

**Salu Acklin**

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**From:** Mary ALFORD <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, 14 May 2022 8:22 pm  
**To:** BDC Submissions  
**Subject:** Community Hall for the Punakaiki Community

It is still a travesty that no community hall / facility is available for community use in the seaside village of Punakaiki . I have lived in this community for 20 years and still there is no where for formal and informal gatherings for a stretch of the Coast.... And do not say go to Charleston or Barrytown ...they have a community space and we want one in Punakaiki.

So any money that has been earmarked for that facility must be used for that purpose.

This is a ridiculous state of affairs and you are letting this community down by not actioning this facility.

Yours Sincerely

Antony and Mary Alford

Limestone Creek

Sent from my iPad



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Name: Mattie Dumbler Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to speak at the Annual Plan Hearing on 1 June 2022?

- Yes  No

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Further comment *Continue with any essential water to maintain existing funds if no EQP budget issues / ? heritage bldg + medrmas.*

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Further comment

*Is funding reqd to complete repairs to cycle track (Carter-Tauranga Rd)*

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**From:** Mary Anderson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 16 May 2022 3:11 pm  
**To:** BDC\_Submissions  
**Subject:** Bdc draft annual plan 2022

Submission BDC draft annual plan may 2022 re fund allocation of what was part funding for the community centre in the Punakaiki township

I am disappointed to hear of the withdrawal of part funding for the project to develop a community centre in Punakaiki

I have been part of an arts and well being group that has been actively looking for a creative space in the area to no avail, that's why it is so disappointing to see this project folding.

The community facility will be hugely appreciated and well patronised as a multi purpose building, living in an isolated community we are all well aware that the activities that bring us together are essential for our cohesion as a community and for our productivity and well being as a whole.

Mary Anderson  
[REDACTED]  
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# #5

**COMPLETE**

**Collector:** Web Link 1 (Web Link)  
**Started:** Tuesday, May 10, 2022 10:10:28 PM  
**Last Modified:** Tuesday, May 10, 2022 10:22:47 PM  
**Time Spent:** 00:12:18  
**IP Address:** [REDACTED]

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## Q1

### CONTACT DETAILS

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City/Town	[REDACTED]
Post code	[REDACTED]
Email address	[REDACTED]
Phone number	[REDACTED]

## Q2

**I do not wish to speak to my submission**

### PRESENTING YOUR SUBMISSION IN PERSON

## Q3

**Yes**

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN SUBMISSIONS ARE MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

## Q4

**I agree**

WESTPORT WASTEWATER PUMP STATION (see page 2 of the Consultation Document for more information)Subsequent to the adoption of the 2021 – 2031 Long Term Plan, it has become evident that renewal of elements of the Westport wastewater and sewerage systems is required due to changes in fresh water management policies that do not allow Council to discharge directly to water.A budget of \$2.24 million has been included in the Draft Annual Plan in the Westport wastewater scheme to prepare elements of the wastewater and sewerage pump station infrastructure to enable this activity to continue and the resource consents and affected party approvals to be gained.

**Q5****I agree**

WESTPORT WATER SUPPLY TRUNKMAIN CONNECTION TO TOWN (see page 2 of the Consultation Document for more information)The Draft Annual Plan provides in the Westport water supply scheme funding of \$1.65 million towards trunk main replacement, not in the Long Term Plan. This is additional to central government funding received for trunk main upgrades in 2021 - 2022. This additional fund is required to complete the upgrade all the way into Westport providing a resilient trunk main in its entirety.

**Q6****I disagree**

REEFTON WATER SUPPLY CHLORINATION (see page 2 of the Consultation Document for more information)The first stage of upgrading the Reefton infrastructure was undertaken last year and this has addressed several issues with the supply. Council will now undertake work to install chlorine dosing equipment. To complete this a budget of \$455,000 has been provided for in the Draft Annual Plan. This was not included in the 2021 – 2031 Long Term Plan.

**Q7****I agree**

DEFERRAL OF COMMUNITY FACILITY PROJECTS (see page 2 of the Consultation Document for more information)Brougham House upgradeThe proposal to upgrade Brougham House (which is the Council office building situated in Westport) has been delayed. This is because Council has reprioritised the capital spending and projects which can be delivered throughout the year, taking into account the district wide flood events of July 2021 and February 2022 and new capital budgets required in the Draft Annual Plan. A new heating and cooling system will be installed and decommissioning of the coal-fired boiler which heats Brougham House will be completed. However other upgrade work has been deferred.Clocktower Chambers upgradesThe 2021-2031 Long Term Plan provided \$106,000 in the 2021-2022 financial year for new toilets and \$306,000 in 2022 – 2023 financial year for a new HVAC system at the Clocktower Chambers. The proposed upgrades have been deferred as part of the capital reprioritisation that occurred as part of this Draft Annual Plan. There is no change to the level of service provided to our community due to this reprioritisation.The net impact of the proposed capital programme changes outlined above has resulted in a breach in net debt limit in the financial strategy contained in the 2021 2031 Long Term Plan. Council considers the net debt limit breach necessary to provide core services to the community. Council also undertook a reprioritisation of its planned capital program to accommodate the new projects while limiting the breach as much as possible.

**Q8****Neither of the above**

WAIMANGAROA DRINKING WATER UPGRADE (see page 2 of the Consultation Document for more information) Council continues to invest in capital works for the Waimangaroa water supply and remains committed to providing a safe and compliant scheme for all consumers. This will be completed progressively, based on priority and affordability. The current upgrade of the raw water trunk main will be finished as we begin this Annual Plan period. Due to market pricing exceeding Council's budget provision, the proposed water treatment plant will now be deferred until an alternative funding stream or strategy is identified. In consultation with the community, Council will consider options to repurpose funding from the already approved project budget to focus on improved reliability and resilience of the supply. This may include bulk storage tanks and reticulation renewals to reduce the likelihood of service loss or extended outages. Water treatment and mandatory measures such as chlorination will be assessed as part of the next phase of investment on our journey to compliance within the affordability constraints for ratepayers.

**Q9****I agree**

KARAMEA AREA SCHOOL AND CAMPGROUND WATER SUPPLY (see page 2 of the Consultation Document for more information) Council has been reviewing the water supply to the Karamea Campground which is managed by Karamea Reserve Sub-committee. Currently the water is supplied through an agreement with Karamea Area School. This agreement expires in October 2022. Without this supply, the campground could not continue to operate and would potentially be closed. Options will be considered by Council, including various self supply alternatives for the campground, as well as a limited network incorporating the school and utilising upgraded infrastructure. There are no plans to connect the campground supply to any other consumers or for it to become an expanded township scheme. The additional targeted rates revenue to fund the new Karamea water scheme forms part of the additional increase in total rates included in the Draft Annual Plan.

**Q10**

COMMUNITY GRANTS (see page 2 of the Consultation Document for more information) In preparing the Draft Annual Plan Council chose to partly offset the rates increases caused by increasing interest and inflation by reducing the funding available for community grants. Contestable grants were reduced by 50% and tourism and museum support grants by 25% compared to the same year in the Long Term Plan, excluding Coal Town Museum and Reefton Visitor Centre grants as these are part of current change proposals that lock Council into the current level of funding. Council considers this does not result in a change in level of service as community grants are continued to be provided to the community.

**I disagree,**

Comments:

It is important that the Buller District Council supports local initiatives and the Buller community by supporting children, young people and their families, as well as local businesses. We need to nurture and grow our community with Council support and role modelling.

**Q11**

FURTHER FEEDBACK - do you have any other items or requests that you would like Council to consider in its Annual Plan?

I agree with the many of the changes, however I do not agree with any increase in rates. I have a commercial property in Westport, when comparing the rates to other properties I have outside of Westport, the Westport rates are disproportionately high. When I walk the Main street I see numerous businesses for sale and empty buildings available for lease. I believe Council needs to encourage investment and business to the region by making the rates affordable. I have two business partners who I have tried to encourage investing in Westport, the current rates have been a significant factor in them looking elsewhere to invest.



Submission to: The BDC 2022-2023 Draft Annual Plan

From: Richard A. Arlidge

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

**YES - I would like to be heard**

I “**feel strongly**” that the BDC should **NOT** remove the funds budgeted for a Community Facility at Punakaiki.

My submission below is regarding an item that is **not** in the BDC’s 2022-2023 Draft Annual Plan but it would appear Council did want to have in the Plan and so on discovering it was missing consulted ratepayers via email on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022 with the closing date for submissions being Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

**The BDC sent the following email on Saturday 14 May 2022:**

*Dear Punakaiki community,*

*Buller District Council initially budgeted \$100,000 as seed funding to support establishing a community facility in Punakaiki some time ago.*

*Council has worked for many years with the local community to seek a suitable site for this facility. Funds have been spent to date to apply for concessions and secure land which has not come to fruition.*

*Since the project has been stalling since 2020, BDC has decided not to carry over the remainder of this budget in the 2022 - 2023 Draft Annual Plan.*

*If you or any of your community members feel strongly that BDC should contribute to a facility in addition to the one the Department of Conservation (DOC) is building at Dolomite Point, please submit your feedback to the 2022 - 2023 Draft Annual Plan.*

My comments below (**in bold**) relate to the creative writing in the Saturday email communication from the BDC.

*Buller District Council initially budgeted \$100,000 as seed funding to support establishing a community facility in Punakaiki some time ago. **The date of the allocation of these funds was in the BDC’s 2015-2025 LTP. This LTP has not yet been fully completed and the two following LTP’s (2018 and 2021) made no mention of withdrawing these budgeted funds.***

## **CONSULTATION**

The BDC web site reads *“Tell Council what you think about its 2022-2023 Draft Annual Plan. Between 14 April and 17 May Council is consulting on its course for the coming year”*. The late addition and notice (giving two working days for a new item in the BDC’s 2022-2023 Annual Plan) does not meet the Council responsibility to comply with section 82 of the Local Government Act 2002, principles of consultation, in a manner that is appropriate.

In determining what is appropriate Council must have regard to the nature and significance of the matter, including its likely impact from the perspective of persons who may be affected. The more significant a matter from the perspective of persons who may be affected, the more likely Council will need to consult with them on their views. Inviting submissions for at least one month/four weeks is BDC Policy.

## **A SOLUTION?**

There is one obvious solution as to where the Community Facility might be located at Punakaiki – the Crown/DOC can gift the current Visitor Info Centre to the BDC and this building could be used as a Community Facility.

The BDC/community application to DOC in 2019 was for a small parcel of land (400 sqm) on the north side of the new DOC car park. This is stewardship land. I have read of the BDC wanting to take an active role in the current Stewardship Land review being undertaken by the Crown. The application for a concession over the land at Dolomite Point was the perfect time for Council to argue the case on behalf of the Community. Instead, from what we have been told, it took one phone call from DOC and the BDC let this opportunity pass. Now it would appear that Council wants to dismiss all the work undertaken to date and make it all go away.

If it is all too hard just let us know – we can help.

## **DARE TO STRUGGLE – DARE TO WIN!**

### **Appendix 1**

The full November 2020 BDC email communication (via Glen Irving) to the Punakaiki Community:

*Council has made the decision to withdraw its current application to the Department of Conservation (DOC) for a concession for land at Dolomite Point to site the proposed community facility.*

*It has become clear that there is a very low likelihood of the concession application being successful given the statutory criteria on which DOC must make their decision. In particular, the criteria which states that a concession shall not be granted where the decision maker is satisfied that the activity “could reasonably be undertaken in another location that is outside the conservation area” is a challenge. It is for the applicant to show that the activity cannot reasonably take place somewhere other than on the public conservation land the concession is sought over. At this time Council is not satisfied that it can meet this requirement, therefore it is considered unlikely that the application*

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#### Submitter's details *Please complete all fields*

Name **Mikaere Clarkson, Dale Ashworth**

Organisation **Kawatiri Youth Voice Coordinator**

#### Postal address

Number, Street/Road

City/Town

Post code

#### Phone

#### Email

Would you like to speak at the Annual Plan Hearing on  
**1 June 2022?**

Yes

No

Would you prefer your contact details be withheld  
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Firstly thank you to Council for both the Monterey support and personal support that we have received. It is great that you believe in us and our voice to bring a community together and to create change.

~~2. We would ask council to consider engaging and incorporating the voice of the rangatahi, or utilising Kawatiri Youth Voice to engage with rangatahi on their behalf to gain insights, prior to the design and development of any climate change adaption action plans as decisions made now will directly affect the youth of tomorrow.~~

3. We would like the support of council to create a visibly inclusive town starting with repainting of 1 x central pedestrian crossings in town to be "rainbow crossings" to reflect diversity, equality and acceptance of all in Westport. Kawatiri Youth Voice has been approached by rangatahi that identify as being in the LGBTQIA+ community on how we can create a more welcoming environment for them. Kawatiri Youth Voice would look to fundraise to create this legacy piece in the township. We would look to raise \$5k to cover the cost of the painting alone. These costs exclude traffic Mgt which we ask the council to support the cost of. Similar examples of rainbow crossings are on Wellingtons Cuba/Dixon Street, K Road in Auckland and a potential one coming soon in Nelson.

4. We would like the support of council to be able to put a solar panel table to enable the community and visitors to connect to technology while in the outdoors, based at Poutangata Platform Bridge. This would enable people to connect to power or recharge items at the bridge and we see this fitting nicely with the revitalisation plan for Kawatiri. Youth Voice would look to fundraise for this project but seek agreement and planning support from Council.



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Do you have any other items or requests that you would like Council to consider in its Annual Plan?

I would like to object to the last minute announcement of the withdrawal of the seed funding for the Punakaiki Community Facility.

The funding belongs to this community which has been proven time and time again is in dire need of an independent community owned facility, with no commercial interests.

The community has had a lack of support throughout this process, and this is just a kick when you are down to this community.

The funds need to remain for the purpose they were intended, and the process of finding a suitable location for our community needs to be restarted, and supported by council

The mental health of the people in this community is vital and this is yet another fragmenting blow.

Please do not reallocate the money which has a predetermined purpose for the mental and physical health of this extremely isolated community of humans.

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Do you have any other items or requests that you would like Council to consider in its Annual Plan?

I have been told that the council is absorbing the fund for the

Punakaiki community centre. I think it is very wrong of the council to do this.

I have grown up here and there has never been a playground, bmx track or any sort of area for kids

in Punakaiki, this has meant that I have not been able to meet up with friends near where I live.

Personally I think that the money should not be put back into the council but into some

sort of area for children and adults where they can gather in our community,

like a small skatepark playground, pump track and or building that is warm and dry.



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**Salu Acklin**

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**From:** Mary ALFORD <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, 14 May 2022 8:22 pm  
**To:** BDC Submissions  
**Subject:** Community Hall for the Punakaiki Community

It is still a travesty that no community hall / facility is available for community use in the seaside village of Punakaiki . I have lived in this community for 20 years and still there is no where for formal and informal gatherings for a stretch of the Coast.... And do not say go to Charleston or Barrytown ...they have a community space and we want one in Punakaiki.

So any money that has been earmarked for that facility must be used for that purpose.

This is a ridiculous state of affairs and you are letting this community down by not actioning this facility.

Yours Sincerely

Antony and Mary Alford

Limestone Creek

Sent from my iPad

**SUBMISSION ON BDC DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN MAY 2022**

Marie Elder

[Redacted]  
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**I wish to be heard in support of my submission**

The particular part of the draft Annual Plan I am submitting on is what I understand to be a decision to reallocate to other purposes funds remaining from the \$100,000 committed to a Punakaiki community facility project in the 2015 Long Term Plan [LTP].

**Acknowledgement of previous Council commitment**

The Punakaiki community was delighted by the announcement of the Community Facility seeding fund in Council’s 2015 LTP. Here at last was meaningful recognition of a decades-long call from the community, officially recognised in the 2003 ‘Punakaiki Development Plan’ prepared for BDC by Glasson, Potts and Fowler. They recommended BDC and the Punakaiki community pursue a *“small multi-purpose community centre ... to accommodate small meetings, playgroup meetings, recreational group meetings etc.”*

Damien O’Connor reinforced this need recently when he met Fiona McDonald at an event, exhorting her, and by implication the Punakaiki community, to keep up the momentum and enthusiasm for the project with Council.

Maintaining momentum is exactly why we need the seeding funding to remain in place.

**Increasing need for a Punakaiki community facility**

I cannot over-emphasise the enduring need for a neutral public venue in Punakaiki, for all the uses itemised in the 2016 BDC Needs Assessment [extract appended], and others which have evolved since. In recent years, we have had consultation meetings on for example the water supply, the Greater Punakaiki Masterplan, the Dolomite Point Redevelopment project, turning off the streetlights in summer, Civil Defence, two Meet-the-Candidate meetings for national elections, and another two for Local Government elections.

For these, organisers have been beholden to Pancake Rocks Café, Punakaiki Tavern, the campground, Beach Hostel, or to DOC for the workshop. The former mean prevailing on and sharing business premises, not always a comfortable or appropriate mix. Use of the DOC workshop, the closest we have to a neutral venue but still not a public space, has meant community members spending the best part of a day cleaning and reorganising it, hefting heavy equipment clear, lugging gear for refreshments from our own homes, borrowing and transporting chairs from the campground, and then putting it all back together again afterwards. And it is a venue which only works in fine weather – it is freezing in winter and rain on the roof can be deafening as endured in one Dolomite Point consultation.

**Civil Defence**

The need for a high-and-dry Civil Defence welfare centre at Dolomite Point, where the majority of stranded tourists are likely to be and will need shelter and information should SH6 north and south of Punakaiki be blocked, is paramount. The lack of such a facility is a huge gap in our community’s resilience preparation.

## **The need for a stand-alone facility**

There seems to be a Council assumption, implied in the 14 May 2022 email to Punakaiki residents, that a stand-alone community facility might be a duplication of something already planned, when it refers to *“a facility in addition to the one the Department of Conservation [DOC] is building at Dolomite Point”*.

Ngāti Waewae will own and manage the new Dolomite Point Visitor Centre, and as I understand it the community has not been offered a shared-use option by Ngāti Waewae. Nor do I believe we can presume upon the iwi in this way. It will be an iwi resource, to be run and used and made commercially viable according to their business plan.

François Tumahai has said the community may like to use the mezzanine meeting space from time to time. However, while we appreciate this offer, it in no way fulfils our need for a place of our own. Please refer to the Needs Assessment: many of the uses e.g. playgroup, table-tennis tournaments, painting workshops, community radio station, would not be a good fit for a Visitor Centre mezzanine, and/or could not be carried out within opening hours.

Iwi representatives François Tumahai and Ned Tauwhare are supportive of a stand-alone community facility, going so far as to say, in their letter of support [appended], they may have occasion to use it themselves e.g. for educational purposes.

## **Fund-raising**

Of course, fund-raising would require a major effort, over and above this seeding funding, but the working group, active in 2019-2020 in support of Council on this project, has already done significant research into potential avenues of funding and held meetings with organisation representatives e.g. Lotteries; Dept of Internal Affairs, and DWC. The seeding funding was always part of these discussions, showing the project had genuine potential. To lose it would be to lose momentum and the gains made so far.

## **Annual Plan [AP] process**

It has been galling to learn of this intended fund reallocation through a chance conversation.

