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WAIMANGAROA RECREATION RESERVE HALL GRAND REOPENING SUNDAY, 16th FEBRUARY, 1pm – 7pm

The Waimangaroa Reserve & Hall Subcommittee are proud to announce the official reopening of the Waimangaroa Domain and invite the community to come along and enjoy an afternoon/evening of fun and entertainment. There will be music provided by two bands, old fashioned games like egg-and-spoon races, three-legged races and lots more.

The subcommittee is now taking bookings for hall hire. The wonderfully renovated interior comprises a large space with tables, chairs and couches and can easily accommodate up to 50 people, not to mention the grounds around the hall that provide a great area for outside activities. There is a very well-designed commercial kitchen with plenty of prep space. Anyone interested in booking the hall for weddings, birthdays, reunions, or general celebrations can contact Bev on 021 032 0311. The Waimangaroa Reserve & Hall Subcommittee wishes to sincerely thank everyone who donated their time and efforts to assist with the restoration of the Domain and make it a place the Waimangaroa community can be proud of.



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Recreation Reserve Domain



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Due to the construction of the existing fence, which needs to be removed, a site visit is highly recommended before submitting any pricing.

ALL materials will be supplied by Ngakawau Swimming Pool Subcommittee, therefore, the Expression of Interest is asking for pricing based on Labour only.

Please direct all communication to the email address below.

bmdcc.inc@gmail.com

Close off date for acceptance of expressions of interest is the **23rd February 2025** and the work will need to be completed no later than the 30th April 2025.

HARDEST GEEZER
MIND OVER MILES

NEW BOOK RELEASE

An inspirational story. Hardest Geezer, Russ Cook, is the first person to ever run the entire length of Africa.

RIP Gilbert

A local identity Gilbert Hardaker, passed away in January and was laid to rest next to his beloved wife Mere at Mokihinui. Described by many as “cheeky”, Gilbert lived in Granity and had many friends in the district. In his working life “Gil” spent a few decades working at the port of Lyttelton as a stoker or fireman. This physically demanding job involved working in hot cramped conditions whilst feeding coal to the vessel’s steam engines. He was described on Facebook by a former workmate as being “strong as an ox with a great sense of humour and a loyal and staunch union member”. Gilbert quickly became a much-loved part of the Northern Buller community and was often given the role of “Santa” at Ngakawau Tavern Social Club gatherings, arriving at the local hall in various forms of transport from old caravans decorated with tinsel to make-shift sleds towed by a 4-wheel motorbike. He was also legendary for the rum and coffees he delivered with a smile and a wink at Anzac services.

In later years he was often seen cruising between Granity and Hector on his mobility scooter with his faithful dog “Beatle” in tow—getting toots, waves and chatting to the locals throughout those often lengthy journeys. Gilbert will be sorely missed by his many friends and family including his mokopuna, nieces and nephews.



Gilbert in “special coffee” mode—Anzac 2014



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Travel Tales

(by Lynne Maguire)

Dear Reader

It's an interesting time of life when your children become independent; all grown up they leave home, start a career, marry and have their own children, (not necessarily in that order). I take my role as a grandmother pretty seriously and so, when our youngest son, with his wife and two sons moved from Auckland to her home in Catalonia, Spain, I was determined that our relationship would continue. I wanted to be more than a video face Grandma! I began to think about the possibilities of a trip to Europe.

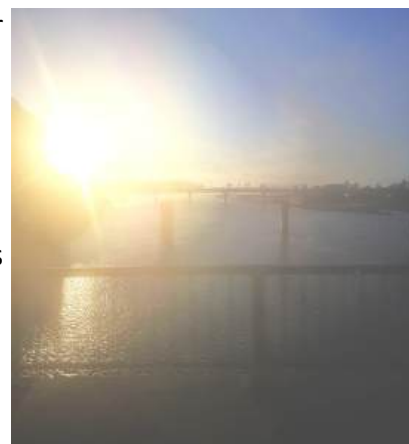
My sister, who lives in Sydney, had her travel plans ambushed by the Covid epidemic, so we decided to travel together. It took months of throwing around ideas with her and a local travel agent, before we finally had a plan. I would fly from Christchurch to Sydney, where she would board the same flight, then we would continue together to Dubai and from there to Barcelona. After a couple of weeks with family in the small village they lived in, we would visit two cities in France and four in Italy before beginning the trip back, to our respective homes. In Europe we would travel by train and mostly stay in 3 star plus hotels.

