



**BULLER**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL  
Te Kaunihera O Kawatiri

# Connect

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

Mairehau - *Leionema nudum*  
Credit: Marley Ford - NZ Plant Conservation Network - [www.nzpcn.org.nz](http://www.nzpcn.org.nz)



Cupcakes kindly donated by Bijou Betty's Ltd.

## Pink Ribbon power across Buller

Buller District Libraries proudly supported the Breast Cancer Foundation of New Zealand's annual Pink Ribbon Breakfast fundraiser in May. This marked the libraries' second year of formal involvement, with both the Westport and Reefton branches hosting community morning tea events.

Each location offered a slightly different format. Westport's event ran within a structured two-hour window, while Reefton hosted a more open-ended morning tea, creating opportunities to connect with a wider range of age groups across the two communities.

The NBS Theatre in Westport also joined the initiative, presenting a special evening screening of *Mamma Mia! The Movie*, which drew a lively and generous crowd of ABBA fans.

All three events were well attended, with plenty of pink on display, generous spreads of food enjoyed, and a strong sense of community throughout. Together, the events raised more than \$1,000 - an impressive contribution towards an important cause.

Buller District Libraries and the NBS Theatre look forward to continuing their collaboration across council facilities in support of this vital charity in 2027 and beyond.



## Westport Harbour upgrades gain momentum

Development of Westport Harbour's port infrastructure is progressing, supported by funding from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment's Kānoa - Regional Economic Development and Investment Unit and co-funding from Development West Coast.



Three key projects are in design and procurement, aimed at improving harbour resilience, operational efficiency, and commercial capability for current and future port users.

**Fisherman's Wharf fender upgrade:** This project will enhance small-vessel safety and increase berth capacity by creating a safer, better-defined berthing face. A Request for Tenders has been released to secure a contractor.

**Roll-on Roll-off (RORO) ramp facility:** The new ramp will enable direct-to-land, barge-based freight movements, strengthening emergency response capability. Detailed design is nearing completion, with contractor procurement to follow.

**Floating pontoon extension:** This project will expand marina capacity, reduce the current waiting list, and increase revenue from vessel berthing. Procurement planning is well advanced, with market engagement aligned with wider harbour upgrade timelines.

## Dog registration is due 31 July 2026

We're going digital - provide your email address and consent at registration in 2026 and we'll send your form electronically next year. Easy!

### All dogs in Buller need to be registered

If you own and have registered your dog, you should receive your dog registration form at the end of June.

Once you have received your form, you can call into Council offices in Westport or Reefton to pay and pick up your green tag.

#### Prices this year are:

Desexed - \$80.00 | Entire - \$100.00

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

Desexed - \$52.50 | Entire - \$80.00

Dogs that support a person with a disability or medical condition may not be subject to registration fees, at the discretion of the Compliance team.

If your dog is not registered with us you will not receive a form. Dogs can be registered at Council Offices during normal office hours: Westport 8.30 am - 4.30 pm and Reefton 9.00 am to 4.30 pm Monday to Friday. If your details, or your dog's details have changed, don't forget to update them when you pay your dog registration fee.

For more information go to: [bullerdc.govt.nz/dogs-and-animal-control/dog-registration](http://bullerdc.govt.nz/dogs-and-animal-control/dog-registration)

#### Email

info@bdc.govt.nz with the subject line 'Dog registration'

#### Call

Call the Animal Management team on 03 788 9647

#### Talk to us

Drop in to the BDC Customer Services desk in Westport or Reefton.

20% discount for SuperGold Card holders. Card must be presented at the time of payment.



# DRAFT Reserves Management Plan 2026

Your Reserve. Your Place. Your Voice.

## Help us to shape the future of parks and reserves in Buller by providing feedback on the Draft Reserves Management Plan 2026.

The Reserves Management Plan establishes the framework for managing and developing Council's 28 recreational reserves. The management plan guides the use, enjoyment, protection, maintenance, preservation and development of these reserves and their day-to-day management.

Buller District Council must have a Reserves Management Plan for all 28 recreational reserves under the control of or vested in Buller District Council.

These are your playgrounds, sports fields, beaches, picnic spots, and community facilities to gather, go for a walk, play sports, or just relax in nature.

The Reserves Management Plan sets out the district-wide vision and objectives and includes a range of reserve management policies that guide how Council will manage reserves and make decisions about their use and development. It also includes a detailed description of each reserve, its vision, and short, medium, and long-term actions.

We want your feedback on the proposed district-wide vision and objectives, policies, and the reserve-specific vision and actions. By submitting your views, you contribute to creating a plan that ensures our reserves management and development incorporates your values and aspirations.