Punakaiki ratepayers could be forgiven for thinking that, by either intention or negligence, Council would have quietly reallocated these funds without anyone noticing.

Searches of the draft AP have not revealed reference to the Punakaiki Community Facility project. It is ironic to see headings such as ‘Community Facilities Taonga’, where under a subheading ‘What we do’ the first item is *“Provision of public buildings”* and the second *“Provision of community halls”* p52. Really?

Under ‘Links to Community Outcomes’ p13, the draft lists outcomes such as *“Provide essential services to residents ... Provide and develop safe public places”* and that *“Emergency management is a key function”* and *“[to empower] residents to be better prepared physically and psychologically for a Civil Defence event.”* p13. These aspirations could have been lifted from local Punakaiki submissions supporting the 2019 BDC application for a site.

The AP draft also speaks of *‘community well-being’* and creating *‘a pleasant environment in which to live, work and play, which is an important part of the vision for the district.’* p52. Punakaiki is part of that district and a check of 61 submissions supporting the 2019 BDC application reveals exactly those same wishes for Punakaiki. It is a shared vision.

## **Notification**

If there are fewer submissions protesting the fund reallocation than might be expected from a community where a large majority want and would use a stand-alone facility, omitting clear reference to it in the draft plan could well be a reason why. It's hard to provide feedback on something that isn't there.

Add to this the lack of any public meeting or drop-in session in Punakaiki, lack of posters visible around the village, lack of anything in our mailboxes, lack of email notification until the Saturday three days before submissions close, and a misleading reference to the new Ngāti Waewae Visitor Centre in that Saturday morning email.

## **Acknowledging existence and needs of Punakaiki ratepayers**

We acknowledge the multiple and extremely costly traumas experienced by Westport, and other parts of the district, in the last twelve months. Budget pressure on Council is understood. However, that doesn't mean Punakaiki ratepayers are okay to struggle on without a place to meet or a central Civil Defence centre.

I believe to reallocate this funding to other district priorities would be to act in bad faith, cause loss of community confidence in Council and our elected Councillors, and lead to bitter disappointment in this part of your district.

Many Punakaiki people – particularly those who took the time to write submissions and speak at the hearing in the 2019-2020 DOC application process - already feel let down by Council's 2020 withdrawal of the DOC consent application, and by the fact the community learned about it through the newspaper and has never been given the courtesy of a full explanation by our Council. Reallocating the funds now would only intensify a belief that Westport and Council do not recognise or understand our needs down here in Punakaiki.

If an organisation or individual in Westport wishes to hold a public meeting, or an art exhibition, or a playgroup, they have a choice of public spaces, and rightly so. The Punakaiki community is only asking for one such venue.

## **Conclusion**

Please reconsider any reallocation of the remaining seeding funding and continue to reserve it for use in investigating a site and furthering the Punakaiki community facility project.

Marie Elder  
Punakaiki

Appendix A: BDC Needs Assessment 2016, rev 2018, extract

Appendix B: Ngāti Waewae letter of support, screenshot

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### THE COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Community Needs Questionnaire (Appendix 2) was distributed from July to October 2016. A total of 140 dwellings were identified within the community of interest.

The BDC posted the questionnaire to 160 rateable property owners from White Horse Hill to the Punakaiki River. Another 35 dwellings / properties from the Punakaiki River south to Canoe Creek were identified and delivered or emailed the questionnaire.

The response:

- 140 dwellings / properties were identified. These are a mix of tourism industry businesses, commercial accommodation, private residences and private baches.
- A permanent population of 150 people live in this area of the Coast Road for most of the year. The population increases during the summer months.
- There are 15 school aged children and 5 pre-schoolers.
- A total of 119 completed questionnaires were received from a total of 161 people. Where possible people were encouraged to fill out their individual preferences.

Of these responses 161 people 150 were positive and 11 were negative. There were 40 no responses.

The questionnaire listed a variety of possible functions / activities the proposed community facility could provide for and sought feedback in the form of a yes or no as to the respondents likely use. The questionnaire results are summarised in the table below:

#### Results from 161 people as at December 2016

1.	Exercise groups / Yoga – a learning space	117	7 <sup>th</sup>
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3.	Exhibitions and events	133	2 <sup>=</sup>
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9.	A Civil Defence Welfare Centre	138	1 <sup>st</sup>
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### ASSUMPTIONS

A majority of people are keen to see a community facility constructed. A building of circa 100 sqm would meet the needs and aspirations of the wider community. From the responses received the following assumptions regarding design can be made.

## Appendix B: Ngāti Waewae letter of support [screenshot]



# MAKE A SUBMISSION

## to the Draft 2022/2023 Annual Plan



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### HOW TO HAVE YOUR SAY

Submissions are accepted during the consultation period from Thursday 14 April until 4:30pm on Tuesday 17 May 2022.

There are a number of ways you can find out more about the plan, get a copy of the document, or make a submission:

- Email [submissions@bdc.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@bdc.govt.nz) with your request.
- Visit Council's website [www.bullerdc.govt.nz/plans](http://www.bullerdc.govt.nz/plans)
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Return this completed form to Council's Office in Brougham Street or drop it off at the Reefton Service Centre.

#### Submitter's details *Please complete all fields*

Name **Shayne Barry** Organisation

Postal address  
Number, Street/Road  
City/Town Post code

Would you like to speak at the Annual Plan Hearing on 1 June 2022?

Yes  No

Would you prefer your contact details be withheld when submissions are made available online?

Yes  No

*The format of the hearing will be known once confirmation of the Covid - 19 alert level at that time is known*



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# #10

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## Q2

### PRESENTING YOUR SUBMISSION IN PERSON

I wish to speak to my submission

## Q3

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN SUBMISSIONS ARE MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

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Would you like to speak at the Annual Plan Hearing on **1 June 2022?**

- Yes
  No

Would you prefer your contact details be withheld when submissions are made available online?

- Yes
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Agree       Disagree       Neither

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I reside just off of Glasseye Road; as you know the sharp corner at Tidal Cr (nickname "Suicide corner") has been blowing out more frequently with the increase of flooding and weather extremes in the past few years. Has Council considered building a ford on that corner to allow for the over flow from Tidal and prevent the constant hours of re-gravelling and maintenance callouts to the subs that maintain these main roads in the district. There is a large community that gets cut off when this happens Seems to be able to concrete the small section of corner would resolve losing gravel in the farmers paddock and less callouts from your subs. Seems a win win for all. Thank you

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Yes

## Q4

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I agree

**Q5****I agree**

**WESTPORT WATER SUPPLY TRUNKMAIN CONNECTION TO TOWN** (see page 2 of the Consultation Document for more information)The Draft Annual Plan provides in the Westport water supply scheme funding of \$1.65 million towards trunk main replacement, not in the Long Term Plan. This is additional to central government funding received for trunk main upgrades in 2021 - 2022. This additional fund is required to complete the upgrade all the way into Westport providing a resilient trunk main in its entirety.

**Q6****I disagree**

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**Q7****I agree**

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**Q9****I agree**

KARAMEA AREA SCHOOL AND CAMPGROUND WATER SUPPLY (see page 2 of the Consultation Document for more information) Council has been reviewing the water supply to the Karamea Campground which is managed by Karamea Reserve Sub-committee. Currently the water is supplied through an agreement with Karamea Area School. This agreement expires in October 2022. Without this supply, the campground could not continue to operate and would potentially be closed. Options will be considered by Council, including various self-supply alternatives for the campground, as well as a limited network incorporating the school and utilising upgraded infrastructure. There are no plans to connect the campground supply to any other consumers or for it to become an expanded township scheme. The additional targeted rates revenue to fund the new Karamea water scheme forms part of the additional increase in total rates included in the Draft Annual Plan.

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## ***Blacks Point Museum Trust***

*c/- 14 Franklyn Street*

*Blacks Point*

*Reefton 7830.*

*21 March 2022*

### Submission to Buller District Council Annual Plan

#### Background information

The Blacks Point Museum came into being in the 1960s when a small group of keen Blacks Point folk decided there was a need to preserve the history of the Inangahua area. Education and research has been a key focus from the beginning, aimed especially at the young.

The Museum was run as a completely voluntary body until it became possible to employ two people under a work scheme. From that time the Museum has managed to generate sufficient funds to keep it going with assistance for wages from the Buller District Council.

#### Why It Is Important

The museum is an integral part of the Reefton, Buller and West Coast Visitor Experience.

It houses a nationally significant collection of memorabilia, artefacts, and machinery celebrating the cultural and industrial history of the Inangahua and surrounds.

We have one of only two working water-driven stamper batteries in the Southern hemisphere. The reconstructed fully operational quartz-gold battery is one of our prize exhibits. It allows visitors to experience the original extraction process of gold from quartz, circa 1870.

The genealogy collection of historical records is housed in a dedicated temperature controlled secure facility. Families, historians, and professionals from all over New Zealand and abroad access the thousands of archived documents, photographic collections, mining information and maps for research purposes and family history. We provide educational and cultural experiences by hosting school visits. As well, the Museum is an essential local

## Finance

Rosco Contractors Ltd has donated the coal to heat the museum for 10 years, currently \$3642 p.a. An anonymous benefactor has funded the travel and cartage costs of the coal for 10 years, currently \$640.80 p.a. We have recently acquired an EFTPOS facility funded by local businesses for one year.

Recently the Museum received a donation of \$12,000 from a local charitable trust.

The museum has a modest investment of \$16,000 that is kept for ongoing maintenance and additional equipment if and when needed. The museum ran at a loss of \$3680 in the last financial year.

For the last seven years Buller District Council has contributed to the curator's wages. We applied for \$30K from the long-term district plan in 2020. We were granted \$18,500 for the current financial year with a guaranteed \$12,500 for the next four years.

In the meantime the committee is hard-pressed to find the funds to pay our curator. Therefore, we request a grant of \$15,000 from Buller District Council.

The Museum committee congratulates BDC for its effective leadership during recent hard times. We also thank Buller District Council very much for its support to date.

Yours sincerely

Helen Bollinger, Interim Secretary.



Buller District Council

### Blacks Point Museum Funding

It has come to my attention that the Blacks Point Museum Trust is seeking funding to support employment of their curator and ongoing running costs.

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As you will be aware Blacks Point and its surrounding area has a rich and important history. The gold-bearing quartz reefs were almost unique in New Zealand and attracted a range of skilled men whose resourcefulness proved invaluable. The Museum is the main source of public information and the principal repository for research materials relating to the district's history. In supporting its work you will ensure they continue to be available. This is especially important for school children, as the new History curriculum with its emphasis on local history is to be introduced in 2023. The Museum will be the area's major resource for this curriculum, and its knowledgeable curator a great asset for teachers.

Yours faithfully,

Erik Olssen, PhD, ONZM, FRSNZ & FNZAH  
Emeritus Professor of History,  
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#### Cemetry Fees - Westport, Reefton and Mokihinui

Prior to 2021 the purchase fee and perpetual maintenance fee for a lawn plot were separate, however

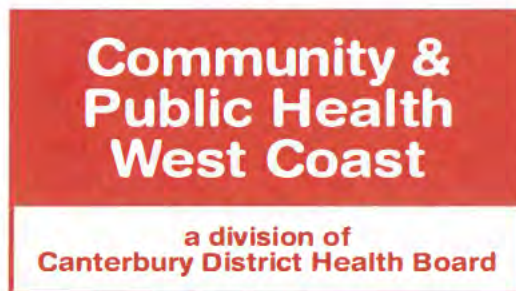
this caused a lot of confusion, it was therefore decided to combine the two fees to simplify this cost.

On page 104 Cemetery Fees and Charges the section OTHER CEMETERY FEES needs to be removed

as this is now a double up on the fees that have already been included when purchasing a lawn plot.

The words (Plot Fees Including Perpetual Maintenance) need to be included in the wording to make it clear that the perpetual maintenance

is still covered when a lawn plot has been either purchased or pre-purchased.



**Submission from  
Community and Public Health, West Coast**

**May 2022**

**Buller District Council  
Draft Annual Plan 2022/2023**

**Details of Submitter**

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Community and Public Health

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Please note we do not wish to speak to this submission.

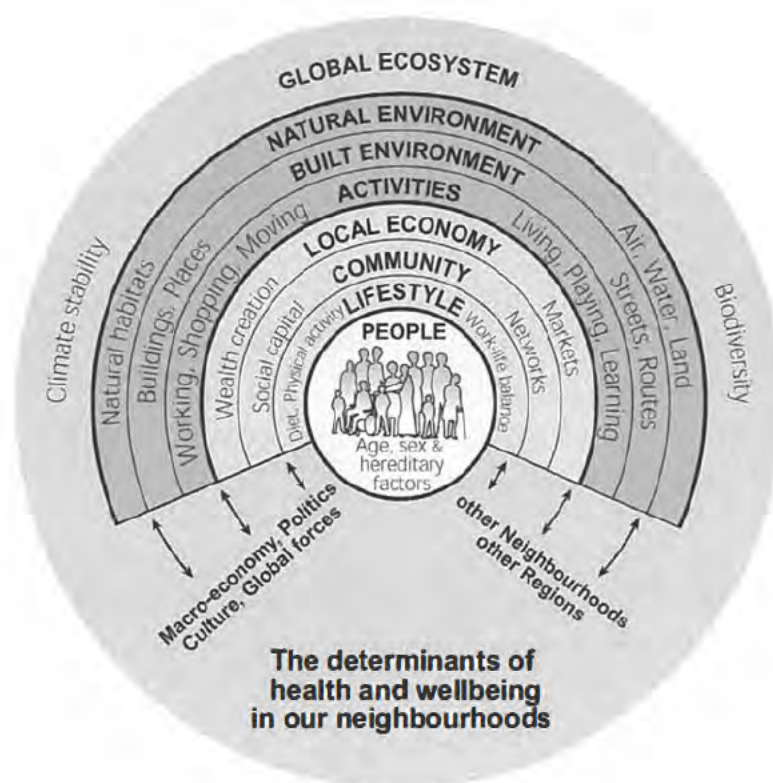
## Introduction

Community and Public Health West Coast is a regional office of the Community and Public Health Division of the Canterbury District Health Board and provides a regional public health service to the West Coast. We welcome the opportunity to comment on the Buller District Council's Draft Annual Plan 2022-2023.

The goal of our organisation is that of improving and protecting the health and well-being of the people of the West Coast. However, while health care services are an important determinant of health, health is also influenced by a wide range of factors beyond the health sector.

The Dahlgren and Whitehead 1991 model below illustrates how individuals are influenced by factors that generally lie outside their control. These factors; often referred to as the social determinants of health and well-being, can be described as the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age; they are affected by environmental, social and behavioural factors.

As depicted in the diagram, the sphere of influence is very wide and, in many instances, beyond the health sector. Furthermore, changes in any of these factors can affect health and wellbeing dramatically (both positively and negatively). In order to maximise people's wellbeing, these factors need to be taken into account by policy and decision makers, including Councils. The Annual Plan provides Buller District Council with an opportunity to influence the determinants of health for the people of the Buller District through prioritising funds for activities that support health and wellbeing.



Another way to incorporate wellbeing into Council's decision making and planning is to use the 5 Ways to Wellbeing developed by the New Economics Foundation in 2008. The five ways are a set of evidence-based public health messages aimed at improving the mental health and general wellbeing of the whole population.

## FIVE WAYS TO WELLBEING



Auckland University of Technology researchers recently published the results of the Sovereign Wellbeing Index project. The report found that the five **Ways to Wellbeing** were all strongly associated with higher wellbeing. People experienced higher levels of wellbeing when they:

- were connected socially with others (**Me whakawhanaunga-Connect**)
- gave time and resources to others (**Tukua-Give**)
- were able to appreciate and take notice of things around them (**Me aro tonu-Take notice**)
- were learning new things in their lives (**Me ako tonu-Keep learning**)
- were physically active (**Me kori tonu-Be Active**)

These five ways are being used by councils in the UK to build stronger communities:

*'It is conscious planning in a way that will actually promote wellbeing. If we have wellbeing in mind at the point of planning, we have a better chance of building resilience in communities to enable them to survive in difficult times.'* (Ashton, Leigh and Wigan PCT in the Five ways to wellbeing, New application, new ways of thinking 2011) p.30

Investing in wellbeing benefits more than just the individual. For example, people who report higher levels of wellbeing tend to be more involved in social and civic life, are more likely to behave in environmentally responsible ways, have better family and social relationships at home and are more productive at work. (*Five ways to wellbeing, New application, new ways of thinking 2011*) p.6  
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CPH encourages Council to consider the 5 Ways to Wellbeing in its decision-making processes to support the district and its residents to flourish. CPH is happy to work with and support Council to do this.

CPH made a detailed submission to Council's 2021-2031 Long Term Plan (LTP). As such we mostly confine the following comments to the variations on the LTP outlined in the 2022-2023 draft Annual Plan. However, we have reiterated our previous comments on Class 4 gaming, smokefree and alcohol.

Specific topics referred to in the Draft Plan	Discussion/Comment	CPH's suggested amendments to the Plan /suggested action points
Council Activities		
Regulatory Services	<p>We support Council's activities described in this section as they benefit the health and wellbeing of both the community and the environment.</p> <p><b>Climate Change</b> We strongly support Council's commitment to developing a Climate Change Adaption Strategy to better understand, manage and mitigate the future impacts of climate change within the district. As the draft plan states Buller is expected to become warmer, wetter and windier, with an increased frequency and intensity of storms.</p> <p>Furthermore, the New Zealand Searise Project information shows sea level rise along much of the Buller coastline will be faster than previously predicted. We are very pleased to see Council has expressed the need to 'act now and not delay any further'. We applaud Council for undertaking a survey of its own practices with the goal of reducing its own carbon emissions.</p> <p><b>Civil Defence Emergency Management</b> We support Council's continued investment in ensuring its staff and communities are prepared for and can respond to emergency situations. The increased frequency of storm events and the recent report upgrading the potential for an alpine fault rupture highlights the need for communities to be prepared.</p>	<p><b>Strongly support</b> Council's commitment to developing a Climate Change Adaption Strategy</p>



## By-Laws and Policies

### Class 4 Gaming and TAB Venue Policy

Council's Class 4 Gambling and TAB Venue Policy was due for review in June 2018. **According to the data.govt.nz web-site \$6717 a day was lost in the 'pokie' machines within Buller in 2021; this is up from \$6124 a day in 2019.** The recent BERL: Assessment of the effects of Class 4 gambling on Wellbeing in New Zealand Final report May 2020 concluded that 'Class 4 gambling **has a tendency to magnify community disadvantage.** The evidence strongly suggests that it transfers wealth from more deprived communities to less deprived communities.' The Buller District has a high number of venue and machines compared with the rest of New Zealand. The BERL finding suggests that our most vulnerable communities are further disadvantaged by Class 4 Gaming. This is alarming given that six of the eight Class 4 venues in the district are situated in medium-high deprivation areas. We offer Council our assistance with review of these policies.

### Smokefree

The number of people who smoke is decreasing, however, we are still not on track to achieve Smokefree Aotearoa 2025 where less than 5% of the population smoke. The 2018 Census indicated that 13.2% New Zealanders aged 15+ years are regular smokers. However, here on the West Coast the rate is significantly higher at 18.1% with the rate for BDC at 19.5%, consequently our population continues to suffer more from smoking related harm. Reducing the visibility of tobacco products and smoking and supporting smokers to quit are important elements of the Smokefree 2025 goal.