Before I knew it, I was sitting on a bus, traveling to Christchurch, about to embark on a holiday I had only dared to dream about. My cousin picked me up off the bus and that afternoon, with her husband, we drove to a bar just out of the city. We climbed up some 'fire-escape' type stairs to get to the entrance and entered a dimly lit room. Music was a play track of songs from the 1970's, I could sing along with them all!!! There was a bar with bottles of all shapes, colours and sizes filling up every shelf, box, cupboard, and bench, with some even stacked on the floor! On the bar was a sign 'Duty Manager – Zelda'. Zelda, a woman likely in her late 50's with dyed blonde hair and unevenly applied very red lipstick, was not very welcoming at first, to us, her only customers. However we ordered our drinks, but, Zelda did not have a clue. She didn't know how to use the blender and had no idea what mixes to use for the drinks that we ordered. I didn't know either, but ended up behind the bar helping to mix the drinks, with my cousin using Google to find the recipes! The antics of Zelda were hilarious and my cousin and I were in absolute fits of laughter as she added excessive amounts of nips to our drinks with abandonment. We ended up 'best friends,' with photo shoots and offers of more drinks! It was a great way to leave the familiarity of The Buller behind and enter into the full mode of being on holiday.

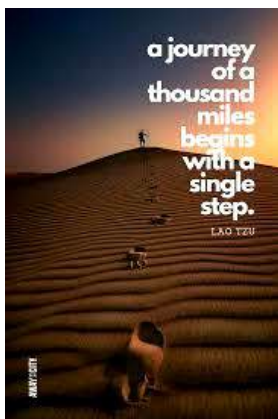
Over the next few issues of the BBB, I plan to share some of the experiences I had during the month I was away. Some names and places will be changed, but the events are true to my experiences. This is not a travel book! It's a different style of writing for me, but I hope you enjoy sharing my adventures ...

Yours Sincerely,

A Sexagenarian on her First European OE



Sunrise over the Grey River as I leave the familiar and head off on my European adventure



TOREA GALLERY NEWS

We are still on summer opening hours 10-4pm 7 days a week and have welcomed two new members this year; Karin who is adding her jewellery making talents to our current amazing jewellery creators and Sonia her beautiful paintings .

Also you may be lucky on a sunny day to see the gazebo in the garden with many more crafty goodies especially plants and pounamu to share.

Our current members are always diversifying their crafts so there is always something new for you to peruse, so come on down and see what's there.

We are also part of the Northern West Coast Art and Craft Trail February 1st, 2nd and 3rd 10-4pm.

Hope to see you soon

Artist Profile:

Bronwyn Brady

I moved to Westport in May 2022. After 15 years on the Coromandel and 18mths in Motueka, I visited Westport often and decided to stay here permanently.

I've played with clay for many years, studying towards a diploma in Ceramic Art whilst living in Whitianga. My work is quite organic and I'm strongly influenced by texture and how it plays with glazes. I have a studio at home and am a member of the wonderful Torea Gallery, where I will be having an exhibition - "From the Soul" from 25 Jan to 10 March

When I'm not playing with clay, you will find me in my role as a dental hygienist at Kawatiri Health Dental.



MOKIHINUI FISHING COMPETITION A SUCCESS

This year's competition saw many familiar and new faces, the Mokihinui campground was full of young families enjoying all that camping in Mokihinui has to offer. 207 fish were weighed in this year, many receiving prizes for their efforts. There was a great crowd at the prize giving, a lot smiles, clapping and laughing along with a wonderful feed of locally caught fish and stories of the ones that got away.

Brian Morgan was presented a hand-sculpted stainless-steel snapper for his many years of commitment to the Mokihinui fishing competition. Also honoured for their long commitment to the competition were Ron and Helen Bennett along with Tony and Brian Murphy who were presented with beautifully made photo album books containing stunning photos collected through the years of whitebaiting and fishing on the Mokihinui River and beach.