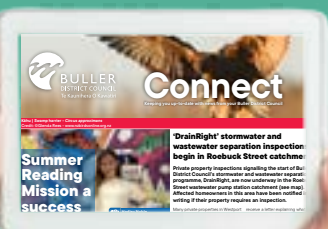
## Connect is going digital!

This is the final edition of Connect in the West Coast Messenger. Buller District Council thanks the Messenger team for their professional, high-quality work since November 2024.

From July, Connect will have a digital focus as it returns to its original longer format, but will continue to be published monthly. It will be available online via the News section of the Buller District Council website - or you can sign up to receive it straight to your inbox. Watch out for our e-newsletter's fresh new look!

Free print copies will be available at Council's libraries and service centres in Westport and Reefton and selected regional outlets.

Sign up via the following link to get Connect delivered to your inbox:  
[bullerdc.govt.nz/newsletter](https://bullerdc.govt.nz/newsletter)  
Existing subscribers will be transferred automatically.



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Reefton 7851, New Zealand  
Phone 03 732 8821  
Phone 03 732 8391

**24 hr Noise & Animal Control Services**  
Phone 03 788 9115  
After hours Operations emergencies  
Phone 03 788 9119 Westport,  
or 03 732 8821 Reefton

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Like what you see? Sign up to receive our newsletter via email at:  
[bullerdc.govt.nz/newsletter](https://bullerdc.govt.nz/newsletter)

## Learn more and have your say on our Draft Reserves Management Plan 2026:

**Online:**  
Visit [letstalk.bullerdc.govt.nz](https://letstalk.bullerdc.govt.nz) where you will find all the information.

Scan this QR code with your phone or tablet to visit [letstalk.bullerdc.govt.nz](https://letstalk.bullerdc.govt.nz)



**Printed copies:**  
Printed copies of all documents and submission forms are available from Council's offices in Westport or Reefton, Buller District Libraries, the Ngakawau Community Centre, and Karamea Information Centre.

**Got a burning question?**  
You can email your questions to [submissions@bdc.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@bdc.govt.nz), send them our way via Let's Talk, or drop your questions at one of the above locations by 29 June.

We will collate the responses and answer them via email or Let's Talk Buller.

**Information events:**  
Information evenings will be held at the locations below to provide the community with an opportunity to find out more and ask questions.

**Carters Beach Hall**  
Tuesday 30 June  
5:30pm - 6:30pm

## Submissions close Monday 3 August 2026

Submissions are one of the most powerful ways communities in New Zealand can shape local government decision-making.

**Love your reserve?  
Have your say.**

## Meetings June - July 2026

The full meeting calendar can be found at: [bullerdc.govt.nz/meetings](https://bullerdc.govt.nz/meetings)

Please check the calendar for any updates and additional meetings.

### Extraordinary Council Meeting: Appointment of Coast Waters Directors

• 24 June, starting 1:00 pm  
Clocktower Chambers

### Workshop: Health & Safety

• 24 June, starting 2:00 pm  
Clocktower Chambers

### Community Committee Meeting

• 24 June, starting 3:30 pm  
Clocktower Chambers

### Risk and Audit Committee Meeting

• 24 June, starting at the conclusion of the Community Committee Meeting  
Clocktower Chambers

### Ordinary Council Meeting

• 30 June, starting 3:30 pm  
Clocktower Chambers

### Mayor's Chats in Reefton

• 7 July, starting 3:30 pm  
Reefton Visitor and Service Centre

### Inangahua Community Board Meeting

• 7 July, starting 5:00 pm  
Reefton Women's Institute Rooms

### Workshop: Procurement Review

• 15 July, starting 1:00 pm  
Clocktower Chambers

### Ordinary Council Meeting

• 29 July, starting 3:30 pm  
Clocktower Chambers

All Council meetings will be livestreamed to Council's YouTube channel. There may be elements of the meeting that are public excluded. The meeting agenda will explain why the public is excluded under LGOIMA 1987.

A public forum session is available at the beginning of Ordinary Council meetings. If you want to address Council during the public forum session or have any questions about these meetings please contact:

Governance Team, phone: **0800 807 239** or email: [governance.assistant@bdc.govt.nz](mailto:governance.assistant@bdc.govt.nz)

## Water supplies

Council reminds consumers to flush their taps for 30 seconds in the morning, prior to use.

This applies to all supplies including rainwater. Visit [bullerdc.govt.nz/plumbosolvency](https://bullerdc.govt.nz/plumbosolvency) for details.

**A permanent boil water notice applies for Little Wanganui Subdivision, Mōkihinui, Ngakawau/Hector, South Granity and Waimangaroa.**

**The Cape Foulwind water supply (Wilson's Lead Road and Bulls Rd) is for stock use only and is not intended for human consumption.**



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