**We offer** Council our assistance with its review of the Class 4 Gaming and TAB Venue Policy.

<https://catalogue.data.govt.nz/dataset/class-4-gambling-expenditure-by-quarter-and-district/resource/b3ac5b15-5cc9-4d7b-aef4-7215efd8836b>

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Dog Registration and the suggestion of a Working Dog rate.

I recently moved to the Buller District as a Shepherd, and as part of my job I need working dogs to carry out my duties. Being a responsible individual, I decided to prepare ahead of time to reregister my dogs for the new year and was astonished to discover the cost to do so -and the lack of a working dog rate.

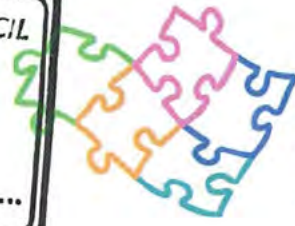
I was beyond shocked to see that I will need to pay \$87.50 for each of my dogs. My surprise heightened likely due to the cost in the Central Otago District -where I moved from- being only \$12 per year to register a working dog.

A shepherd absolutely needs to have working dogs to have a job, and shepherds are not typically on the most generous salary. I understand it is incredibly difficult to get any staff in the Buller area, more difficult again to get skilled agricultural workers, and certainly even harder for the District to attract and keep young people here. As a young shepherd, dog registration is a huge cost that stacks up against the viability of staying here long term and making the place home. Buller District is a long way from friends and family for myself, and a lot of other shepherds who have chosen to live and work here. Most of us require a team of dogs -of at least two, and most try have a couple of young dogs in training as well, meaning a potential cost of (4 x \$87.50) \$350 per year - or more- depending on the shepherd and their job requirements. We don't just have dogs for the sake of it, they are our mates but also a tool of the trade. We all have compounding costs for living here -an example of this is the cost of travel to visit family and friends, and travel long distances for competitive sports and recreations. Needing to pay hundreds each year for dog registration - for dogs we need to have to keep our jobs to stay in the District, seems an exorbitant fee for dogs who are not aggressive, are not wandering the street, and are not a nuisance to anybody. Working dogs are either contained or with their owner at all times, and I am sure that your Animal Control Officer would agree, working dogs and their owners are very rarely an issue.

My request is a working dog rate be implemented for genuine working dogs -not a dog who happens to look like a working dog, or a dog that lives on a farm. A set of criteria may include a kennel inspection, evidence of dog ability, and the discretion of your Animal Control Officer. Most districts do have a working dog rate: as previously stated in Central Otago it is \$12 per dog. In Districts closer to Buller: Tasman working dog rate \$30. Grey District working dog rate \$45. Hurunui working dog rate \$33. This is a massive difference for anyone, but certainly for a young shepherd with a team of dogs looking to settle in the Buller District.

I believe it would be to the benefit of shepherds, employers, and the wider District for you to implement a reasonable working dog rate.

I thank you for your attention to this matter.



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**I disagree,**

Comments:

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**Q11**

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also we would like to propose that there could be free wifi for central granity, we feel that as westport has this, it would be a very useful thing for granity as well for residents and tourists alike and would certainly benefit our gallery and the lyric theatre and the op shop and not very costly.

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#### Submitter's details - Please complete all fields

Name **Jan Coll**

Organisation **Chris J Coll Surveying Ltd**

Postal address

Phone

Would you like to speak at the Annual Plan Hearing on  
1 June 2022?

Yes

No

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Agree

Disagree

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Further comment

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There is no section in the policy to cover the recovery of costs where Council out sources Resource Consents to consultants.

Policy (e) notes that costs for Hearing Commissioners and their disbursements will be recovered at actual rates.

Presently Council adds 10% to consultants invoices. This is not covered in the policy.

What is the basis for this additional charge?



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**Salu Acklin**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 17 May 2022 2:36 pm  
**To:** BDC Submissions  
**Subject:** Re The Punakaiki Community Facility.

Kia Ora Tatou,

As I have just been alerted to this issue and the time remaining for submissions is rather short (120 minutes) I would like to endorse the submission of Ms Marie Elder on this matter. I am probably one of the few ratepayers who remembers the Punakaiki Hall which was in Owen Street at the entrance to the Punakaiki Domain. (Now the Camping Ground.) The hall was a very vital and vibrant part of the community and I believe it was originally the building housing the Punakaiki School before the school closed and the building was moved to the Domain and became the Punakaiki Hall. It is very disappointing to hear that the seed funding for a possible new community facility is proposed for removal and I totally support and endorse the comments of Ms Elder.

Yours Sincerely,

J. Costello,  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

SUBMISSION ON BDC DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN MAY 2022

Margaret Costello

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**It has been brought to my attention that the funding previously allocated towards developing a Community Facility in Punakaiki has been removed. I wish to protest this action and ask that this contingency be reinstated.**

I have been a rate payer at Punakaiki for almost 40 years now, but prior to moving here full-time over 9 years ago my main residence was in another small West Coast community – Harihari. In Harihari the community then had access to the following facilities for various events: the large lounge bar and/or dining room at the Harihari Hotel (both quite separate from the public bar), the RSA Memorial Restrooms and grounds, the Rugby Clubrooms, the School/Community Library, the School/Community Gymnasium, and the Combined Church Hall. Despite all this, within the last few years a brand new purpose built Community Facility has been a much appreciated addition to the township.

The need for such a facility in Punakaiki then is extremely obvious to me. It is a great disadvantage to have nothing at all. The possibility that some meetings may be able to at some times be held in the new Ngai Tahu building, does in no way alleviate the community desire for a more appropriate venue. The seeding money is of course only a small start, but it at least gives us hope that what has been possible for all the South Westland centres might eventually also be possible for us.

19 APR 2022  
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## 你好 Nǐ hǎo

### New Zealand Chinese Language Week 新西兰中文周 2022

It's now less than six months to go until New Zealand Chinese Language Week 2022 kicks off and we're excited to outline plans for new initiatives and activities to celebrate this year.

The New Zealand Chinese Language Week (NZCLW) is being held 25 September to 1 October 2022. We want to involve people from all around the country, so this means we are asking the Council for three things:

- Someone who can be the liaison person for us to contact about activities in your area district
- A Mayoral video of support to be featured during the NZCLW week
- And a chance to present to your council's Annual Plan 2022/23 for a contribution to the week's activities in your area and events of \$2,000.

The New Zealand Chinese Language Week Charitable Trust is a New Zealand-driven initiative set up in 2014 to encourage the learning of Chinese language in New Zealand.

Our aim is to strengthen communities through inclusion and embracing diversity. What better way is there to understand another culture than through language?

A large part of the Trust's work is to recognise and celebrate the diversity of the community in New Zealand – Chinese people have been part of Aotearoa New Zealand's story for 180 years and have many important stories to tell. This is even more important now, with the new school curriculum focusing on local history within our country.





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As in previous years, we expect a lot of events to involve celebrations with food and drink and hospitality – all features of Chinese and New Zealand Māori and European cultures.

The Trust is committed to providing resources to enable different groups to share common experiences, and one of the ways we demonstrate this is by each year publishing a children's book in three languages – Mandarin Chinese (characters and pīn yīn), English, and te reo Māori.

The feedback we get on this book – which is distributed free to schools and public libraries – is unanimous about its value. Librarians and teachers around New Zealand tell us that readers, particularly children, love seeing themselves, their families, and their language in the books.

Your own library may well have been part of previous years' events and activities around New Zealand Chinese Language Week.

We want to ensure that more communities around New Zealand have the opportunity to take part in New Zealand Chinese Language Week, so we would like to have someone from your council be the contact point for us to share resources to enable your community to be involved. This may be someone on your public library staff, or a community development staffer.



#NZCLW







Many communities around New Zealand have significant social, cultural, educational, and other links with China and Chinese people in their districts. New Zealand Chinese Language Week is an excellent opportunity to celebrate those.

We would also like to get a video of support to be featured during the NZCLW week from yourself as Mayor.

Your video plays an important part in the week. It shows a commitment to being a welcoming, open society that embraces all the many cultures that make up our society. Participants in NZCLW have been impressed and heartened by the depth and breadth of the support from local government during previous weeks.

Finally, we at NZCLW Trust would welcome the opportunity to submit to your council's Annual Plan Submission 2022/2023. We wish to apply for a \$2,000 grant to fund activities for New Zealand Chinese Language Week in your region and would like to appear in person to support this application.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing how your council will celebrate New Zealand Chinese Language Week 2022 from September 25 to 1 October.

For more information, please don't hesitate to visit the NZCLW website: [www.nzclw.com](http://www.nzclw.com) or email our Project Team at [nzclw@nzclw.com](mailto:nzclw@nzclw.com)

Many thanks and kindest regards

Jo Coughlan | Chair of New Zealand Chinese Language Week



**Salu Acklin**

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**From:** Paul Drake [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 16 May 2022 3:38 pm  
**To:** BDC Submissions  
**Cc:** Voices For Freedom; Karamea Info Centre  
**Subject:** Submission to BDC Karamea Water and ...

Hi Cath

I went onto the Buller District Council submission and found it a bit difficult to operate. I am used to filling out all the dots and dashes and pressing a button at the bottom and that's the finish. I tried to cut and past part of the page to this but it only does whole pages. I am working on an Apple Mac so it may not be compatible with your system. Anyway I will do my best to give the correct details.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

I don't hink I will be able to read this in public but you are welcome to.

(6) Karamea Restricted Water Supply 2022203 -  
(.) Disagree

Comment: I am currently happy with the arrangement that the Campground has with the karamea Area School and would leave it to both parties to sort out; however I would not like this to be used as some sort of pretext to "fund the new Karamea Water Scheme" that has already been rejected twice. I am content with my tank water like many other residents here and let's face it tasting Westport's chlorinated water isn't a very good advertisement of public reticulated water schemes.

Furthermore I hope this does not have anything to do with the Three Waters Scheme the central government is trying to push which I am vehemently against.Like many others in this community.

**Further Feedback ?**

I think the council could get over COVID I have met a few people now who have had COVID and they have successfully treated it the same way as the common flu. I find the Mayors poster extolling the virtues of the "vaccine" particularly distasteful. How I choose my medical treatment (as is enshrined by the Health Act, NZ Bill of Rights, and the Nuremberg Code) is none of his or anyones business! Just for the record.

Yours Faithfully

Paul Drake

# NORTHERN BULLER COMMUNITIES SOCIETY INC.

30A Main Road  
Ngakawau  
WESTPORT 7824



May 2022

To//  
Draft Annual Plan Submission  
Buller District Council  
PO Box 21  
Westport 7866

## SUBMISSION TO BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN

This letter is a submission to the Draft Annual Plan of the Buller District Council for the continued financial support of the Northern Buller Communities Society in the provision of visitor and tourism information along with its public area maintenance and beautification services in Northern Buller. In previous years we have received \$5000 from Council for the provision of tourism information services, \$4432 towards public area mowing and beautification services and \$1350 towards the maintenance of the public toilets in Granity. We are proud of what we are achieving with this level of local body funding and feel that the Buller District Council and ratepayers are getting real value for money from our group in this area.

### 1. TOURISM INFORMATION SERVICES:

District Promotion and Tourism Support.

#### Seeking \$5000 annual contribution from the Long Term Plan

In November this year, it will be 13 years since we moved our Resource and Information Centre to the Ngakawau Hall. We recorded a total of over 1740 visitors to the Centre in the year ended March 2022 an increase of over 600 from the previous year. The impact of Covid-19 continues to affect our out-of-area visitor numbers with just 13% of those through our doors from outside of the Buller Region. With the reopening of international tourism channels we now expect that number to grow and we are ideally placed to work with the local industry to build on visitor numbers heading through Northern Buller and on to Karamea. We feel we add value as the midway point between Karamea and Westport. We also generate local employment from our services with our two part-time Centre Assistants.

We disagree with Council's proposal to reduce tourism and museum support grants by 25% at this crucial time. This proposal does nothing to assist the industry we are trying to help, and in fact only serves to hamper the "re-start" that our tourism industry so desperately needs. Taking \$1250 off a community organisation such as ours, is hardly going to make a major contribution to offsetting rates. We assume there must be other organisations out there that are receiving rather significant funds in tourism and museum support grants if this proposal is designed to make any major difference.

We have provided all requested KPI's to council annually for the support received and submit that this funding be continued.

### 2. PROPERTY: Property Management Amenities and Reserves.

#### Seeking \$4800 annual contribution from the Long Term Plan.

Our Beautification Subcommittee continues to work at maintaining the Granity Band Rotunda site, corner gardens and nearby railway reserve areas. We also care for the Community Orchard in Back Rd thanks to Society members and volunteers. We have kept up our mowing services on the railway reserve strips of land along Torea St south and several areas north along State Highway 67 to Ngakawau. This is done by volunteers using Society equipment and fuel. We have also recently taken over mowing and maintaining the Hector's Dolphin site and, with assistance from Pub Charity, purchased a trailer to get our mower there from south Granity. The increased funding we seek this year is due to insurance costs.

**4. COMMUNITY FACILITIES - PUBLIC TOILETS:  
Seeking \$1350 annual contribution from the Long Term Plan**

In previous years we have been provided with funding for the cleaning and maintenance of the public toilets which are located in the Lyric Theatre in Granity. The toilets have been upgraded and re-opened as part of the Lyric Theatre restoration project. We submit to the LTP that ongoing funding from 2022/23 be continued for these public toilets.

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We would like to sincerely thank Council and Councillors for their past support of the work that we do to provide visitor information, public area beautification, toilets and local resources to Northern Buller.

Yours sincerely



Lynne Duncan  
Chairperson  
Northern Buller Communities Society Inc

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**Submitter's details - Please complete all fields**

Name Ross Eddy Organisation ratepayer

Postal address [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Would you like to speak at the Annual Plan Hearing on 1 June 2022?

Yes  No

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*Now is not the time to cut Community Grants  
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Name Sharon Ellis Organisation \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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*Leave the water alone = NO to 3 waters!*

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Nothing wrong with tanks. - We do not want 3 waters ever!

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Further comment

'Self supply' only options best and nature lovers in Karamea don't need Council supply. We do not

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Further comment

NO 3 Waters! Safeguard your ratepayers not. you DO NOT HAVE the peoples mandate Mahuta!

#### FURTHER FEEDBACK

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Upgrade rubbish collection from bags to wheelie bins - fit all ends up at the same place for provide green bins for organic waste e really recycle. Provide a proper 'noise control' service, and delete the old technology of a fire siren which is obsolete a today's technology (We sure don't need 2 sirens in town)! Get on with dredging and cutting the river mouth - that worked!



# #15

**COMPLETE**

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## Q1

### CONTACT DETAILS

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City/Town	[REDACTED]
Post code	[REDACTED]
Email address	[REDACTED]
Phone number	[REDACTED]

## Q2

### PRESENTING YOUR SUBMISSION IN PERSON

I do not wish to speak to my submission

## Q3

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN SUBMISSIONS ARE MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

Yes

## Q4

WESTPORT WASTEWATER PUMP STATION (see page 2 of the Consultation Document for more information)Subsequent to the adoption of the 2021 – 2031 Long Term Plan, it has become evident that renewal of elements of the Westport wastewater and sewerage systems is required due to changes in fresh water management policies that do not allow Council to discharge directly to water.A budget of \$2.24 million has been included in the Draft Annual Plan in the Westport wastewater scheme to prepare elements of the wastewater and sewerage pump station infrastructure to enable this activity to continue and the resource consents and affected party approvals to be gained.

Neither of the above,  
Comments:  
I don't know enough about it

**Q5**

WESTPORT WATER SUPPLY TRUNKMAIN CONNECTION TO TOWN (see page 2 of the Consultation Document for more information)The Draft Annual Plan provides in the Westport water supply scheme funding of \$1.65 million towards trunk main replacement, not in the Long Term Plan. This is additional to central government funding received for trunk main upgrades in 2021 - 2022. This additional fund is required to complete the upgrade all the way into Westport providing a resilient trunk main in its entirety.

**Neither of the above,**

Comments:

I don't know enough about it

**Q6**

REEFTON WATER SUPPLY CHLORINATION (see page 2 of the Consultation Document for more information)The first stage of upgrading the Reefton infrastructure was undertaken last year and this has addressed several issues with the supply. Council will now undertake work to install chlorine dosing equipment. To complete this a budget of \$455,000 has been provided for in the Draft Annual Plan. This was not included in the 2021 – 2031 Long Term Plan.

**Neither of the above,**

Comments:

I don't know enough about it

**Q7**

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**I disagree,**

Comments:

As a small community we are reliant on grants to keep our facilities running including our swimming pool. Without this we would lose it all.

**Q11**

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I am the president of the karamea swimming club. In the past we have applied for the council grant to cover costs of chemicals and power. This year our season has been substantially extended due to the solar tubes and pumps that were donated and installed this year. We had a season of 5 months. This has increased our usage of chemicals and power as well as increased power rates. We had \$8500 last year and are in need of an additional \$2000. I hereby would like to apply for a grant to help cover our costs of \$10500. Many thanks Lena Fischbach

**Salu Acklin**

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**From:** Frida Inta [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 4 May 2022 9:55 am  
**To:** BDC\_Submissions  
**Subject:** sewerage

Hello,

I would like some more information on the proposed sewage upgrades.

'renewal of elements of the Westport wastewater and sewerage systems. This work is forecast to cost \$2.24m and is required to obtain renewal of the resource consents'

I can't find any further information in the actual Draft Plan.

Is the proposal replacing dual stormwater sewage pipes with separated pipes for each flow type?

Frida Inta

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Submitter's details - Please complete all fields

Name **Margaret Fripp**

Organisation

Postal address

Number Street

City/Town

Post code

Phone

Email

Would you like to speak at the Annual Plan Hearing on  
1 June 2022?

Yes

No

Yes

No

The format of the hearing will be known once confirmation of the Covid - 19 alert level at that time is known

Would you prefer your contact details be withheld  
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No

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Name	ALISTAIR GARDNER		Organisation	
Postal address	[REDACTED]			
Phone	[REDACTED]			
Email	[REDACTED]			

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Name **peter gibson**

Organisation **karamea reserve subcommittee**

#### Postal address

Number, Street/Road

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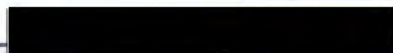
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Heavy Transport + Traffic on Roebuck and Menzies streets

Want the council to stop these large trucks using these streets. It's damaging the street which isn't designed for this purpose and shaking peoples houses causing unsightly cracks in plaster and other damage. There needs to be some respect for ratepayers on this street.



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**COMPLETE**

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**CONTACT DETAILS**

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**Q2**

**PRESENTING YOUR SUBMISSION IN PERSON**

**I wish to speak to my submission**

**Q3**

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**Q4**

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**I agree,**

**Comments:**

Please let's not defer major infrastructure work ever again.

**Q5****I agree**

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**Q6****I agree**

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**I disagree,**

Comments:

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**Q11**

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Yes.

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Lee Harris

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#### Submitter's details - Please complete all fields

Name Janette Hateley Organisation \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to speak at the Annual Plan Hearing on 1 June 2022?