Photos:

Top Row—1. Stu and Otis Poore with the brown trout, 2. Haley and Bodie Brunner, 3. Brad Hawes, Jackson and George , 4. Dan Zielinski, and 5. Jake Young,
Bottom Row—1. Ron and Helen Bennett, 2. Brian Morgan with the stainless-steel snapper

BLAST FROM THE PAST

The things we used to do ...and still do :)



Denniston swimming baths - 1940

Source <https://westcoast.recollect.co.nz>

STOCKTON MINE Notification of Blasting Activity

BT Mining wishes to advise that Stockton Coal Mine will be conducting blasting operations from Monday to Sunday between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm.

Blasting may occur within the Stockton Coal Mining Licence CML37-150 and Upper Waimangaroa Mining Permit MP41-515 as part of normal mining operations. This includes the potential for blasting on Saturday or Sunday 2-3 times per month which may affect access to the Millerton Reserve. Exclusion zones are in place and signposted for public safety.

For additional information, please email:
sam.taylor@bathurst.co.nz



GIANT Chess!

Gold coin donation. Come in and play any time the Resource Centre is open.
(Set up required)

RETURN OF COAL TRAINS WELCOMED

(see story page 19)



The first coal train arriving at Ngakawau on the morning of Monday January 13th following almost eight months of trucking.

* O'CONOR HOME * * GALA DAY *

SUNDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2025
190 Queen Street

10 am onwards

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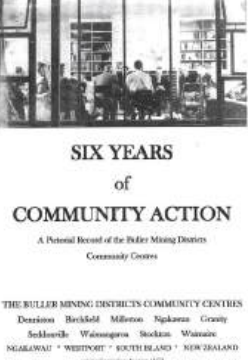
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THEATRE FROM BUSH STORIES

With Tracy McEwing at the Millerton Hall

15th Feb 10:30 to 4pm

Enquiries 021 024 54262




BULLER BAYS COMMUNITY GROUP
EVERY WEDNESDAY!
 10am to Midday
 Ngakawau Hall Community Centre
 Starts again Feb 5th

AGM

Community Action Northern Buller (CAN-B)

Annual General Meeting
 6.30pm 20th February
 Millerton Hall
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MAKE MY MARK Memories and Metaphors (3M)

I want to start a new group/s in Northern Buller (3M-Memories has been going well in Westport for over a year) I'm keen to start 3M-Metaphors - creating personal 'totem' poles by paint or carving symbols that express who YOU are - especially for non-writers

Will be with CAN-B at Waimangaroa Domain 16 Feb to chat about it or contact Jo 0272555382 jo.giggleswick@gmail.com

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Your favourite Quiz-masters Martin & Nicki present a unique opportunity to recall that odd fact you learned all those years ago. Now's your chance to dazzle (or disappoint) your family and friends.

Teams of 4-6, \$5 per person. Doors open 6:30, Quiz starts 7pm. Move an item on from home to add to the prize table.



1st - 3rd February - Northern West Coast Art & Craft Trail

Running from Waimangaroa to Mokihinui, a showcase of the many talented artists of the Northern West Coast. Visit historic halls and engage with artists at their galleries and private studios. Displays (including an

immersive wearable arts exhibit at The Lyric Theatre) will be open from 10am - 4pm daily. Find a map/brochure via The Scullery Waimangaroa, Westport i-site or from visit: thelyric.nz/events



Sun 16th February - MUNDI trio

In this Arts on Tour performance Mundi Trio perform a new series of compositions that weave together the two oldest instruments in human's history - flutes and percussion- into a sizzling array of dueling Brazilian/African percussion with hypnotic guitar, and vocal melodies soaring above

and interlaces stories through music of our interaction's with nature and ourselves. With dances choreographed by Tamara intertwined, these exciting new compositions lure people into an ancient memory of the pulse of life and awaken our dancing selves lurking beneath. Doors open 6:30pm show starts 7:00pm. Presale tickets \$20 (via thelyric.nz/tickets or from NBS Theatre) or \$25 on door.



