https://bullerdc.govt.nz> choose service request, enter the details and attach a photo or file and hit send.

NBS Theatre program rocks this winter

The NBS Theatre is rocking this winter with a chocker block full event program.

With its modern screen room and auditorium it is the place to host Buller's community events, fairs, concerts, comedy shows, poetry evening, school performance, theatre festival or cultural events.

Go to <https://www.nbstheatre.co.nz/events-and-live-shows> to know what is on and get your ticket.

If you are a community organisation Council maybe able to assist with facility hire fee. Find out more <https://bullerdc.govt.nz/funding>

Dog registration closing 31 July

Dog registration is in full swing and dog owners should have received by now a registration reminder.

To pay and pick up your red tag see our customer service team in Westport or Reefton by the 31 July 2021.

You can get your red tag in Westport 6-8 Brougham Street and Reefton 66 Broadway.

For more information and forms, go to <https://bullerdc.govt.nz/animal-control/>



We live in a stunning place so let's care about the magnificent environment we call home. Key to improving Buller's waste and recycling footprint is to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Explore how you can be part of the solution here <https://bullerdc.govt.nz/recycling-conscious/>

Choose reuse - Westport North School shows how it is done

Through choosing reusable options instead of single use plastic you save hundreds of single use items from going to landfill. It will save you money in the future and it definitely will save on the weekly rubbish bag bill.

Westport North School reduced their waste footprint dramatically through using reusable containers for their healthy school lunches programme.

Westport North School principal Cath O'Loughlin says: "We can't believe how much we minimised our rubbish since we started the healthy school lunches programme. Before the kids would bring in their own lunches and there were at least two items that were wrapped in single use plastic which went to landfill."

Together with lunch provider Fresh Choice they chose to use a plastic container that is washable and can be used repeatedly. These containers are filled with hot and cold food and returned, washed and sterilised after each lunch, to go out the next day.

Read the full story here <https://bullerdc.govt.nz/district-council/a-z-services/recycling-conscious/stories/>



Plastic Free July - join the challenge and be part of the solution

It is Plastic Free July.

Join the global movement to reduce single use plastic.

Go to <https://www.plasticfreejuly.org> and like Plastic Free July Aotearoa on facebook to get inspired, learn easy ways to avoid plastic, and keep up to date with ideas, stories and inspiration through July.



Chose to refuse and join the challenge this July <https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/take-the-challenge/>

All you need to know about refuse and recycling in Buller

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

Council provides recycling kerbside collection only in zone one. You can find the recycling calendar and instructions how to determine your collection day online at <https://bullerdc.govt.nz/district-council/a-z-services/recycling-refuse-in-buller/kerbside-collection/>.

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.

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.

Recycling will be collected on public holidays.

In all zones you must follow the local recycling rules. If you do not follow these rules, Smart Environmental Ltd can refuse to collect your bin.

It's important we all manage our waste correctly to improve the district's recycling footprint and to minimise waste going into landfills.

For more information go to www.bullerdc.govt.nz/recycling-refuse-in-buller



Reduce Reuse Recycle Buller - let's care about our district

We all have to play a part in reducing our waste footprint.

You will find loads of information to help you to reduce your waste footprint here <https://bullerdc.govt.nz/recycling-conscious/>.

Like Council's new facebook page ReduceReuseRecycleBuller to stay connected with tips and info.

Play your part in keeping Buller beautiful.



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Week 1 Week 2

Community and Council notices

Defensive driving courses

Did you know that the Salvation Army offers learn to drive programmes in Westport ?

They offer support to get restricted licences, full licences and offer driving lessons (*conditions apply).

If you need help to gain confidence driving and get your licence, get in touch with Katie Jarvie on 021 924 801



Westport's Wearable Arts Show

It's time to get your creative juices flowing for the Homebuilder's Wearable Arts Show Charity Event on the 4 September, 7pm at the NBS Theatre.

Homebuilders brings this amazing event to the community.

Entry forms are available from the Westport i-site and Homebuilder's office.

Contact Homebuilders on 03 788 8065 or email office@homebuilderswpt.co.nz for more information.



Flights as usual

If you need to head to Wellington the airport team has good news for you.

Sounds Air flights are back to pre-covid schedule with daily return flights between Westport and Wellington (excluding Saturdays).



Check out the Sound Air website for departures, bookings and specials
<https://www.soundsair.com>

For more information on the Westport Airport visit
<https://bullerdc.govt.nz/airport>



Drinking water notices

Flush your taps

Some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water when it stands for several hours, particularly overnight.

The Ministry of Health recommends that you flush a mugful of water from your drinking water tap each morning before use to remove any metals that may have leached from the plumbing fittings. Although the health risk is small, the Ministry of Health recommends this simple precaution to all households, including those on public and private water supplies.

Boil your water from untreated rural water supplies

All consumers on rural town water supplies at Little Wanganui Subdivision, Mokihinui, Ngakawau/Hector, South Granity and Waimangaroa are reminded that all water intended for drinking and food preparation should be boiled for at least three minutes before use.

Permanent boil water notices have been issued for these localities as their water supplies are untreated and originate from bush catchments which have the potential for contamination from animal and bird life. A reminder that the Cape Foulwind untreated supply is for stock only.

Would you like to receive your copy of Connect via email?
Sign up to our email list at www.bullerdc.govt.nz/community-newsletters

6-8 Brougham St, PO Box 21, Westport 7866
Ph 03 788 9111 or 0800 807 239

66 Broadway, PO Box 75, Reefton 7851
Ph 03 732 8821 or 0800 808 821

www.bullerdc.govt.nz

24 hr Noise and Animal Control Services
Ph 03 788 9115

After hours Operations emergencies
Ph 03 788 9119 Westport, or 03 732 8092 Reefton

Meetings July to October

Meetings are held at the Council Chambers, Palmerston Street, Westport unless otherwise stated.

The 2021 meeting calendar can be found at www.bullerdc.govt.nz/meetings.

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS

21 July, 4pm
25 August, 3pm
29 September, 3pm
27 October, 3pm

COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT & SERVICES COMMITTEE

14 July, 3 pm
15 September, 3pm

INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY COMMITTEE

8 September, 3pm

REGULATORY & HEARINGS COMMITTEE

13 October, 3pm

FINANCE, RISK AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

21 July, 3 pm
18 August, 3 pm
22 September, 3pm
20 October, 3pm

CREATIVE NZ SUBCOMMITTEE

16 August, 11am, Brougham House

INANGAHUA COMMUNITY BOARD

10 August, 5pm, Reefton, WI Rooms
12 October, 5pm, Reefton, WI Rooms

Any persons wanting to address Council during the public forum section of the meetings should contact Governance Assistant, email governance.assistant@bdc.govt.nz or phone 0800 807 239.