Yes  No

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delivery of rubbish bags to each home freely  
To 1. reduce the dumping of illegal rubbish.  
To 2. Give some relief to house holders.  
To 3. Give back to the Community.

Its already included in Rates. Or use to?  
be: was it deducted.

**Salu Acklin**

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**From:** Evelyn Hewlett <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 17 May 2022 4:34 pm  
**To:** BDC Submissions

Evelyn Hewlett  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Submission to the BDC annual draft plan

My request to the council in the annual plan 2022[2023 draft is to please reconsider any reallocation of the remaining seed funding for a community facility at Punakaiki. I refer you to the substantial submission made by Ms Marie Elder, also a Punakaiki resident and ratepayer. In her writing to you Marie has patiently reiterated the history and the on-going aspiration of this project.

Punakaiki community needs are not planned for, included or catered for in the facility that the Department of Conservation is building at Dolomite Point which will be run as a commercial business by Ngati Waewae.

Thank you Evelyn Hewlett

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Name **Lynda Hill**

Organisation **Resident**

Postal address

Number, Street/Road

City/Town

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Further comment Does the last sentence in this apply to Community Grants?

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I have found the wording in these 7 clauses very difficult to understand. Some are unfathomable & vague that it is impossible to form an opinion, e.g. Clause 7 "partly offset the rates increase". As I have no idea of the amounts involved it is difficult to make an informed response.

Please produce future papers for consultation with ratepayers in language that lay people can understand

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## Salu Acklin

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 17 May 2022 11:40 am  
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**Subject:** Draft 2022/2023 Annual Plan  
**Attachments:** 20222023 Submission form Electronic copy.pdf

Further comment for Clause 7 Community grants

These grants can help local groups which may not be affiliated to a governing body and do not have any other options to meet their funding requirements. The members are usually all volunteers who informally support each other's wellbeing while working on their projects, adding value & resilience to our community. These groups are especially important within our community this year as many people work through all the issues they face as a result of the floods.

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#### Postal address

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Spokesperson	Frida Inta
Organisation	Kaitiaki Mokihinui Charitable Trust
Address	██████████ ██████████ ██████████
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Yes, we would like to speak at the hearing on 1 June

**Community Grants**

Kaitiaki Mokihinui Charitable Trust, which maintains the Chasm Creek Walkway in Seddonville, is grateful for the Community Grant we receive each year in order to continue our work at the walkway.

Our basic maintenance needs at the walkway are very modest and we get by most years currently on \$700 per annum. The priority for this funding is grass-cutting and after that its spent on basic gardening tools in order to weed and enhance the indigenous flora, minor maintenance of the walkway infrastructure, predator trapping, and minor walkway enhancements which this year's intention is to provide a visitor diary stand. Our aim is to keep the walkway in as natural a condition as possible, providing mainly a dry and sound substrate pathway.

We are concerned at the Community Grant reductions proposed for this coming year. The Chasm Creek Walkway is totally dependent on the goodwill of Buller District Council to maintain our basic funding at its current level. We do hope the funding cuts will not impact our ability to maintain the walkway.

**Update on repairing/ replacing bridges along the Chasm Creek Walkway:**

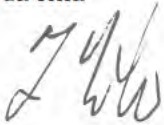
Our application to Lotteries Environment and Heritage (LEH) in 2021 secured us \$44,000 to copper-preserve Chasm Creek bridge but unfortunately we failed in our bid to concomitantly secure funding to build a swingbridge atop the old. AbseilAccess, which we have chosen to do the bridge work, says it needs to wait until we get the funding to build the swingbridge before it will copper-preserve the old - the two activities need to be done concomitantly.

We spent \$22,000 of our reserve funding in order to complete our application to LEH, as the



application required a completed resource consent (RC, required to put the bridge footings within the riparian margin of Chasm Creek). The RC required engineering plans and these plans were the expensive part of the RC. We made an assumption that as we were required to spend a large sum of money on the application then surely, to safeguard our precious resource, before we spent that money we would either be informed that our application was very unlikely to succeed, or that we would be successful. We're not sure LEH is aware of the impact on our small charity of spending that large sum without funding success. We consider that this is a grave oversight of LEH policy. We were told we should apply to Lotteries Community Facilities (LCF). Our application was ready in plenty of time, just waiting on a few support updates, but somehow we missed the deadline by 12 hours and no waiver was allowed. We were devastated. Nevertheless we have just had a senior Lotteries officer read through our application and have been told it is fit for purpose, that it will have wide community use including the disabled, and that there is good community support. However we have also been previously told that bridges along walkways are not a priority for LCF. We can only hope that our application, which we will ensure is complete with updates well before the deadline of 13 July, is successful this time. Otherwise we will move on to considering repairing Pages Stream bridge (phase 2 of through access along the walkway), the less strategic of the two bridges with respect to access along the walkway. Our seed fund granted by Buller District Council in 2018, and our Revitalization grant of 2020 adds up to \$48,000, now reduced to \$26,000 with the spend on the RC. We would like BDC to ensure we have continued access to the remainder of our seed grant while we work through walkway access.

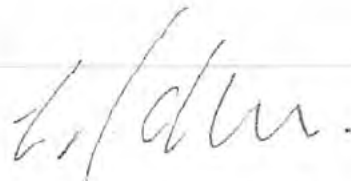
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Lisa Johnson



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Submission to Buller District Council  
Annual Plan 2022

from  
Karamea Waste Management Group

Dear Mayor and Councillors

Karamea Waste Management Group is a voluntary group which provides advice to BDC about solid waste matters in Karamea. The current year is an exciting one for Karamea, in that a new Resource Recovery Centre has been planned, as well as a weighbridge to be installed at the Karamea landfill.

There have been some delays in planning and some increases in costs, so some of these works will be carried over into the next financial year. New costs associated with the new features will add more than 10% to the total operating expenditure. These costs include depreciation, loan interest, and insurance.

Another increase in operating expenditure is in management fees, which are budgeted for 8% of the total op ex. It is possibly understandable if these fees, which have doubled, are related to the new developments, but KWMG would like to see these fees reduced in following years.

Karamea has a targeted rate for its solid waste operation (p 37 of Annual Plan). This has increased from \$87 last year to \$120 (excl GST) which is a disappointing increase for our ratepayers. As noted above, the major proportion of the increases relate to the new works (which may not be in place for a fair chunk of the year) and the BDC management of the operation.

KWMG has been working hard to minimise costs and has been very successful with regard to recycling plastic. Previously this had been freighted to Westport in bulk; a wasteful freighting exercise of empty plastic bottles. The plastic is now compacted and can be taken away much more efficiently. A recent trailer load was taken to Christchurch, representing 6 months of collection and compacting of #1 plastics. This has saved our community at least \$10 000, through the co-operation of our excellent site manager and volunteer support from KWMG. This represents a saving of more than 10% of our total year's expenditure.

When the new weighbridge is installed, KWMG would like to review the gate charges. Currently, waste is charged by volume. The installation should be completed halfway through this budgeted year. KWMG would like to signal to our community that some gate charges might increase at this time, rather than waiting for the next financial year and annual plan process. BDC has not yet had this conversation with KWMG. As you can see from p 37, our Solid Waste targeted amount is about 65 – 70% of our income, and gate sales (fees and charges) represents the balance. These proportions are quite different from Maruia and the rest of Buller, but we are happy with that proportion. We think that it is important that the user pays component is set about there, but we would be concerned if there was evidence of fly-tipping in our area. To date this has not been a problem.

To summarise, KWMG is disappointed that the targeted rate is forecast to increase significantly with costs mostly associated with new works which may not be in place till half way through the year.

Secondly, KWMG has been able to achieve huge cost savings by simple and effective local measures. We hope that BDC can encourage these efficiencies without overburdening us in bureaucracy in our interactions on site and with Council supervision.

Thirdly, we seek approval to review and probably increase gate charges halfway through the coming year.

Thank you for your consideration. We wish to speak to this submission.

Brian Jones and Hamish Macbeth  
Co-chairs of KWMG

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Q2

PRESENTING YOUR SUBMISSION IN PERSON

I do not wish to speak to my submission

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Yes

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**Q11**

FURTHER FEEDBACK - do you have any other items or requests that you would like Council to consider in its Annual Plan?

I support the Karamea Waste Management Group's submission on Karamea solid waste.

I found council's use of GST for various figures very confusing. Staff didn't appear to be able to correctly state if figures include or exclude GST. Because most ratepayers are unable to claim GST back, Council should state all figures including GST so that ratepayers know their full liability. The miss-identified GST component should not be described a "typos" they are full blown errors.

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Comments:

I submit that the Council should become a network supplier for the School and Karamea Domain/Reserve. Council should have flexibility to include further consumers in the network such as restaurants hotels other commercial entities as well as private citizens. This should lower the targeted rate for all users. The targeted rate of \$15 541 excluding GST is excessive for a group like the Karamea Bowling Club, which is also on the supply at present. The Targeted rate needs to be fair and within a group's means. There also needs to be proper justification for the rate. An agreement, should it ever be signed, will not take place until part way through the annual plan period. Does the figure stated for a targeted rate take this into account?

On Behalf of Karamea Community Incorporated.

C/o Brian Jones

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I do not wish to speak to this submission.

Karamea Community Incorporated (KCI) is a registered charity, which is involved in a number of community projects in the Karamea district.

KCI is heavily reliant on grants for funding. One of the community assets KCI has taken responsibility for is the Historic South Terrace Zig-zag Track. It requires regular maintenance and we have been fortunate and very grateful to have had long term funding from the Buller District Council allocated through it's Long-Term Planning process. This is fixed at \$1000/year in the Buller District Council's current Long-Term Plan.

During recent heavy rain events, Karamea experienced severe damage to parts of its infrastructure. The Zig-zag track was affected by slips and washouts (see pictures below). Because of this we would like Council to increase it's funding this year by a further \$1500 as a one-off measure to hire contractors to repair and reinstate the track.

Thank you for consideration of our submission.

Brian Jones (Chair, Karamea Community Incorporated)



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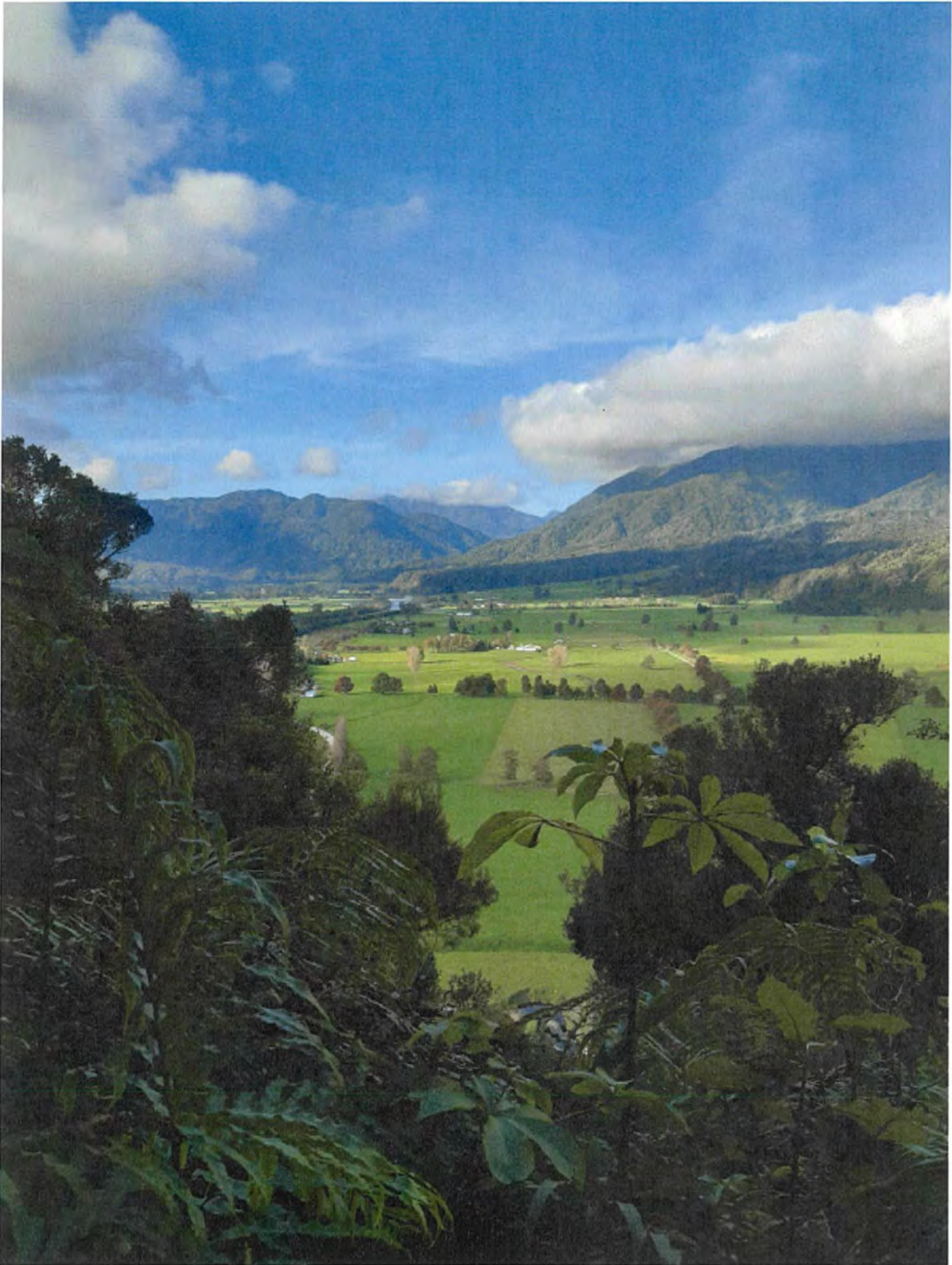
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View from the top



View up the Karamea Valley from half way up the track.

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Q3

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Comments:

I disagree because I think Waimangaroa should be a higher priority.



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**Neither of the above,**

Comments:

I would like the Council to renegotiate with Karamea Area School supply. Reallocate rates to more important areas.

**Q10**

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**I disagree****Q11**

FURTHER FEEDBACK - do you have any other items or requests that you would like Council to consider in its Annual Plan?

I would appreciate if the Council would please consider improving the gravel road conditions in Karamea. The current roads are far too narrow to fit two vehicles. The gravel road also accumulates lots of dust that floats into the surrounding house rain water supply. This dust also is causing my family and I's respiratory issues. I would be delighted if the Council would consider a type of dust retardant to be applied to the roads in the summer months. Also I would be grateful if the Council would upgrade the Karamea Bluff. Thank you for your time and considerations.

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#### Submitter's details - Please complete all fields

Name **L Kerslake**

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Phone

Would you like to speak at the Annual Plan Hearing on  
**1 June 2022?**

Yes  No

Would you prefer your contact details be withheld  
when submissions are made available online?

Yes  No

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Agree  Disagree  Neither

Further comment

### 2. Westport water supply trunkmain connection to town

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Agree  Disagree  Neither

Further comment

### 3. Reefton water supply chlorination

Council must undertake work to design, install and commission a compliant chlorination system. To complete this a budget of \$445,000 has been provided for in the Draft Annual Plan, which was not included in the 2021 2031 Long Term Plan.

Agree  Disagree  Neither

Further comment

#### 4. Waimangaroa drinking water upgrade

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Agree  Disagree  Neither

Further comment

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Agree  Disagree  Neither

Further comment

#### FURTHER FEEDBACK

Do you have any other items or requests that you would like Council to consider in its Annual Plan?

I support the Karamea Domain continuing to share the water supply with the school

Civil Defence in Karamea needs further support and investment in upskilling/organising, we are unprepared and need to start

talking seriously about the AF8 and climate change, and our organised response. This links to the importance of supporting

kai resilience projects in Karamea, including the market and community garden development. \$80/hr council staff call out fee does not reflect

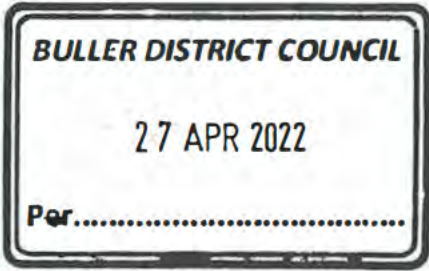
the level of service, currently it should be lower. Investment needs to be made in repairing the division that the Covid response has created.

Brokering for an extension of funding support for Karamea highway after '24 is important. Keep building awareness of Maturange Maori,

out to the edges of Buller. Don't build anything new in floodzoned land and consider moving Westport!



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Burning of plastic in the Buller District



Barry Lightbown <[redacted]>  
To: BDC\_Submissions

Reply Reply All Forward

Wed 27/04/2022 10:04 am

I am finding that there is an epidemic of people disposing of plastic by burning in the Waimangaroa area. It has become so serious that both Sue and I have been suffering from breathing issues and stinging watery eyes to the extent that we have to close up the house on a regular basis. We have tried to highlight the matter through social media and there has been a lot of feed back from other residents who are suffering the same as us. There are predictably also people who think it is a joke.

I have generated a RFS with the Council requesting a publicity campaign to bring this matter to the publics attention. On talking to your enforcement officer it appears the this is a district wide issue. There has also been according to the paper an upsurge in people getting rid of household rubbish (including, no doubt plastic) in public rubbish bins. I have also noted in various place, fly tipping of household rubbish.

I am grateful that the enforcement was open to a publicity campaign but I am of the opinion that the most effective way of stopping this disgusting and dangerous practice is to move away from single use pay as you go rubbish bags and instigate a bin system paid for in the rates.

As you know rubbish bags now cost \$6.00 each and have to be purchased from one of the grocery retailers. Some people are resistant to this and find burning or fly tipping cheaper and easier.

The Government is legislating to make single use plastic bags illegal. Surely plastic rubbish bags are the ultimate single use bag.

If households have the bins on site I am sure they would be more inclined to use them.

I understand that there is investigations on going regarding burning of refuse on outside fires but we believe most plastic is being disposed of in household solid fuel burners.

In conclusion we believe that solid waste bins collected on a regular basis and hefty enforcement penalties will go a long way to curtailing this dangerous and disgusting behaviour

Kind regards  
Barry and Sue

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#### Submitter's details *Please complete all fields*

Name Derek Lord Organisation Northern Buller Museum

Postal address [Redacted]

Phone [Redacted] Email [Redacted]

Would you like to speak at the Annual Plan Hearing on 1 June 2022?  
 Yes  No **NO**

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Agree

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Further comment

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Cut back on staff then you won't need.

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Further comment

Again a money grab for NB + Karamea

#### FURTHER FEEDBACK

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attached



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Northern Buller Museum, Granity  
c/o Derek Lord

15 May 2022

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Over many years the amount of Community Services rates; paid to the BDC from the Northern Buller community; has been significant.

But this income has not been proportionally invested back into the Northern Buller area by the BDC.

The majority of this Northern Buller rating was allocated to Westport and Reefton alone. This was noted by OIA's received from the Council in the recent past.

To date: The time and money invested in the Northern Buller Museum, Granity ( via Government and Organisational funding, volunteers, markets and community effort) has enabled us to promote our Region – which of course Westport receives some benefit from this in terms of accommodation, Contractor engagement, purchases and services.