Wed 19th February - South for Winter

With a blend of dreamy acoustic duets, foot-stomping folk and bluesy murder ballads, New Zealand-formed and Nashville-based trio South for Winter's sound is as eclectic as their origins. The act is comprised of kiwi Nick Stone, Coloradan Dani Cichon, and Michigander Alex Stradal, and together the three

multi-instrumentalists and songwriters combine elements such as percussive acoustic guitar, cello, mandolin, suitcase stomp, resonator guitar, and effortless harmonies into a genre-bending sound described by American Songwriter as "impeccable". Doors open 7pm, show starts 7:30pm. Presale tickets \$20 (via thelyric.nz/tickets or from NBS Theatre) or \$30 on door. Children under 16 \$10.



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trio

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GRANITY OP SHOP NEWS

It is sad we have lost another treasured member of our community, we loved his visits in the Op Shop. Gilbert you will be sadly missed.

The Op Shop is overflowing with goods you never know what you will find. We can't thank the community enough for your support. Thank you.

Recipe this month is-

Chocolate Sponge

1 1/2 cups milk, 1 1/2 Tablespoons malt vinegar, 250g melted butter, 2 teaspoons vanilla essence,

1 3/4 cup sugar, 2 1/4 cup flour, 2 teaspoons baking soda, 2 teaspoons baking powder,

3/4 cup cocoa, 4 eggs.

Preheat oven to 150°C. Mix vinegar and milk, add butter, vanilla and sugar. Sift in dry ingredients, add eggs. Beat on medium speed for 2 minutes. Cook 3/4 to 1 hour.

Cool on wire rack and ice with chocolate icing.



Local Artist: Faye Spillane

Address: 22 Lewis Street
Mokihinui

Phone : 0211837728

Gallery Hours : When sign out or
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Instagram: fazeartstudio

Facebook : Faze Art by Faye Spillane

GREAT WORK AT THE HECTOR'S SITE

Local volunteer Mike Chaffey recently completed the first stage of a repainting project on the fence rails at the Hector's Dolphin site. Thanks both to Mike and to mower man Charlie for their work in keeping this area tidy.

Also thanks from the Ngakawau-Hector Reserve Subcommittee to BDC



for organising the repair of some very large potholes that had developed on the access road and entrances to the overnight self-contained parking area. Good work!



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GRANITY FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

Kia ora from the Granity Volunteer Fire Brigade. Happy New Year folks! We hope you all had an enjoyable holiday period and kept yourselves and each other safe. To our delight, we did not attend any incidents on New Years Eve.



However, we did attend a beach fire the evening after NYE which was simply due to a bonfire having been left without being extinguished. Please remember to extinguish your beach fires before leaving for the night.

Granity Volunteer Fire Brigade attended a large house fire in Granity which saw multiple brigades working together. Massive thanks to the Seddonville rural brigade, Waimangaroa brigade and Westport brigade.

We are saddened to announce that two incredibly valuable members of our brigade are leaving us. Rob and Kirsten Burdekin have been an integral part of our crew for many years and we wish them well on their adventures up in the sunny Tasman region. Their local brigade will be incredibly lucky to have them. This means that there are empty lockers in the fire station.



Do you think you could be our next new recruits? If you want to learn more about what it means to be a volunteer firefighter or simply check out what shenanigans we get up to, come on down to the station on a Monday night around 6pm.

Fire seasons and permits - Fire and Emergency New Zealand is responsible for declaring fire seasons and issuing fire permits in all urban and rural locations in New Zealand. No matter what the fire season is, you still need to comply with any council bylaws and regional council requirements relating to smoke nuisance and discharges to the air, even if you are issued with a fire permit from Fire and Emergency. Please **DON'T** call or message the local volunteer fire brigade about an intended burn-off. **Do this instead:**

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Greetings from your local Constable,



Firstly, I'd like to thank you all for your cooperation and understanding over the Christmas and New Year period. Despite the huge influx of people into our area and the glorious weather, I am pleased to report that I did not have any significant calls for service during that period. I was out and about on New Years Eve and interacted with many of you during the evening. It was good to see that everyone was in good spirits and having a great time with family and friends. I certainly think we had the pick of the country as far as weather on the night.