The Museum had budgeted on the Long Term Plan fund income before the February flood. The Flooding work has resulted in extreme distress with the cost of damage repairs and loss of income.

This proposal is not only a money grab outside the Items of any of the Councils own building repairs and the Water and sewage money wish list on your submission paper. That is all outside our area.

It is recognized that an injection of funds to the tourism sector is needed, NOT DECREASED.

**The Northern Buller Museum Granity, is today seeking a yearly Grant of \$10,000. Per annum. This is a further \$4,500 needed. This will help us shape our district.**

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Submission to Buller District Council  
Annual Plan 2022

From Karamea Natural Burial Group

Dear Mayor and Councillors

The Karamea Natural Burial Group is creating a new cemetery in Karamea, providing an additional 100 plots for our community. This is a council asset, of which we, and you, can be very proud.

You may recall that Council allocated funds to our group last year in order to create a carpark, an access track through the site, and to erect a fence. We are pleased to report that those funds have enabled those projects to be completed, with a small surplus in hand.

This work has just been completed. There have been some overs and unders in terms of costs, but the surplus amounts to about \$500.

We have two further projects which we would like to undertake over the next year, both of which have been started. These are planting out various sections of the site, and building a small caretaker's shed on the edge of the site.

### **Planting programme**

Our landscape plan suggests various areas could be planted out. These areas include:

Two car park bunds

A riparian strip on either side of a small stream

Vegetation on the esplanade reserve beside the Karamea River

Two small lots featuring kahikatea, rimu and rata.

These areas are separate from the natural burial space on which there should be room for about 100 plots, all of which will have their own tree planted above the body. These trees are not part of the group's current request for funding. These will be paid for by the families involved.

Our estimate for the total cost of seedlings for the planting programme is \$9800 for plants which are established enough to be transplanted (includes cabbage trees, manuka, kowhai, nikau, rimu, kahikatea, flax etc). We request a contribution from Council for half this amount, ie \$5000. We intend to raise funds, grow our own, ask for donations, etc for the remainder. We have received quotes for plants from Clean Streams Karamea and Cave House Propagation in Ngakawau, both of whom have given us competitive quotes.

### **Caretaker Shed**

We have begun work on the building of a small shed. This will hold various items required for a low level of maintenance, and some plot-sized picket fences. A public shelter will be formed on one side of the building. The central wall will provide space for a map and guide to the site. This is critical because there will be no personalised information on the site itself, such as headstones or crosses.

The Karamea Area School high school students have designed the shed and to date have prepared the ground, formed the boxing, and poured the concrete pad. The framing, roofing and cladding are yet to be erected – also by the school students, ably assisted by their teacher Niki Adams. The costs involved in completing this project amount to \$4013. This figure is established from combining Mitre 10 prices for screws and nails, spouting and guttering, bolts and other hardware relating to the build, as well as the remaining timber for cladding the building, which is locally sourced where possible, for \$2200. We request \$2000 from Council to complete this project.

### **Further work**

There will be some further work required at the site over ensuing years, but the majority of the capital outlay will be achieved if we are successful with this application to Council. We expect to be in a position to sell plots in the near future which will help us to complete the planting programme.



**Invitation**

We extend an invitation to the mayor and councillors to look at the progress made on the site next time you are in Karamea. Everyone who has seen it has been very enthusiastic about it. We would be pleased to show you around. We are very grateful for Council's support at every step we have made in this project which is nearly complete, after our first report to Council nearly five years ago.

**Summary of Submission Request**

We seek funding for planting of \$5000

We seek funding for finishing the shed \$2000

We would like to be able to access the balance of last year's funding of \$500.

Therefore the net cost to council from this year's annual plan would be \$6500.

We have attached some photos for your information.

We can provide further financial details if you require. We would like to speak to our submission.

Thank you.

Sheryl Rhind

Tina and Bill Wylie

Hamish Macbeth

Karamea Natural Burial Group

(Sub-committee of Karamea Cemetery Trust)

Karamea

14 May 2022

View looking down the site, Karamea River on left. Fence in middle distance.





Top: Completed car park, showing bunds for planting  
Bottom: Forming the access loop track

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#### Submitter's details - Please complete all fields

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Postal address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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 Yes  No

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Further comment \_\_\_\_\_

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Because of <sup>the</sup> geography of the Karamea district and the high rainfall, self supply is the most efficient and economical solution

(No 6)

**SUBMISSION ON BDC DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN MAY 2022**

Marie Elder

[Redacted]  
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**I wish to be heard in support of my submission**

The particular part of the draft Annual Plan I am submitting on is what I understand to be a decision to reallocate to other purposes funds remaining from the \$100,000 committed to a Punakaiki community facility project in the 2015 Long Term Plan [LTP].

**Acknowledgement of previous Council commitment**

The Punakaiki community was delighted by the announcement of the Community Facility seeding fund in Council’s 2015 LTP. Here at last was meaningful recognition of a decades-long call from the community, officially recognised in the 2003 ‘Punakaiki Development Plan’ prepared for BDC by Glasson, Potts and Fowler. They recommended BDC and the Punakaiki community pursue a “small multi-purpose community centre ... to accommodate small meetings, playgroup meetings, recreational group meetings etc.”

Damien O’Connor reinforced this need recently when he met Fiona McDonald at an event, exhorting her, and by implication the Punakaiki community, to keep up the momentum and enthusiasm for the project with Council.

Maintaining momentum is exactly why we need the seeding funding to remain in place.

**Increasing need for a Punakaiki community facility**

I cannot over-emphasise the enduring need for a neutral public venue in Punakaiki, for all the uses itemised in the 2016 BDC Needs Assessment [extract appended], and others which have evolved since. In recent years, we have had consultation meetings on for example the water supply, the Greater Punakaiki Masterplan, the Dolomite Point Redevelopment project, turning off the streetlights in summer, Civil Defence, two Meet-the-Candidate meetings for national elections, and another two for Local Government elections.

For these, organisers have been beholden to Pancake Rocks Café, Punakaiki Tavern, the campground, Beach Hostel, or to DOC for the workshop. The former mean prevailing on and sharing business premises, not always a comfortable or appropriate mix. Use of the DOC workshop, the closest we have to a neutral venue but still not a public space, has meant community members spending the best part of a day cleaning and reorganising it, hefting heavy equipment clear, lugging gear for refreshments from our own homes, borrowing and transporting chairs from the campground, and then putting it all back together again afterwards. And it is a venue which only works in fine weather it is freezing in winter and rain on the roof can be deafening as endured in one Dolomite Point consultation.

**Civil Defence**

The need for a high-and-dry Civil Defence welfare centre at Dolomite Point, where the majority of stranded tourists are likely to be and will need shelter and information should SH6 north and south of Punakaiki be blocked, is paramount. The lack of such a facility is a huge gap in our community’s resilience preparation.

## **The need for a stand-alone facility**

There seems to be a Council assumption, implied in the 14 May 2022 email to Punakaiki residents, that a stand-alone community facility might be a duplication of something already planned, when it refers to *“a facility in addition to the one the Department of Conservation [DOC] is building at Dolomite Point”*.

Ngāti Waewae will own and manage the new Dolomite Point Visitor Centre, and as I understand it the community has not been offered a shared-use option by Ngāti Waewae. Nor do I believe we can presume upon the iwi in this way. It will be an iwi resource, to be run and used and made commercially viable according to their business plan.

François Tumahai has said the community may like to use the mezzanine meeting space from time to time. However, while we appreciate this offer, it in no way fulfils our need for a place of our own. Please refer to the Needs Assessment: many of the uses e.g. playgroup, table-tennis tournaments, painting workshops, community radio station, would not be a good fit for a Visitor Centre mezzanine, and/or could not be carried out within opening hours.

Iwi representatives François Tumahai and Ned Tauwhare are supportive of a stand-alone community facility, going so far as to say, in their letter of support [appended], they may have occasion to use it themselves e.g. for educational purposes.

## **Fund-raising**

Of course, fund-raising would require a major effort, over and above this seeding funding, but the working group, active in 2019-2020 in support of Council on this project, has already done significant research into potential avenues of funding and held meetings with organisation representatives e.g. Lotteries; Dept of Internal Affairs, and DWC. The seeding funding was always part of these discussions, showing the project had genuine potential. To lose it would be to lose momentum and the gains made so far.

## **Annual Plan [AP] process**

It has been galling to learn of this intended fund reallocation through a chance conversation.

Punakaiki ratepayers could be forgiven for thinking that, by either intention or negligence, Council would have quietly reallocated these funds without anyone noticing.

Searches of the draft AP have not revealed reference to the Punakaiki Community Facility project. It is ironic to see headings such as ‘Community Facilities Taonga’, where under a subheading ‘*What we do*’ the first item is *“Provision of public buildings”* and the second *“Provision of community halls”* p52. Really?

Under ‘Links to Community Outcomes’ p13, the draft lists outcomes such as *“Provide essential services to residents ... Provide and develop safe public places”* and that *“Emergency management is a key function”* and *“[to empower] residents to be better prepared physically and psychologically for a Civil Defence event.”* p13. These aspirations could have been lifted from local Punakaiki submissions supporting the 2019 BDC application for a site.

The AP draft also speaks of ‘*community well-being*’ and creating ‘*a pleasant environment in which to live, work and play, which is an important part of the vision for the district.*’ p52. Punakaiki is part of that district and a check of 61 submissions supporting the 2019 BDC application reveals exactly those same wishes for Punakaiki. It is a shared vision.

## **Notification**

If there are fewer submissions protesting the fund reallocation than might be expected from a community where a large majority want and would use a stand-alone facility, omitting clear reference to it in the draft plan could well be a reason why. It's hard to provide feedback on something that isn't there.

Add to this the lack of any public meeting or drop-in session in Punakaiki, lack of posters visible around the village, lack of anything in our mailboxes, lack of email notification until the Saturday three days before submissions close, and a misleading reference to the new Ngāti Waewae Visitor Centre in that Saturday morning email.

## **Acknowledging existence and needs of Punakaiki ratepayers**

We acknowledge the multiple and extremely costly traumas experienced by Westport, and other parts of the district, in the last twelve months. Budget pressure on Council is understood. However, that doesn't mean Punakaiki ratepayers are okay to struggle on without a place to meet or a central Civil Defence centre.

I believe to reallocate this funding to other district priorities would be to act in bad faith, cause loss of community confidence in Council and our elected Councillors, and lead to bitter disappointment in this part of your district.

Many Punakaiki people – particularly those who took the time to write submissions and speak at the hearing in the 2019-2020 DOC application process - already feel let down by Council's 2020 withdrawal of the DOC consent application, and by the fact the community learned about it through the newspaper and has never been given the courtesy of a full explanation by our Council. Reallocating the funds now would only intensify a belief that Westport and Council do not recognise or understand our needs down here in Punakaiki.

If an organisation or individual in Westport wishes to hold a public meeting, or an art exhibition, or a playgroup, they have a choice of public spaces, and rightly so. The Punakaiki community is only asking for one such venue.

## **Conclusion**

Please reconsider any reallocation of the remaining seeding funding and continue to reserve it for use in investigating a site and furthering the Punakaiki community facility project.

Marie Elder  
Punakaiki

Appendix A: BDC Needs Assessment 2016, rev 2018, extract

Appendix B: Ngāti Waewae letter of support, screenshot



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### THE COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Community Needs Questionnaire (Appendix 2) was distributed from July to October 2016. A total of 140 dwellings were identified within the community of interest. The BDC posted the questionnaire to 160 rateable property owners from White Horse Hill to the Punakaiki River. Another 35 dwellings / properties from the Punakaiki River south to Canoe Creek were identified and delivered or emailed the questionnaire.

The response:

- 140 dwellings / properties were identified. These are a mix of tourism industry businesses, commercial accommodation, private residences and private baches.
- A permanent population of 150 people live in this area of the Coast Road for most of the year. The population increases during the summer months.
- There are 15 school aged children and 5 pre-schoolers.
- A total of 119 completed questionnaires were received from a total of 161 people. Where possible people were encouraged to fill out their individual preferences.

Of these responses 161 people 150 were positive and 11 were negative. There were 40 no responses.

The questionnaire listed a variety of possible functions / activities the proposed community facility could provide for and sought feedback in the form of a yes or no as to the respondents likely use. The questionnaire results are summarised in the table below:

#### Results from 161 people as at December 2016

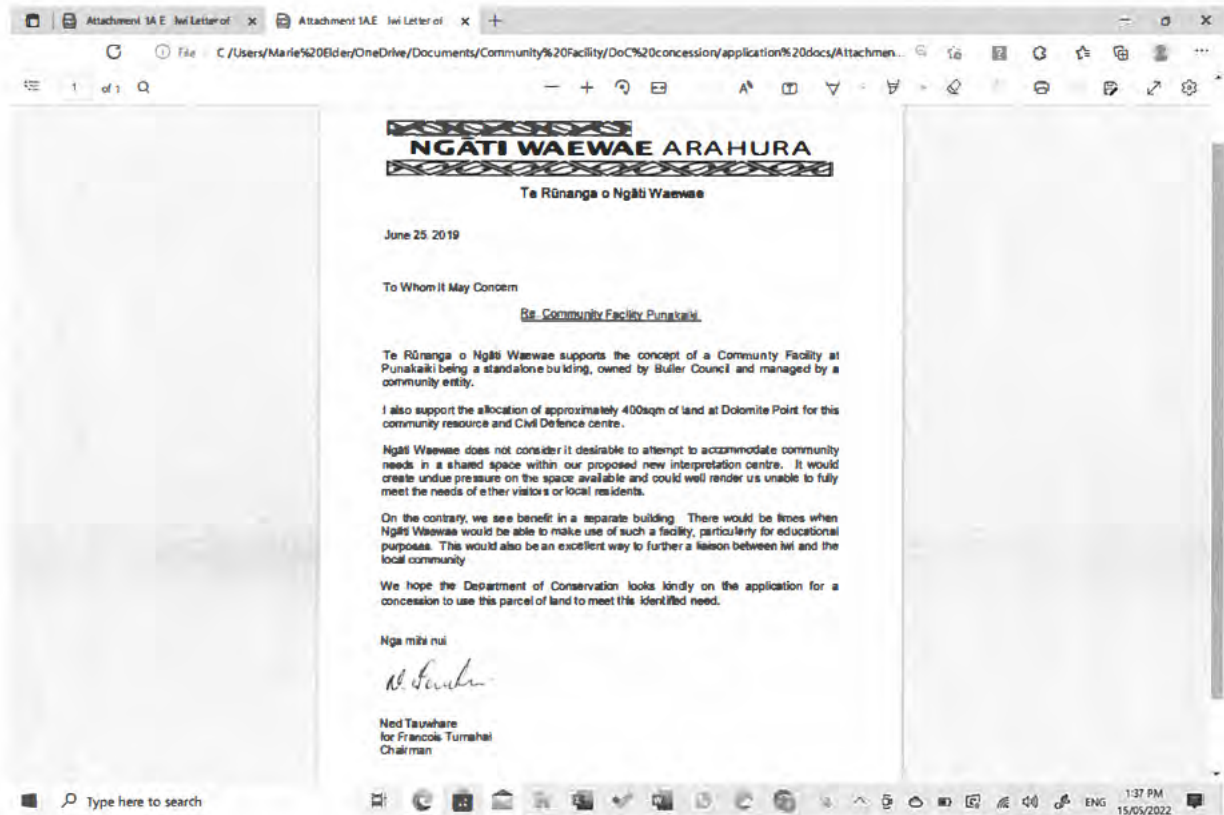
1.	Exercise groups / Yoga – a learning space	117	7 <sup>th</sup>
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8.	Group gatherings for private functions, reunions etc	118	6 <sup>th</sup>
9.	A Civil Defence Welfare Centre	138	1 <sup>st</sup>
10.	Playgroup	88	12 <sup>th</sup>
11.	Community Radio Station (88.2 FM since 1998)	106	10 <sup>=</sup>
12.	Community events e.g. table tennis, music etc	133	2 <sup>=</sup>

The highest level of positive support are for a Civil Defence Welfare Centre (138), followed by Exhibitions, events (133). The lowest count was for Playgroup (69).

### ASSUMPTIONS

A majority of people are keen to see a community facility constructed. A building of circa 100 sqm would meet the needs and aspirations of the wider community. From the responses received the following assumptions regarding design can be made.

## Appendix B: Ngāti Waewae letter of support [screenshot]



17 MAY 2022

Per.....

16 May 2022

**SUBMISSION TO DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN - PROPERTY (Amenities, parks, domains, reserves and public spaces)**

Thanks for the opportunity to submit on the draft annual plan on behalf of the Ngakawau-Hector Reserve Subcommittee.

This submission is for the allocation of \$2200 funding from the Community Services budget to assist us with insurances for our community assets. Note this is for approx. 50% of the actual costs as we have always contributed 50% of own funds from hall hire etc. for the insurance expense.

Since the 1970's, volunteers have successfully managed the hall and improved reserve lands in our area in partnership with council, local community groups and other organisations. The Ngakawau Hall and the Ngakawau Domain are our main focus, however we also manage land leases of just over 15 hectares of reserve land in Ngakawau & Hector. We consider our work an integral part of meeting both the social and cultural "community outcomes" related to property in the Annual Plan. Affordability is another key community outcome associated with property such as ours, and in order to ensure what we offer is not cost prohibitive for our users, we need council support.

The Funding Impact Statements in the Annual Plan show no budget for "subsidies and grants for operating purposes" available for Community Facilities however there is some budget allocated under Community Services. Now that we are a Council subcommittee we assume we are unable to access Community Grants. Therefore we ask through this submission that the following be included from the budgets allocated for Community Services

**\$2200 - insurance costs (hall via BDC schedule and assets via Crombie Lockwood)**

Reserve Subcommittees play an important role in the well-being of our rural areas and we are proud of what we have achieved over the years to provide great spaces for our communities. We very much appreciate the support of council in the work that we do.

Yours sincerely



Jackie Mathers  
Secretary

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Further comment Ridiculous that this is being considered. One less legal opinion or one less consultants fee should cover it.

#### FURTHER FEEDBACK

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Page 45 - Rates review. What mandate does

Council have to commit funds for "advice on key changes required to the rating policy". No changes are required to the policy. As you've been bid 3 times before, the existing database needs fixing, that's all.

Page 86 (13) - Assume you won't now be rushing in to a \$2.2M spend on the dredge now that WMS has its consent. Suggest you wait until you actually see some significant revenue prior to borrowing this money.



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# #8

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## Q1

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## Q2

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I understand that the seeding money for establishment of a site and a community facility in Punakaiki area is being reallocated to other projects in the Buller District.

Although strangely I can not find reference to this anywhere, I have been told on good advice that this is in the plan.

One would wonder how many people in this community are able to have a voice or give feedback about this when there is no mention of it in writing. Not in the "newsletter" which strangely no one seems to have received, nor any chance to discuss or query this in the "meetings" which have not been held in the area about the Draft Annual Plan, nor can I find reference to this in the online version of the plan.

One would almost begin to think this was an attempt to slide this past the community without anyone noticing. What some persons may fail to realise though is, the sheer importance of this issue to so many of the people who reside here. This is THE thing missing for the people of this community.