There are a few significant jobs to report from the past few months. I executed a search warrant, with the assistance of the Armed Offenders Squad (AOS) in December and recovered four firearms and over 5000's rounds of ammunition from an individual who was unlicensed and has some connection to the gangs. This was a great result and made our community safer.

In a separate incident I arrested a high-risk offender without incident during an armed vehicle stop. Although the offending itself didn't warrant that kind of response, there were safety concerns regarding past conduct including once instance where a machete was produced. A credit to my Westport colleagues and our collective training that we were able to coordinate such a response.

Unfortunately, there is an emerging theme of fires around the area with several vehicle fires and a house fire, all of which have been determined suspicious. I suspect there is an arsonist among us, and I have a reasonable idea as to who it is. If they are reading this, come see me and we can have a little chat about it. Please be mindful of your residential security and continue report anything suspicious, including any attempted or failed fires regardless of how insignificant.

I have fielded a few complaints of late from different members of the public regarding the state of some of the vehicles on our roads and their lack of Warrant of Fitness (WOF) or Registration (REGO). Please be aware that WOF's relate to determining vehicle safety. If you are choosing not to obtain one, you are putting yourself and other road users at risk. REGO fees, in part, contribute to the ongoing maintenance and improvement of our roads. I'm sure you would all agree how importance this is, especially due to the potholes around here lately. Expect to see an increase in enforcement regarding these matters as well as all other Road Policing. Contrary to popular belief, funds from infringement notices go directly to NZTA, not Police.

Lastly, thank you all for the thoughts, prayers, and messages of support regarding the tragic passing of my colleague Senior Sergeant Lyn Fleming in Nelson. It has certainly hit the policing community hard, especially the Tasman policing district of which we are part of. It is a tragedy not only for Lyn's family and NZ Police but for the entire country. I am heartened to have had such great support locally.

Stay safe out there.
Constable Paul Cannell, Sole Charge, Granity.



We Welcome you to Visit JK's Corner Store

Formerly known as Ngakawau Store, Jade and Kim are excited to serve you as JK's Corner Store. Located across from the Hector dolphin statue at the mouth of the scenic Ngakawau River, our store offers a delightful mix of local pies, coffee, tasty treats, and everyday essentials

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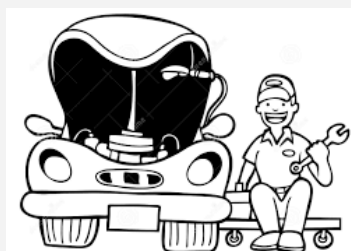


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A bowel screening test kit is offered every 2 years to people aged 60-74 years old. This is the age group with the highest risk of developing bowel cancer.

Local rural nurse specialist Grace Muyoma told the BBB the test kit is easy to use, and that you get results within 3 weeks of returning it. "It detects tiny traces of blood in a small sample of poo which can be an early warning sign that something is wrong with your bowel" she said.

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The Scheme is a partnership between Creative New Zealand and local authorities. Each local authority is responsible for delivering the Scheme in its area.

Local decision-making is the key to the Scheme, and applications are considered by a subcommittee, which consists of two Councillors, one representative from the local Iwi, one representative from each of the three Community Arts Councils (Karamea, Buller, and Inangahua), and two community members.

There are three funding rounds for each financial year (1 July–30 June), and \$19,000 is available.

Please note that groups or organisations must provide a copy of their latest financial statement.

Closing dates for 2025



Round 3 of 3 (FY 24/25)
Closes **10/03/2025**



Round 1 of 3 (FY 25/26)
Closes **09/06/2025**



Round 2 of 3 (FY 25/26)
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The Northern Buller Communities Society Inc (NBCS) is seeking expressions of interest (EOI) in the demolition, removal or Licence to Occupy* the former pavilion located at: **49A Domain Road, Granity**

The pavilion is currently rented but will become vacant on March 31st, 2025.

This building was constructed in approx. 1950 by the Buller Mining Districts Community Centres Society Incorporated (BMDCCS). It has been extensively altered over the years for various uses. This building has been managed by NBCS since 2012 following the dissolution of the former Granity Domain Board. It is currently sited improperly on road reserve (without a licence to occupy from the Buller District Council).

The EOI process including further information and an application form, can be obtained by emailing your interest to The Secretary at nbcrc@actrix.co.nz (Closing 14th February 2025).

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Rural Travel Fund closing 22 February

The Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund is a collaborative initiative between Sport New Zealand and the Buller District Council. It aims to support junior sports development in rural communities by providing financial assistance to subsidise travel expenses.

Applications close 22 February 2025. A total of \$9,100 will be distributed.

This fund is budgeted annually in the Council's Annual Plan and is contestable. Funding is not available for individuals or commercial activities, and each applicant can receive funding only once per financial year (1 July–30 June). Due to high demand, not all applications can be funded.

All applications must be on the Rural Travel Fund application form either submitted online, by email to grants@bdc.govt.nz or in person at our service centers.



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Funding available
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Round 1 of 1 (FY 24/25)
Closes 22/02/2025

Community Grants Round 2 closing 22 February

The Community Grants Fund was established to support the work of community groups and volunteer organisations providing community and social projects and services within the Buller District.

Applications close on 22 February 2025. A total of \$50,000 is available for distribution in the second round.

This fund is budgeted annually in the Council's Annual Plan, ensuring a regular and predictable funding process. It is contestable, and funding is not available for individuals or commercial activities. Each applicant can receive funding only once per financial year (1 July–30 June). Due to high demand, not all applications can be funded.

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Funding available
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Round 2 of 2 (FY 24/25)
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TAWHAI TUNNEL—JOB DONE!



The Tawhai tunnel, near Reefton, reopened on January 12th.

Rail services have been running seven days a week since then and locals are being reminded to be vigilant when crossing the tracks.

KiwiRail Regional Infrastructure Manager South Island Gary Ikin said trains will be running more often over the coming months as KiwiRail move the export coal backlog for Bathurst Resources Ltd. “We urge everyone in the Buller community to be extra vigilant and cautious any time they approach a rail level crossing.”

Mr Ikin said the Tawhai Tunnel rebuild was a massive undertaking. In June 2024 the lining of the 134-year-old tunnel was damaged in three places.

“Since then, our 70-person tunnel team, have carried out the needed structural repairs and undertaken a lot of work to improve the resilience of the tunnel.”

“Huge thanks go to everyone involved. The tunnel team have been working in cramped, difficult conditions for months and have maintained a solid focus on safety and delivering the work quickly. About 50,000 hours has gone into the repair, with much of it happening 24/7.

Mr Ikin said the tunnel team had left the tunnel stronger than it was and had significantly improved drainage which will help reduce the risk of future disruptions.

“I would like to again thank our customers, the council and the whole Buller community for their patience and support over the last eight months. We kept coal moving with road-bridging operations, but that put a lot more pressure on local highways. We recognise the inconvenience this has caused and appreciate your patience with us” he said.



Work in the 370-metre tunnel has included:

- Robotic machines sprayed about 951 cubic metres of concrete to strengthen the lining
- 886 rock bolts installed to secure the lining to the surrounding ground
- About 374m of modern concrete tunnel lining and modern track bed drainage installed



CAN-B News

Community Action Northern Buller Meeting Report Jan 2025. Waimangaroa Miners Hall on Thursday 16 Jan. We welcomed two new non-committee members and are thrilled to be fund-holders for Kirsty Williams (Buller Bay Historical Project). Bev Morrow came to share the amazing activities in Waimangaroa and her initiative 'The Spirit of Adventure' for youth. Delighted the Public Notice-board in Granity is being well used. Free, with no criteria, please use the clips to hang posters or bring your own chalk to write on the black-board paint.

Chasm Creek Walkway Bridge enjoyed a successful and sunny Opening (Dec 1st). A fantastic effort by the Kaitiaki Mokihinui Charitable Trust. CAN-B supported the final push to celebrate in style - which was well carried by Frida and her guest speakers and musicians. The Seddonville Pub hosted a provided afternoon tea, and children enjoyed the pony rides.