If there is not a strong voice about the loss of this funding in these submissions one could suggest it was because nobody could find reference to it.

The Council says in the Highlights of this draft annual plan

"Council is recommitting to the district revitalisation programme as one of our significant strategic initiatives for this Annual Plan.

This also supports our

long-term vision, community outcomes and well-beings, alongside broader aspirations including equity, inclusion, and connectedness. District revitalisation aims to provide reliable, affordable services and infrastructure to create attractive, liveable towns and places, and a district in which people want to live, explore and invest. Together, this helps to shape a fit-for-future Buller."

I fail to see how wellbeing, equity, inclusion and connectedness of the Punakaiki Community is being seen as an outcome. It also does not support liveable towns (in the case of our community anyway)!

This Community remains on a long road with no centre, no place to come together, no playground, no place to hold any type of gathering, no hub and most importantly no heart.

Not a single town hall, church, RSA, nothing at all! Just our homes and business catering to the tourist population.

I don't see how Council can think that this is an acceptable outcome for this remote community.

It has also been said that there is no site for this money to be spent on. But that is exactly the point. This project is still in need of a site. The funding is still needed to move this project forward. In order to gain momentum the funds need to remain allocated to this project.

I recognise the district has had a very rough year and there is a lot of unexpected expense in repair for some areas. But I also recognise the ongoing mental health and wellbeing of ALL areas of our communities is important, not just the ones closer to the centres.

I would like to acknowledge and show appreciation for Ngati Wae Wae's offer of sometime occasional use of a room in the new visitor centre once it is built. However, this is absolutely not fit for purpose. They have to operate a business model out of that building that caters for tourists.

We are in need of a facility that caters to different needs all together. This has been well established in the needs assessment, and this has been well established that this community is in dire need of a facility for decades! The community needs access to a facility that can be used at all hours of the day and night, at all times of year, and the list of needs goes on.

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**Q11**

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• Amount Requested: a global contribution of \$5,000 towards insurance, wages, audit fees, electricity and efflux costs.

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Karamea

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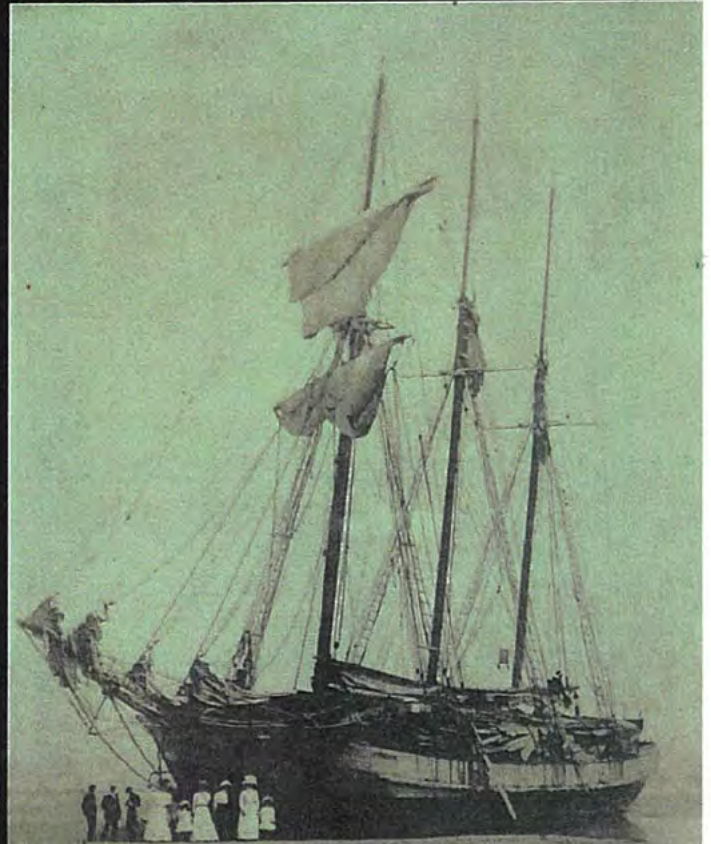
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**I disagree,**

Comments:

Although we disagree with the proposed reduction in Council's Community Grant allocation, we understand the added pressure and impact that recent weather events have had on the community and Council, and we would welcome further dialogue with Council to explore further opportunities to assist and support the tamariki and rangatahi of Buller. During the past year Sport Tasman has granted over \$26,000 to community sport and recreation organisations through the Tu Manawa grant fund that we administer on behalf of Sport NZ. It would seem sensible for us to work more closely with Council to assist community organisations to access Tu Manawa funding and reduce some of the impact that any reduction in community grants may have.

**Q11**

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Sport Tasman wish to acknowledge and thank Council for its continued support of the work we do in Buller. The annual operations grant Sport Tasman receives has been well utilised in facilitating and providing several community events and in supporting local organisations:

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- c. With restrictions easing in relation to Covid 19 we are planning on reinstating a Rainbow Colour Run, Muddy Buddy and developing a new Cardboard Boat Regatta event.
- d. Council connections are invaluable, and we wish to acknowledge those and the support from Lisa Gregory and Mira Schwill.

The approaches we use include locally led delivery approach, insights, co-design, and mana Taiohi - which all put the community or community groups we are working with at the heart of the decision making.

Healthy Active Learning is a joint government initiative between Sport New Zealand, Ministry of Health, and Ministry of Education to improve the wellbeing of tamariki through healthy eating, drinking and quality physical activity. In Buller Sport Tasman through our Healthy Active Learning Advisor is supporting 7 schools across the region to develop healthy and active learning environments. This has seen Sport Tasman increase its staffing resource in Buller from a .8FTE to now employing 2 full time staff and one part time. This will be increased further in 2023 with the appointment of a community connector role to link schools with community sport and recreation organisations as part of the Healthy Active Learning programme.

## Annual Plan 2022/23 Submission from Reefton Inc Your Business Association

Contact

Graeme Neylon

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### Annual Funding

Traditionally we have applied for and received annual funding of \$15,000 but for years 2019 and 2020 we received \$19,500 after specific requests.

Last year we again received \$15,000 after recommending that \$4,500 be allocated to the Blacks point Museum for their one off project.

### **This year we are seeking \$19,500**

This will enable us to continue to build on promoting our town and district and to further build on enhancing the townscape and surrounding areas.

We continue to experience fantastic momentum in terms of visitor numbers and are ever increasing our reputation of being a great place to live and work.

### Reefton Swimming Pool

Reefton Inc congratulates the council for the fantastic refurbishment of the building, and we are looking forward to stage 2 of this project in the coming year.

Now that we have a fit for purpose building it is time that we tested the communities need for extending the swimming season past the current allocated 26 weeks.

To this end we would like to see the pool open at the end of the school term three (1<sup>st</sup> October 2022) and remain open until the end of May 2022.

This will require an increase in the BDC funding allocated to Buller Recreation.

### King George Park

With the increased use of the Women’s Institute building the park grounds are fast becoming once again a centre point for a number of community activities.

The band rotunda has been refurbished and a new community sound system has been purchased and is available for use.

The grounds themselves are now in need of a make over in terms of new trees and shrubs and gardens.

Reefton Inc is fully supportive of funding being allocated to this project.

### **Reefton Water supply Chlorination**

There appears to be little appetite for the water to be chlorinated, although some businesses are finding it difficult to operate with boil water notices in place.

With such a small proportion of the total water used being actually consumed as drinking water it does not seem reasonable to add \$455,000 to the Reefton Water Account.

**We wish to speak to our submission**

## Submission to 2022/23 Annual Plan

**From**

Graeme Neylon

### Yes, I would like to speak to my submission

**Affordability** is number 2 in the Community Outcomes with a priority/project being achieving rates equity through targeted rates.

Yet there are no new targeted rates signalled in the Plan that would go some way to achieving rates equity.

**Inequity** occurs when the burden of the annual rate increases is not shared equally across all ratepayers.

The 22/23 increase for the general rate is stated as being 3.5% less than predicted in the Long Term Plan for this year.

The 22/23 increase for total targeted rates is 8.8% higher than predicted in the Long Term Plan for this year.

Rural properties pay mostly towards the general rate take with no water or sewage rate components, yet we are seeing rate increases of 7.8%, 7.48% and 7.4% in the Rating Examples given, all of which are pretty close to the 7.7% annual rate increase touted.

We need a simple explanation as to how this can be as the document does appear to show how this comes about

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“Stormwater is funded from General rates as this activity is seen as benefitting the community as a whole, rather than a particular individual or group of individuals”.

In reality stormwater systems are a particular “urban” service and the level of service is measured by a number of specific target performance standards.

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Support the Council retaining ownership of the equipment it currently owns for the reasons given.

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This work to be done in the 22/23 year.

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It has become patently obvious throughout New Zealand that unless a genuine use can be found for historic buildings then restoring such buildings requires deep pockets and even deeper pockets to continually maintain them.

Only support the seeding funding of \$510,000 if a tenancy agreement is in place.

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## Reefton Visitor Centre 22/23 Annual Plan Submission

Contact

Graeme Neylon

### We wish to speak to our submission

The Reefton Visitor Centre is still in favour of the proposal to co-locate the Reefton Service Centre into the Visitor Centre Building to create a Service Hub in Reefton.

Co locating will ensure future viability of both entities and will create commercial resilience that may not be possible if the two entities were to continue to stand alone.

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Currently there is a new timeline for the 22/23 year when the co locating would be completed following on from the approval of the project in the 2021 31 Long Term Plan.

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Obviously our greatest costs are for our staff and all of the monies provided by BDC will go to staff costs over the next year.

The Centre Committee is extremely fortunate to have a very high calibre of staff at this time and this is reflected in the feed back we get from customers and the very efficient way the Centre is currently operating.

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We will still be expecting an annual contribution from DOC in 2022/23 and beyond as much of the work done by staff is promoting and assisting with the use of the Conservation Estate that makes up a large proportion of our district.

Income is also generated by contract work done by Visitor Centre staff for Reefton Inc

Graeme Neylon

Chair

Reefton Visitor Centre Management Committee

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Further comment

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The Trust has taken a neutral stance on all other Annual Plan matters above

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# CHARLESTON-WESTPORT COASTAL TRAIL TRUST (CWCTT)

## SUBMISSION TO BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL DRAFT 2022/23 ANNUAL PLAN

With the granting of \$9.36m from the Provincial Growth Fund for the entire project, construction of the Kawatiri Coastal Trail began in June 2020, with the first section (Pūwaha) opening on 6 December 2020. Since that date the local community uptake and the positive promotion and support we have received nationally has exceeded all expectations. To date approximately 52,000 cycle and pedestrian users have enjoyed that first section. The Lighthouse Road to Tauranga Bay, and the Nile River Bridge with its short section of track to Charleston have since been completed and opened to further acclaim. Work is now underway completing the link from Westport to the Okari River and which is hoped to be completed by late June 2022. This will then give us approximately 22km of continuous trail. Planning is continuing to progress for the remaining sections from the Okari River to the Nile River and then south of Charleston, intending to have these all open within 12 months.

Whilst data is not cited, there is anecdotal evidence that the Buller District is enjoying an increase in domestic tourism with accommodation providers reporting strong bookings and the sight of many more campervans and caravans passing through. The KCT cannot lay claim to being entirely responsible for that but the increased publicity the district has been receiving through word-of-mouth, domestic and international media, coupled with the COVID-19 travel, community and social constraints, will all have had a significant impact.

In the Draft Annual Plan, Community Facilities, pages 52-55, the Community Outcomes sought are Social, Affordability and Culture. The Council states why it is involved in these activities, and includes among others:

*“The provision of public toilet facilities assists with promoting the health and well-being of the community and environment as well as enhancing the visitor experience”*

The Key Performance Indicators state that the activity contributions to achieve these as being:

- *Ensuring our ... public amenities are compliant, safe and vibrant environments that encourage community inclusion and use;*
- *Ensuring Council Buildings and associated property infrastructure is maintained to relevant standards; and,*
- *Ensuring land and property owned, vested and managed by the Council is rationalised and utilised responsibly, and for the benefit of the Buller community.*

**The CWCTT requests that Council takes ownership of the planned toilet block at the Buller Bridge carpark area and to provide for the annual servicing and maintenance of this facility.**

1. CWCTT has had the toilet facilities constructed, purchased the sewerage connection fittings, has had the building consent granted and has funding to pay for its installation.
2. CWCTT undertakes to transfer ownership of the facilities to BDC at no capital cost to the Council.

3. CWCTT already has a management agreement with BDC for this area, but which excludes the ongoing toilet servicing and maintenance.
4. BDC has acknowledged that the Domain toilets are planned to be replaced. The Trust proposes that the planned Buller Bridge toilet replaces the old Domain facility.
5. If the Trust is fully responsible for the servicing it will be unfairly providing a public facility available to the users of other community and Council infrastructures, including the Millennium Trail and the Toki Poutangata bridge, as well as general tourists and visitors to the district.

**Benefits To Buller District Council include:**

1. A new toilet facility which will be supplied to BDC at no capital cost, including its installation
2. The existing Menzies St, Domain toilets are at end of life and are planned to be replaced. Our proposal will save the Council undertaking that capital expenditure, which could then be allocated to other infrastructure.
3. There will be no additional operating costs as the servicing will replace that which is already being paid annually for the existing Domain toilets.
4. Being a new facility, maintenance will be significantly reduced in the initial years
5. The Buller Bridge carpark area is a picturesque, high profile and well used area as a starting place for the Millennium and Kawatiri trails. Many travellers can also be seen stopping there for to get trail information on arrival in town. Travellers expect communities to provide some level of toilet facility, and which need to be readily accessed.



**The Buller Bridge carpark is well used by both visitors and locals**

Attached are notes providing additional detail to this submission

**Richard Niederer**  
**Charleston-Westport Coastal Trail Trust**  
**Chairman**

# BULLER BRIDGE CARPARK AREA TOILETS

**The Charleston-Westport Coastal Trail Trust requests the Buller District Council agree to service and maintain the toilet facilities which the Trust has undertaken to provide and install at the Buller Bridge site. The Trust and the project's Governance Group, firmly believe that this is something local Councils should be responsible for, and which is stated in the 2022-23 Annual Plan. The proposal as below, provides this Council with a cost neutral position and a capital cost benefit.**

## Preamble

1. The Charleston-Westport Coastal Trail Trust is building a Grade 2 family friendly walking and cycle heritage trail from Westport to Charleston, the majority of which will be on Crown and Buller District Council controlled or owned land.
2. The Kawatiri Coastal Trail (KCT) was identified in a governmental ministry regional growth study as providing long-term economic, social and well-being benefits to the region. As a result, the Trust has received \$9.36m + GST from the Provincial Growth Fund for the full construction cost of a 55-kilometre trail from Westport to Charleston. Upon completion of the trail construction, the maintenance, repairs, and any additional facilities become the responsibility of the Trust.
3. The 5.5km Pūwaha section of the Kawatiri Coastal Trail (KCT) from Westport to Carters Beach was the first section to open on 6 December 2020.
4. Approximately 52,000 people have biked, run, or walked this first section. There is an electronic counter situated just through the entrance, between the Buller bridge and the underpass.
5. Approximately 12 km of trail has already been completed and is now open to the public. The 3 sections linking Westport with Tauranga Bay and on to the Okari river are scheduled to be completed by late June 2022, resulting in a total continuous distance of approximately 22 kilometres.
6. The original plans and budgets for the KCT, and which were the basis for the funding, included the provision of a shelter and toilet block at the Buller Bridge carpark area.
7. KCT's work at the carpark area already completed, at a cost of \$270,000, includes:
  - a. Shelter with bike stand, signage and maps of the area
  - b. Sealing the carpark area, including car park markings (a second seal coat is planned)
  - c. Landscaping and planting the area
  - d. Trail from the car park to the Buller Bridge
  - e. Undergrounding of the high voltage power lines crossing this area
8. The Trust is responsible for all trail maintenance once construction has been completed and assigned to the Trust. The PGF funding is not available for this.
9. Upon completion, the trail, except that on Department of Conservation land, will be gazetted under the Walking Access Act 2008 with enduring easements granted to the Walking Access Commission.
10. The Trust is planning to hold regular and one-off events on all or some of the trail. A 10- and 20-kilometre event is being planned for Labour Weekend 2022 and the Buller Gorge Marathon is again including the Heritage 10 in their February 2023 event.
11. KCT has a Management Agreement with Buller DC where the latter will undertake the ongoing maintenance of this area, subject to KCT committing to complete a second sealing of the



carpark. This agreement specifically excludes the servicing and maintenance of the planned toilet block. Our advice had been that BDC would not agree to the inclusion of the toilet facilities in the agreement.

12. Other current projects aligning with the Kawatiri Coastal Trail include:
  - a. The existing Millennium Trail follows the river from the bridge to the town centre.
  - b. The Riverbank project with its Toki Poutangata bridge is to link to the KCT.
13. The planned flood protection will run through this area. The location and form of a flood bank have not been finalised, but information has been sought from West Coast Regional Council. Installation is planned to be undertaken as soon as confirmation has been received,
14. The Trust considers that the Buller Bridge carpark is the most appropriate location for a public toilet facility in the southwest part of Westport:
  - a. It is a prominent and visible location at the entrance to Westport
  - b. Readily accessible to the public, and not hidden away. The carpark even before the KCT was a well-used public area.
  - c. It is one of the starting points for the Kawatiri Coastal Trail, the Millennium Trail and the Riverbank precinct project.
15. There is an existing public toilet block sited in the Domain of Menzies Street. It has been confirmed that this toilet block is scheduled for replacement. Council would understandably be reluctant to duplicate services and costs. Anecdotal evidence suggests that usage of the existing facility is relatively low.
16. Annual servicing of the toilets would be approximately \$17,000 + GST. This will be a public amenity and not just for the users of the Trust's cycle and walking trail. The existing Domain facilities are used by the general public, who will instead use this new facility, along with the additional visitors the Riverbank and other revitalisation projects will bring to town.
17. It is noted that elsewhere in New Zealand a large number of local Councils maintain the cycle trails in their districts, including many of the 23 Nga Haerenga New Zealand Cycle Trails. The 135 km long West Coast Wilderness Trail is owned and fully maintained by the Grey and Westland District Council's. The Hauraki Rail Trail's maintenance and operating costs are fully met by the 3 local district councils based on the percentage of trail through their respective districts. These councils have also provided a project manager who is available to the trail.

## **Current Toilet Facilities**

18. The KCT has already constructed and paid for a 2-cubicle toilet facility, one of which has wheelchair access, and associated plumbing. Consent has been granted to connect it to the existing waste and water services. It is awaiting installation.
19. Some KCT users have asked why there are no toilet facilities at the start of the trail.
20. Using the Menzies Street toilets:
  - a. These are approximately 500 metres away. Maybe OK for a someone on a bike, but not likely for someone on foot.
  - b. They are dated and there are no wheelchair facilities.
  - c. No direction signs, although that could be readily corrected.
21. Council has identified the Menzies Street facility needs to be replaced, so presumably there will already be an expectation of a capital commitment for this.
22. There is no advantage in duplicating a facility and the ongoing costs, 500 metres apart.

23. Being a charity dependent on fundraising and donations, the KCT Trust is reluctant to commit to the long-term servicing of public toilets in a public area.
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25. Anecdotal evidence from neighbouring residents is that members of the public are often witnessed urinating and likely defecating in the area around the carpark and Millennium Trail.
26. User numbers passing through this area will only increase with the completion of the full Kawatiri Coastal Trail and the Riverbank projects. This will become a heavily used area with access to:
  - a. Kawatiri Coastal Trail
  - b. The Riverbank precinct, the Toki bridge and the River Trails
  - c. The domain, which includes a modest playground
  - d. A disc (frisbee) golf course

### **Trust's Proposal**

27. We propose that the Council closes and removes the Menzies St toilet facilities. This will:
  - a. Save maintenance on an old facility until it is upgraded or replaced
  - b. Save the capital cost of replacement
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### 2. WAIMANGAROA DRINKING WATER UPGRADE

As a Westport resident, this project and related expenditure is beyond my capacity to provide detailed comment. I have, since early 2020, continued to retain information pertaining to this project in the full knowledge that procrastination will ultimately delay and increase the cost of the project.

When developing a project budget, an allowance is generally included acknowledging potential cost increases. If project management has been included in the original budget, a general rule of thumb is to allow 10% of the project cost to accommodate this cost. Where have these funds gone?

I also note the term "re-purpose", ie reallocating funding from a previously approved budget to accommodate other options. This will, in my view, increase future costs for the Waimangaroa ratepaying community, details of which are beyond the scope of this submission

I defer any other comments to community members who are more conversant with this subject.

### 3. KARAMEA RESTRICTED WATER SUPPLY

As a Westport resident, this project and related expenditure is beyond my capacity to provide detailed comment. The following observations are however noted;

- The 2021 31 LTP was adopted by Council in June 2021. The draft annual plan refers to a water supply agreement due to expire October 2022.
- The Water Services Act 2021 was first promoted as the Water Services Bill in July 2020. At the time of producing the LTP, the shift from the health

regulations and the (then) proposed legislation should have been known to Council. Previously only large scale water suppliers were captured by health regulations. The new legislation has introduced a broad definition for the term “supply”.

Why did Council not consider the water supply issue in the LTP knowing the agreement was expiring during year two of the LTP?

Knowing a bill was in the process of being passed through Parliament which would have an impact on Buller drinking water supply, why does there appear to be a lack of forward planning in relation to this proposed project?

#### 4.REEFTON WATER SUPPLY CHLORINATION

The LTP advised Council was prioritising capital works for asset renewal and level of service upgrades. Funding of \$350k had been allowed for in the 2020-21 financial year while \$1.09m had also been allocated to extend the upgrade program. These two values sum to \$1.440m yet the 2020-21 budget for Reefton water is recorded as \$1.521m, LTP page 134, 2021-21 AP page 21 refer. Where was the additional \$81k spent?

There is reference to installing chlorination once the work was completed, however, the narrative is vague in this regard.

At the time of completing the 2020-21 annual plan and the LTP, Council should have been aware of the proposed new requirements under the Water Services Act

At the April 2022 FRAC meeting, unbudgeted spending of \$187k was reported in relation to this project. Planning costs prior to design and build accounted for \$140k while a further \$50k was spent “in advance” for the chlorination plant.

The water supply project budget should have been reviewed and signed off by a member of Council management – how was this overlooked and who will be held accountable?

#### WASTEWATER/SEWERAGE

Page 7 of the draft annual plan clarifies “*Key projects identified after the Long Term Plan was adopted, and requiring immediate action, include renewal of elements of the Westport wastewater and sewerage systems. This work is forecast to cost \$2.24m and is required to obtain renewal of the resource consents*”.

As a reader of both the LTP and proposed annual plan, am I expected to believe that when a ten year infrastructure plan is/was developed, an aging wastewater and sewer system was overlooked?

#### DEFERRAL OF COMMUNITY FACILITY PROJECTS

Page 7 of the draft annual plan informs the reader, *"In response, Council is reprioritising its capital programme and deferring the upgrade of Brougham House forecast to cost \$1.932m and upgrades to the Clocktower totalling \$412,000 in the Long Term Plan. The focus is on providing core services to the community"*.

Page 10 of the plan further states, *"The proposed upgrades have been deferred as part of the capital reprioritisation that occurred as part of this Draft Annual Plan"*.

The above two statements belie the item five comment in the submission form, *"The net impact of the proposed capital programme changes for 3 waters projects has resulted in a breach in net debt limit in the financial strategy contained in the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan, which Council considers necessary to continue to provide core services to the community. Council also undertook a reprioritisation of its planned capital programme to accommodate the new projects while limiting the breach as much as possible"*.

It would appear the real reason for deferral is the forecast breach of the net debt limit. These projects would undoubtedly have proceeded had the breached not been identified.

Any breach of Council policy and financial strategy, no matter how material, should be considered a serious issue by elected representatives. Emotive arguments presented above, and perhaps elsewhere in the draft annual plan, should be used as background information only. Any breach of policy and/or strategy should never be countenanced no matter how short term.

#### COMMUNITY GRANTS

At time of writing, it was not possible to identify the financial impact of a 25% and 50% decrease in available funding. I fail to see the relevance of the statement on page 10, recorded below,

*"In preparing the Draft Annual Plan Council chose to partly offset the rates increases caused by increasing interest and inflation by reducing the funding available for community grants"*.

In times of inflationary pressure, and global events that may impact on a local budget, often hard decisions are required. For the global financial crisis commencing 2008, central government and private industry had to make hard decisions. For central government this included zero funding for salary and wage movements. If any were proposed they had to be funded from existing appropriation.

I note Council have allowed generous increases in remuneration in both the LTP and the draft annual plan. Yes, there are arguments for and against. In this instance, consideration should be made on how forecast remuneration increases can be “reprioritised”, or “repurposed”.

#### INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

The LTP informed the ratepayer that the capital cost associated with the planned information management (IM) upgrade would not require Council having to raise a loan to fund this cost.

One year later and the ratepayer is informed in the 2022-23 draft annual plan that a \$158k loan is required to fund part of the Information Management Project capital costs.

The 2021 22 annual plan rated for the additional operating costs associated with the IM project. There was never a discussion regarding future cost recovery for the privilege of accessing a personal property file.

One year later and the ratepayer is informed in the 2022-23 draft annual plan that a cost recovery fee will be charged.

In an extreme example, a property owner, or contractor working for the property owner, may have to request a copy of the property file on multiple occasions. Based upon the cost recovery concept, the property owner has already recovered the digital related cost for their property. With these additional payments, they are now covering the costs for other property owners. In effect they are now being taxed.

Councillors are elected to act on the behalf of the local community. They should have been aware of this proposed intention, yet appear to be complacent with its introduction. I note no mention in the BDC monthly meeting minutes.

#### INFLATION

When completing the LTP, price adjustments for inflation were provided by an independent organisation. BERL provided three scenarios to local government. BDC elected to employ the mid-scenario adjustors.



The draft annual plan makes frequent use of the term “inflation”. *“This Draft Annual Plan also incorporates increases in inflation reflecting both the current and forecast economic environment Council is operating in compared to when the Long Term Plan was prepared”.*

Annual budgets for any organisation always include a provision for inflation. This is a given and included in the budget assumptions. The proposed BDC budget, however, is lacking, in my view, sufficient narrative to support the inflation adjustors recorded in the proposed annual plan.

Page 90 uses the exact same narrative as that used in the 10 year plan except for two variations – one of which refers to an adjustment *“for localised inflation movements around the Three Waters activities”.*

A global internet search failed to identify any definition for *“localised inflation”.*

The inflation adjustor table included on page 90 of the proposed annual plan, which appears to be an extract from the ten year table included in the LTP page 158, records three variations.

- The inflation adjustor for “Staff” appears to be incorrectly recorded
- Three Waters has increased from 1.035 to 1.100 – a 6.5% increase
- Pipelines has increased from 1.050 to 1.100 – a 5.0% increase.

There is no indication in the narrative to inform the reader if a marginal increase in the inflation rate has been applied to these asset categories, or if the full value has been applied.

There is no explanation provided for localised inflation – what independent authority is available to support this assumption?

Councillors should ideally provide substance to the above assumptions.

## INTEREST COSTS

There appears to be some wild assumptions employed and whether these are supported by independent sources has yet to be determined.

*“The 2022-2023 Draft Annual Plan has increased interest rate assumptions to reflect current market expectations that rates will continue to climb on the back of high inflation” – page 86.*

In support of the above assumption, the budget interest cost has increased by \$519k, (\$1,369m - \$0.850m), to that recorded for the same period in the LTP. This is offset by an increase in interest received of \$305k – net increase \$214k.

The LTP identified the possible impact of increases in interest rates. *“Council has mitigated these risks with a prudent fixed interest swap programme developed within the limits of Council’s Treasury Management Policy”*.

The draft annual plan has expanded on the above comment, *“Any new external debt and swaps and the floating portion of existing debt is still exposed to interest rate risk”*.

This additional comment appears to be taking into consideration proposed new external debt during the course of the next financial year. It does not explain why interest costs have increased by \$520k.

The economics of inflation and interest rates are beyond the scope of this submission. Suffice to say however, central banks around the world, including NZ, operate on the theory that inflation and interest rates are in an inverse relationship.

Interest rate assumptions require additional explanation.

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Reading some of the project updates included with the FRAC meeting papers, it is apparent BDC prefer to utilise the services of project managers, even for what can be considered minor capital works. While this works well in practice, this is still a cost to the ratepayer, for example;

- Increased borrowing costs
- Increased capital cost leading to higher a depreciation expense

There is a general rule of thumb in relation to project costing – it represents approximately 10% of the project cost. If this is assumption is reasonably accurate then it represents a considerable value to be funded by the ratepayer.

The annual plan now proposes the ratepayer fund a permanent project management office (PMO). Staffing numbers do not appear to have been provided. This *“has no direct rating impact as their funding is via capital projects delivered by the team, often with external party funding attached”*. The driver behind this comment is unknown. Any cost charged against the BDC statement of comprehensive revenue and expenses or the statement of financial position must have an impact on the ratepayer.

What is behind the assumption that the PMO has no direct rating impact?

#### NEW ZEALAND WHITEBAIT

Operating revenue is budgeted to reduce by \$2.5m primarily due to a decrease in receipts from subsidies and grants.

One grant for \$1.5m is no longer receivable for reasons beyond the scope of this submission. It does however leave the reader to ponder why this grant revenue was included in the LTP while the expenditure to which it relates was excluded. Or was it?

One basic rule in accounting, including budgeting and forecasting, is to match revenues against expenditure. For reasons only known to Council, and perhaps the external auditors, forecast total comprehensive revenue and expenses may have been overstated by at least \$1.5m in the LTP – a forecast I doubt the auditors would have overlooked.

How has the contra forecast/budget value of \$1.5m been accounted for on the statement of financial position? Trade and Other Receivables? If the funds had not been received into the BDC bank account, why accrue only half of the transaction when the process was on behalf of central government and not the ratepayer?

#### GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

1. There appears to be an informal approach to capital expenditure, (CAPEX).  
Examples are;
  - a. Reefton water unbudgeted spend – to be discussed at the next FRAC meeting
  - b. Revitalisation unbudgeted spend - to be discussed at the next FRAC meeting
  - c. Stormwater. Wastewater, Sewerage – do not appear to be considered in the adopted LTP
  - d. Reprioritising or repurposing previously approved CAPEX

Other examples could be noted above, however the submission deadline precludes an in-depth analysis at this time. Suffice to say, the above items could be considered an introduction to what could be a process prevalent within the BDC.

2. When analysing CAPEX values recorded in the Draft LTP and adopted LTP, in some instances there is a difference. For example; page 134 Draft LTP and the adopted LTP;
  - a. Support Services – an increase of \$281k?

Overall, there is an increase in support services CAPEX of \$0.793 between the two documents. The purpose of the agenda topic 6 of the 30 June 2021 meeting of the BDC council meeting was to adopt the 2021 2031 LTP. I have yet to identify anywhere in the minutes for this “adjustment”, or topic 6 of the 28 July 2021 meeting of the BDC.

A similar pattern could possibly be identified between the two plans. Unfortunately, time does not allow any further analysis at this time. Is this correct?

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For reasons only known by Council, this form of budget variance explanation appears to be an accepted form of reporting.

4. While only a casual observation, is it possible that council employs a process whereby CAPEX and operating expenses are perhaps understated, in order to make the LTP more appealing? It is remarkable how, for example, key projects were identified after the Long Term Plan was adopted only one year prior. An example is recorded above. The recent natural disasters the Buller region experienced simply exacerbated infrastructure defects. They should not be considered the source.

In the words of the former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Margaret Thatcher, *“Let us never forget this fundamental truth: the State has no source of money other than money which people earn themselves. If the State wishes to spend more it can do so only by borrowing your savings or by taxing you more. It is no good thinking that someone else will pay – that ‘someone else’ is you. There is no such thing as public money; there is only taxpayers’ money”.*

The words “State” could be replaced with *Council*, “taxing” with *rating*, and “taxpayers” with *ratepayers*

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Westport

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Further comment

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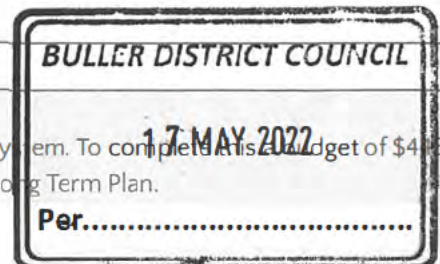
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Further comment



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Agree

Disagree

Neither

Further comment

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Further comment

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Agree

Disagree

Neither

Further comment

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do not wish to speak to my submission

### PRESENTING YOUR SUBMISSION IN PERSON

## Q3

Yes

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I agree

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Granity School utilize it in term 1 providing the essential swimming skills needed living on the coast.

Thank you

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Further comment

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Stormwater pumps installed where suitable around Town.



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**From:** Tama Ang [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 17 May 2022 11:15 am  
**To:** BDC Submissions  
**Cc:** Councillor Joanne Howard  
**Subject:** Punakaiki Community Centre funding

Thank you for being the Council that takes into account what the ratepayers want, what Civil Defence recommend and what has been in the planning for many years now - how I wish this were true!!

To say I am disappointed that the remaining \$66,000 of the original \$100,000 fund is to be absorbed back into the BDC with no consultation with us is an understatement.

It is quite frankly appalling and dishonest that the BDC thought that we would not notice that this project was totally absent in its Annual Draft Plan.

The fact that you only sent out an email on the 14th May 2022 with submissions closing on the 17th May says plenty about how the ratepayers down here in Buller region are regarded.

Over the last few years many, many hours of work has gone into progressing this vital community facility and to have this funding now 'disappear' is not acceptable.

The 'project' as you put it has not in our minds 'stalled' it had been put on hold due to Covid and we were assured by the BDC that discussions would continue.

The new facility being built at Punakaiki is not suitable for a community meeting facility for many, many reasons, and to say that the BDC has been working with the local community to secure a suitable sight is an outright lie.

I am disappointed that our local BDC representative did not raise this issue with us until we discovered the omission from the Draft Plan and made contact regarding this issue.

I oppose the BDC absorbing OUR funding and ask the remaining funds are left so we can continue to work towards our much needed facility.

Angie Stenning

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Name **WENDY THOMPSON AND TONY ARMIT** Organisation

Postal address  
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REDUCTION OF HEAVY TRANSPORT

TRAFFIC ON ROEBUCK STREET, WESTPORT

- refer to the three pages attached to  
this submission form.

## **Reduction of Heavy Transport Traffic on Roebuck Street, Westport**

In 2013 we made a submission to the Annual Plan requesting that Buller District Council act to reduce heavy transport traffic in the residential streets of Menzies, Roebuck, Stout and Balance.

This request was based on the vibrations and noisy intrusion on our daily lives, and the adverse impact on our homes and health that resulted from these vehicles using Roebuck Street as a short cut to access Nine Mile Road and the Stafford Street industrial zone.

In response, Council resolved to "write to major contractors on an annual basis requesting them where possible to use Queen Street and Mill Street". At the time, we thought this was a very soft approach to the serious issue we had raised - but hoped for some change.

On our enquiry about the annual letters, first in 2015 and again this April, Council has advised that only two letters have ever been sent – in 2015 and 2016. We have been assured another will be sent this year, but this is not going to stop the trucking and contracting firms putting profits before people.

Over time the only change to our situation is that the Holcim cement trucks travelling to and from their depot on the Nine Mile have now been replaced by Johnson Brothers trucks travelling to and from their depot on Stafford Street. In addition, we have many other trucking firms and contractors transporting everything from bulldozers to livestock along Roebuck Street. This has recently included frequent laden gravel and huge rock loads, and at times results in mud or effluent leaking onto the street outside our homes.

Over the years we have been requesting a solution to this issue there are two "urban myths" that I have encountered, these being:

1. Roebuck Street was upgraded to accommodate heavy transport when the new Buller bridge was built.
2. Holcim paid for the street to be upgraded.

Neither of these myths are true. What did occur? Roebuck Street, along with other Westport streets, was added to the 1977/78 work programme but was later moved to the 1980/81 year. In November 1981 a contract was issued to D H Wishart for the reconstruction of Roebuck Street.

Our understanding is that this work performed by D H Wishart was only to the same specification as that used for other residential streets in Westport at the time. Because the grass verge was removed from one side of the road, this work actually made Roebuck Street unsuitable for heavy transport. In addition, due to the sand substrate underneath, the road base has most likely become unstable following the Buller River flood last June – as evidenced by the recent damage to both residents' homes and three waters infrastructure.

Buller District Council's District Plan clearly states that Mill and Queen Streets are arterial and collector routes respectively. In February 2011, Council resolved the preferred heavy transport routes through Westport were:

1. Brougham, Domett, Mill and Palmerston Streets to and from the north, and
2. Queen, Mill and Palmerston Streets to and from the east.

However, the signage placed at the time only related to the northbound traffic not the eastbound.

**This year we submit another request to Council's Annual Plan process for action to restrict the movement of heavy transport through traffic along Roebuck and Menzies Streets be included in the Rooding programme for 2022/23. This may be by way of my previous suggestions, being:**

- Street landscaping designed with the dual purpose to both complement the adjacent Domain and Esplanade Reserves and make Roebuck Street unsuitable for heavy vehicles,
- Installing kerbside traffic calming structures to narrow the entrance to our street (like the existing one at the corner of Balance and Menzies Streets),
- installing centre line traffic islands on Roebuck Street at the t-intersections, and
- introducing a by-law to restrict heavy transport on Roebuck Street.

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HEAVY TRAFFIC ROUTE THROUGH WESTPORT





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Would still hope council will tarseal back lane behind Buller Rd properties (Potter St/Rank St) as promised !!  
Not happy to hear of proposal to shift service centre to Visitor Centre Building. Feel that area will be too congested with parking limited. Present building suits its purpose (I feel) good parking for public & staff. Sheltered verandah for people with mobility scooters. ~~As an~~ aged people feel safer rather than crossing busy main street.



On Behalf of Karamea Bowling Club Inc.

C/o Susan Waide

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Submission to Buller District Council for the Draft 2022 2023 Annual Plan.

I do not wish to speak to this submission.