Charming Creek alternative track: We are waiting on the Ecological Area Status to grant permission to proceed. Lewis and three local DOC staff completed the route and are supportive. Please be patient and resist exploring till due process is complete. We do not want to lose our future access. We will update with DOC for our next CAN-B HUI.

Also, at the Hui we will introduce our Community Plan and Community Connector. We welcome any Groups / Individuals who wish to showcase their activities. Keep SATURDAY 29 MARCH free.

CAN-B will be at the WAIMANGAROA Recreation Reserve re-opening on Feb 16. We would love to hear what you are up to in your community and if we can support you. Join us for only \$1 per year and be a part of our excitement. The ART & CRAFT TRAIL are ready for their big weekend 1-3 FEBRUARY.

Next Meeting:
AGM THURSDAY
20 FEBRUARY
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COUNCIL ENQUIRIES

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NORTHERN BULLER COMMUNITIES SOCIETY PAGE

SOCIETY SERVICES WINDING UP FROM 2025

Twelve motions, which resulted from a Special General Meeting on November 3rd 2024 and related to winding up the Northern Buller Communities Society, are being progressively worked through by its interim management committee. Members decided at the SGM to wind up and distribute the society's assets and surplus funds. A brief description of the motions approved is as follows:

- That 98 Torea Street, Granity (The Op Shop) be sold to The Granity District Fundraising Centre as a Charitable Incorporated Society.
- That the building at 49A Domain Road (former Pavilion) be removed following expiry of the tenancy in March 2025. (refer page 17 for further details)
- That the Granity Band Rotunda be gifted to the community of Granity in perpetuity.
- That KiwiRail Licence To Occupy railway land through Granity be relinquished.
- That the two mowers & trailer be transferred to the Buller Mining Districts Community Centre Society Incorporated (a registered charity).
- That administration of the Granity Recreation Reserve be relinquished back to the Department of Conservation.
- That operation of the Ngakawau Community Centre including the Resource Centre activities be transferred back to its owner the Buller Mining Districts Community Centres Society Inc. effective 01/04/2025.
- That funds remaining from the Wax Lyrical Theatre Company account previously set aside for annual sponsorship of performing arts students at Buller High School (BHS) be donated wholly to BHS for the same purpose.
- That funds tagged for the Hector's Dolphin Site be transferred to Can-B to assist with ongoing maintenance of this site.
- That any tagged residual funds unspent from external funding providers be returned to those funders on wind-up.
- That any untagged residual funds related to the Ngakawau Hall and Resource Centre activities be transferred to the Buller Mining Districts Community Centres Society Inc. effective from the closure of those accounts and excluding funds required to meet all costs, debts and liabilities prior to removal of the Society from the Companies Register and deregistration from Charities Services.

Society Interim Chair, Kath Rose said there may be some anxiety around the loss of beautification services (like mowing) in Granity but noted it will not happen until around May this year. "Mowing will continue as is, over this summer period" she said.

Ms Rose said Society representatives had met with the Buller District Council about mowing services and that these initial enquiries indicated BDC might assume responsibility for mowing around the band rotunda and that it might also consider mowing around a small part of the welcome rock area in South Granity.

"Again, this will not happen until around May and ultimately it will be up to Council as they hold the land around the rotunda, but the bulk of what NBCS currently mow is KiwiRail land and thus not council's responsibility." she said.

Ms Rose said those with concerns, could take comfort from the "*infrastructure and facilities*" purpose, contained in the constitution of Community Action Northern Buller (CAN-B) Society Inc. Can-B, which was incorporated as a society in January last year, states amongst its purposes that it will, "advocate and improve community infrastructure, such as parks, recreational areas, and public spaces."

"Consequently, we will be promoting that organisation as the way forward for ongoing beautification work and future public-space projects" Ms Rose said.

"Can-B has it's AGM on February 20th so if you're keen to get involved in beautification and have a mowing solution please go along and see how you can help" (see pages 7 and 19).

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