Karamea Bowling Club (KBC) is a small bowling club which has struggled for membership in recent years.

KBC is currently reliant on the water supply used by Karamea Area School and the Karamea Reserve (Domain), which is proposed to become a network supply, controlled by the Buller District Council.

KBC supports the Council taking responsibility for this water supply as a network, but does not support a Targeted rate of \$15 541 GST exclusive, as outlined in the Draft Annual Plan. A targeted rate of this magnitude is completely out of proportion with the volume of water our club would use and unrealistic for our struggling club to be able to afford.

Council staff have been made aware of our situation throughout the consultation process, and to see the charges listed in this way in the Draft Annual Plan, has come as a surprise to our club. We maintain that any charges relating to the water system should be related back to volumes consumed and should be within the financial means of the consumers.

Thank you for consideration of our submission.

Susan Waide (Secretary/Treasurer, Karamea Bowling Club Inc.)

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**Q1**

**CONTACT DETAILS**

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**Q2**

I do not wish to speak to my submission

**PRESENTING YOUR SUBMISSION IN PERSON**

**Q3**

Yes

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN SUBMISSIONS ARE MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

**Q4**

Neither of the above

WESTPORT WASTEWATER PUMP STATION (see page 2 of the Consultation Document for more information) Subsequent to the adoption of the 2021 – 2031 Long Term Plan, it has become evident that renewal of elements of the Westport wastewater and sewerage systems is required due to changes in fresh water management policies that do not allow Council to discharge directly to water. A budget of \$2.24 million has been included in the Draft Annual Plan in the Westport wastewater scheme to prepare elements of the wastewater and sewerage pump station infrastructure to enable this activity to continue and the resource consents and affected party approvals to be gained.

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**Q6****I disagree**

REEFTON WATER SUPPLY CHLORINATION (see page 2 of the Consultation Document for more information)The first stage of upgrading the Reefton infrastructure was undertaken last year and this has addressed several issues with the supply. Council will now undertake work to install chlorine dosing equipment. To complete this a budget of \$455,000 has been provided for in the Draft Annual Plan. This was not included in the 2021 – 2031 Long Term Plan.

**Q7****I disagree**

DEFERRAL OF COMMUNITY FACILITY PROJECTS (see page 2 of the Consultation Document for more information)Brougham House upgradeThe proposal to upgrade Brougham House (which is the Council office building situated in Westport) has been delayed. This is because Council has reprioritised the capital spending and projects which can be delivered throughout the year, taking into account the district wide flood events of July 2021 and February 2022 and new capital budgets required in the Draft Annual Plan. A new heating and cooling system will be installed and decommissioning of the coal-fired boiler which heats Brougham House will be completed. However other upgrade work has been deferred.Clocktower Chambers upgradesThe 2021-2031 Long Term Plan provided \$106,000 in the 2021-2022 financial year for new toilets and \$306,000 in 2022 – 2023 financial year for a new HVAC system at the Clocktower Chambers. The proposed upgrades have been deferred as part of the capital reprioritisation that occurred as part of this Draft Annual Plan. There is no change to the level of service provided to our community due to this reprioritisation.The net impact of the proposed capital programme changes outlined above has resulted in a breach in net debt limit in the financial strategy contained in the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan. Council considers the net debt limit breach necessary to provide core services to the community. Council also undertook a reprioritisation of its planned capital program to accommodate the new projects while limiting the breach as much as possible.

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*I notice in your notes on sewer connections that people on the Crowaiti sewerage scheme should be connected. We were told at a meeting with Steve Griffer in 1991-2 that we had 3 years to get connected or Council would do it and charge full price. Why hasn't this been done? You know who is connected or not. Do something about it.*

# SUBMISSION



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## **SUBMISSION ON BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN – CONSULTATION DOCUMENT**

West Coast Federated Farmers (WCFF) appreciates the opportunity to give its feedback to Buller District Council (the Council) on its Draft Annual Plan 2022/23 Consultation Document.

WCFF has a strong membership base in Buller and we take every opportunity to engage and maintain a positive working relationship with the Council.

WCFF is well-aware of the ongoing challenges the Council has faced in the last few years, particularly with civil emergencies like flooding, and we appreciate that the additional social and economic impact of Covid-19 restrictions and collapse of tourism has added significant stress on the district. Farming remains the most important industry within the Buller District.

We recognise the Council has done its utmost to develop a prudent and balanced annual plan and we continue to support all its endeavours to sustain the district in the long term.

WCFF has reviewed the consultation document and offers the following comments on the proposals.

### **Annual Plan – key issues you seek feedback on**

The consultation document identified and invited feedback on the following proposals:

1. Westport wastewater pump stations
2. Westport water supply upgrades
3. Reefton water supply chlorination
4. Waimangaroa drinking water upgrade
5. Karamea restricted water supply
6. Community grants reduction

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7. Deferral of community facility projects
8. Community grants

### **Summary of Proposals We Support**

WCFF supports the Council's preferred option for the following proposals:

1. *To upgrade the Westport wastewater pump stations*

WCFF considers that this is an essential service for the town, noting that with combined sewers, and aging assets, this is a relatively modest upgrade cost. This of course, assumes that the West Coast Regional Council facilitates an efficient consenting process.

2. *Westport water supply upgrade*

WCFF agree that it is important to finish this job, to future proof the supply to town.

3. *Reefton water supply chlorination*

WCFF considers that this is a relatively modest cost for a chlorination upgrade.

4. *Waimangaroa drinking water upgrade*

The Council's decision-making on this is sensible – to complete the replacement of the trunk main but to delay the construction of the water treatment plant until alternative funding is available.

5. *Deferral of community facility projects*

The above water and wastewater supply upgrades represent necessary but unplanned expenditure over and above the long term plan. Therefore, WCFF considers it is prudent that the Council make savings in other areas, such as deferring the upgrades of Brougham House and the Clocktower Chambers.

6. *Karamea restricted water supply*

WCFF supports this upgrade, especially as it is occurring under a targeted rate on those in the Karamea community who benefit from it.

7. *Community grants*

As with the deferral of building upgrades above, it makes sense to reduce the level of community grants in order to go some way to offsetting the increase in expenditure within this annual plan.

## **Comments**

WCFF notes that the LTP budgeted for a 6.3% rates rise in the 2022-2023 financial year. However, the rates rise proposed by this plan is 7.7%, which whilst unfortunate, is actually a relatively good outcome for the District given the cost pressures on it. Other Districts have had far bigger budget blowouts. Given that the increase is related to one-off capital projects, the District should return to the signalled LTP figures next year.

WCFF notes the primary risks within the Buller Council's accounts, most notably, the proposed end of NZTA funding for the Karamea highway, and the outstanding costs accumulated from two (or more) flooding events. These latter costs substantially exceed the annual revenue of the District, and support from central government will be required, and the essential services of the District should not be undermined in an attempt to pay for matters that are the role of central government. Federated Farmers continues to advocate for the needs of the District at central government level.

We note that most of the headline projects are urban projects, but that essential and critical services for farming, such as rural roading, continue their service level as per the long-term plan. We thank the Council for this.

Federated Farmers greatly appreciates that this is a small council, with a small rating base, operating in a very challenging environment. This is a professional, quality annual plan, of

better quality than many larger local authorities, and this is a credit to your staff and councillors.

We wish to be heard in support of this submission.

### **ABOUT WEST COAST FEDERATED FARMERS**

West Coast Federated Farmers is a voluntary, member-based organisation that represents farming and other rural businesses. It is one of 24 provinces that comprise Federated Farmers of New Zealand, which has a long and proud history of representing the needs and interests of New Zealand's rural community.

**Bede O'Connor**

Provincial President – West Coast.

16 MAY 2022

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*Yours faithfully Vern & Kim Wishart. (P.s. Johnson Bros are the worst offenders.)*

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## **Draft 2022/2023 Annual Plan**

### **Karamea Information and Resource Centre**

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We request a continuation of the annual grant of \$25,000 and an additional amount of \$3,000 (total of \$28,000) would be appreciated due to the minimum wage rising to \$21.20/hour from 1 April 2022, and the increased population in Karamea. This grant enables the Karamea Information and Resource Centre to maintain the core and essential services we provide to both the local community and visitors to the region. The Centre is the 'hub' in Karamea and through our work, locals and visitors receive up-to-date and accurate information that we share in person, over the phone, in print, and by digital means. We also provide vital office services for small businesses and individuals in the community, and to visitors. These services include printing, scanning, photocopying, typing and editing, page layout and laminating. In addition, we serve as a liaison point with local and government organisations and have recently become a drop off centre for books for Buller District Libraries.

Internet and mobile coverage in the outlying valleys surrounding Karamea continues to be intermittent or non-existent and people living in these areas rely on the Centre for connectivity to the internet. We provide relatively low-cost internet that extends throughout the Market Cross commercial centre. In addition, we have free Wi-Fi and use of computers within the Centre for the community and these are a crucial resource for those without access to computers and the internet at home. Our staff assists people to use their own devices and provide free computer training to help the community upskill, which is proving popular but takes a considerable amount of staff time. Karamea has a large elderly population who continue to struggle with new technology.

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In our retail area, we sell books (with a wide selection for children), maps, batteries and oils, and giftware. We also serve the local farming community by hosting a Tasman Agriculture Rural branch and Buller Vet supplies.





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#### **1. Love Binz**

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#### **2. Public Toilets**

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Market Cross continues to be the central hub for both locals and visitors. The public toilets are typically the first port of call for visitors after their journey across the Karamea Bluff and often they are their last stop in Karamea. We continue to see many campervans and freedom travellers to the area, which puts pressure on our infrastructure. The extra numbers using the facilities have meant extra time is required to replenish consumables, attend minor maintenance issues and for extra cleaning. The state that the toilets have been left in by the public, has on numerous occasions, been absolutely disgusting and our staff often must deal with soiled floors, seats, and walls. Additional time and cleaning equipment is required to clean up after this type of incidence.

With the recent outbreak of Covid-19 within New Zealand, we continue to be very aware that we must remain diligent and ensure that public areas always have a high standard of cleanliness to ensure the safety of the public and our staff.

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## Submission on BDC 2022-23 draft Annual Plan

I am unable to speak at the hearing on 1 June 2022.

I have read the Buller District Council 2022 23 Annual Plan document looking for all references to Punakaiki.

I would have appreciated the opportunity to question council representatives about questions which arose from that reading. It is disappointing and disheartening that the council did not hold a drop-in session in Punakaiki.

### **Punakaiki water supply**

The draft plan states that insufficient sampling of the Punakaiki water supply has been carried out, that there is non-compliance of certain parameters and that leakage over the 2019/20 year was not assessed. I fail to understand how any decisions about the Punakaiki water supply can be made without critical information such as this.

There is also a reference to automated control of the storage tanks at Punakaiki being introduced. It is not clear whether this means that there will be no manual control of our storage tanks. This would have serious ramifications for the community in the event of any disaster, emergency or disruption to communication. It is vital that there is the ability to turn water storage tanks off or on manually. Punakaiki has been shut off to the north and south during storms such as Cyclone Fehi and this is highly likely to happen again in which case we will need to fend for ourselves. My understanding was that our Emergency Management wardens had been trained in how to manage the water system if that was to happen. What are the implications of this automated control for local emergency response?

### **Punakaiki community facility**

On page 10 of the draft plan I noted that the discussion of deferral of community facility projects did not include any reference to Punakaiki. I was appalled, then, to receive an email from BDC on 14 May titled *COUNTDOWN – 2022 2023 Draft Annual Plan submissions*. [This was addressed “Dear Punakaiki community” - I have no idea how widely it has been sent or who BDC regards as having an interest in a community facility for Punakaiki.]

The email itself contains inaccuracies. BDC has only worked on a single application for a concession for land and this was to the Department of Conservation. BDC decided to withdraw that application without any consultation with the community. Many community members had made strenuous efforts to research, write and present submissions for the DOC hearing in January 2020. Council decided in May 2020 that it would pull the application but failed to inform the community until December 2020.

The December 2020 letter informing the community of BDC’s action included the sentence “We will continue to support the community as it looks for opportunities in the future to develop the project further.” I am not aware that BDC has made any follow up with the community since then about our pursuit of a community facility.

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[REDACTED]

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BDC has representation on the Dolomite Point Redevelopment Project steering group so I find the following sentence disingenuous: “If you or any of your community members feel strongly that BDC should contribute to a facility in addition to the one the Department of Conservation (DOC) is building at Dolomite Point [my emphasis] please submit your feedback to the 2022-2023 Draft Annual Plan”.

DOC is building an experience centre at Dolomite Point which will be owned and run by Ngāti Waewae. This will house DOC’s visitor centre and other services. Ngāti Waewae has said the community might like to use the meeting space in the centre from time to time. We appreciate that offer but it cannot meet the range of needs our community has. Activities such as children’s playgroups, print making classes etc simply could not be accommodated in that space during the day. Ngāti Waewae also supported the community’s desire for a stand-alone facility with a letter which was presented to the DOC hearing. They noted that it was possible that they might be interested in using a community facility if they were to need extra space for an educational activity for example.

We are all aware that Westport has been confronted with considerable costly challenges in regard to flooding and infrastructure. I wouldn’t have thought that taking \$66,000 from Punakaiki is going to make a significant difference to that but it does have a hugely deleterious effect on the Punakaiki community and those who strive to make a difference. We’re a hard working close community who put a great deal of effort into looking after each other and our environment in myriad voluntary ways. I completely oppose BDC taking the seeding money for a community facility away from us.

# BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL

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## STAFF SUBMISSION 1

**Prepared By:** Lynn Brooks  
Manager Finance

**Reviewed By:** Sharon Mason  
Chief Executive Officer

### **ANNUAL PLAN BUDGET REVISION TO ACCOUNT FOR UNPREDICTED CHANGE IN EMPLOYEE SALARY AND WAGES EXPENSE**

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#### **1. RECENT RELEASE OF SALARY AND WAGES ANNUAL REVIEW BY STRATEGIC PAY**

After adoption of the 2022-2023 Annual Plan, Strategic Pay have released their market pay rate update. This is based on NZ-wide pay data. The Strategic Pay report on pay rates indicates an increase of ~4.5% should be factored into the Annual Plan budget. The uplift for pay rates in the Annual Plan budget was based on ~2.2% BERL adjustors using the best-known data at the time.

The reason for the change is due to the current employment market conditions. These conditions are influenced by closed borders due to Covid-19, low unemployment rates, along with the existing workforce resetting their work priorities and other factors. This has resulted in a skills shortage throughout the Local Government sector in NZ.

#### **2. OFFSET WITHIN EXISTING BUDGET OR OTHER MITIGATION**

Council has considered all options. After review, it is prudent to request a revision of the Annual Plan budget to take into account these extra costs. A full review of the Annual Plan budget has been undertaken and there are no further savings available to offset an increase. This increase would impact total rates by approximately 1%.

#### **3. RECOMMENDATION**

Council consider the request to increase the salary budget as part of the 2022-2023 Annual Plan deliberations.

# BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL

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## STAFF SUBMISSION 3

**Prepared By:** Lynn Brooks  
Manager Finance

**Reviewed By:** Sharon Mason  
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### **ANNUAL PLAN BUDGET REVISION: TO PROVIDE FOR A BULLER DISTRICT EMERGENCY RESERVE**

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#### **1. COUNCIL**

Council received a Financial Impacts of Flooding Events report at the 23 March 2022 Finance Risk and Audit Committee. This report outlined there are at present two unavoidable costs that were highly unlikely to be met by external funders or any alternative funding source. These costs are for the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) Council threshold contribution of \$174k per emergency event, one for July 2021 and one for February 2022.

The report included: The \$174k requirement per event was not included in the Draft Annual Plan because it was not known at the time of formulating the budget that this would have to be met by Council. Staff will bring forward a submission to the Annual Plan to make a recommendation about how the Council Threshold \$174k can be provided for. This will include a proposal to create an "Emergency Reserve" so that funds are quietly built up over a series of years to make a provision for this cost, and for any future costs for similar events. This would require a small rate increase as it is proposed the fund be funded by way of a 10-year internal loan with rates funding the interest and repayments of this loan. The proposed approach would benefit ratepayers by giving certainty and also provide a prudent and considered approach to managing the Council finances in line with the financial strategy.

There may be further costs to Council relating to the floods i.e. response costs not being funded by NEMA and by Waka Kotahi, the reason for not including these in this submission as there isn't the same level of certainty that these won't be met by alternative external sources.

**2. OFFSET WITHIN EXISTING BUDGET OR OTHER MITIGATION**

Council has considered all options. After review, it is considered prudent to request a revision of the Annual Plan budget to take into account the extra cost required for an emergency fund. If an Emergency Reserve was established for \$521k (being three Council Thresholds of \$174k) the impact to total rates would be ~0.37% increase and would be funded entirely from general rates.

**3. RECOMMENDATION**

Council consider the request to include an Emergency Reserve budget of \$521k as part of the 2022-2023 Annual Plan deliberations.



**BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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**STAFF SUBMISSION 4**

**Prepared By:** Lynn Brooks  
Manager Finance

**Reviewed By:** Sharon Mason  
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**ANNUAL PLAN BUDGET REVISION: TO PROVIDE FOR CPI ADJUSTMENT TO THE SOLID WASTE CONTRACT AND TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES USING THE SERVICE IN ZONE 1.**

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**1. SOLID WASTE CONTRACT**

Subsequent to the adoption of the Draft Annual Plan 2022-2023, a review of the Solid Waste Contract held between Buller District Council and Smart Environmental Ltd has been completed. This contract provides solid waste services in Zone 1 (mostly Westport and surrounds, not the Karamea and Maruia areas). This review found that unavoidable increases in the contract were to come into force and that a further \$59k was required to fund this service.

**2. OFFSET WITHIN EXISTING BUDGET OR OTHER MITIGATION**

Council has considered all options. After review, it is considered prudent to request a revision of the Annual Plan budget to take into account the extra cost required for the solid waste contract reivew. If this increase was added to the target rates for the ratepayers on the service, the impact to target rates would be \$13.29 per ratepayer including GST.

**3. RECOMMENDATION**

Council consider the request to include the additional contract costs for Solid Waste Zone 1 in the 2022-2023 Annual Plan.

# **BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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### **ANNUAL PLAN BUDGET REVISION TO ALLOW RATES REVIEW TO PROCEED**

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#### **1. COUNCIL**

Council received a rates review report at the 23 March 2022 Finance Risk and Audit Committee. The outcome of that report was for further information to be gathered to form a work plan to complete the rates review project. Councillors also noted that the Chief Executive Officer would bring forward a submission to the Draft Annual Plan to fund this project as one had not been included. It is proposed a \$50k budget be included in the final Annual Plan to provide for Council to engage a specialist advisor for this project.

#### **2. OFFSET WITHIN EXISTING BUDGET OR OTHER MITIGATION**

Council staff have considered all options and considers it prudent to request the final Annual Plan include the extra cost required for a rates review. A full review of the Annual Plan budget has been undertaken and there are no other savings available to offset this increase. The additional \$50k requested equates to a 0.31% increase in total rates, and that this be funded entirely from general rates.

#### **3. RECOMMENDATION**

Council consider the request to include a rates review budget of \$50k as part of the 2022-2023 Annual Plan deliberations.