



Northern Buller's Fantastic February!

From fishing comps to festivals, craft fairs to car rallies, Northern Buller put on a show of variety and flair over January and February for all to enjoy. Check out some of the pictures that came out of these successful events. They'll all be back next year :) A report on the Northern West Coast Arts and Crafts Trail is on page 2.

Northern Buller has a growing reputation for fantastic events that support communities and provide locals and visitors with amazing experiences, says Seddon Ward district councillor Toni O'Keefe, who is still buzzing from the success of the recent Rhythm and Food Festival held at Waimangaroa on Feb 7th. Organised by the Waimangaroa Reserve and Hall subcommittee, tickets for the event sold out during the evening with an estimated 600 people attending. The festival had a wide array of food stalls and a music line up of thirteen acts, including The Millerton Band, Kapa Haka from Buller High School, the Arafats and Mel Parsons.

Toni, who is the subcommittee's BDC rep, said the support they'd had from sponsors and volunteers was amazing. "The effort that goes into these events is extraordinary" she said.

Ms O'Keefe congratulated all of the groups who put on events in Northern Buller. "Our awesome network of volunteers are to be congratulated for the amazing things they achieve with help from supportive funders."



Sponsored by NPD, Southern Feast and Wild Outdoorsman the Mokihinui Kids Fishing competition had magic weather for its event on the 7th of February. Organisers said 130 kids fished "their little hearts out" and over 200 fish were weighed in. They thanked everyone who attended and the amazing crew that helped out behind the scenes.





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ARTS & CRAFTS TRAIL A SUCCESS

By Kate Wall

The second annual Northern West Coast Arts and Crafts Trail for 2026 concluded on Monday Feb 2nd with beautiful weather and our gorgeous surrounds inspiring visitors from far and wide. The local halls and artists' studios were all busy and a great long weekend was had by all.

Hall visitor numbers were impressive with Denniston hosting 210, Waimangaroa Domain 172, Millerton 111, Ngakawau 229 and Mokihinui 136. Our private studios also had a great turnout, such as Conns Creek Pottery with 202 people passing through. Encouragingly, overall results have exceeded last year's Trail by about 25%.



A new addition to the Trail was Fiona and Merv Mackie's private studio in Seddonville, which saw visitor numbers top more than 80 during the 3-day event. The village's new coffee cart also sold plenty of ice creams.

Other studio owners such as Annie Mackenzie, David Marshall, Jan Blackburn and Michael McLaughlin in Granity also recorded great numbers.



The busiest day was Sunday. Everyone said Sunday was "hectic" and they loved every minute of it.

Trail attendees came from all over the northern West Coast and further afield, including Karamea, Westport, Greymouth and further south. Some even caught the train over from Christchurch. A good number of visitors from the Nelson/Tasman district were also noted, taking advantage of their own anniversary weekend to visit beautiful Buller.

We had a total of 35 artists and crafters participating this year; some for the first time. I'm sure it's an experience they will never forget and we appreciated every single one of them. The most common sentiment from visitors that I heard, was the amazing array of great local talent in the area. Some that came last year, returned because they wanted to see and experience it all over again.

One of the highlights I've heard from the artists, is the interactions they experience with visitors. So many questions and ideas, so many compliments and suggestions which is great. This all helps guide us for next year's Trail.

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CAN-B Monthly Update

Following a Summer break, Community Action Northern-Buller is back in full-swing! Here's a snapshot of what your community have been actioning:

IT Workshops: Following feedback from N-B community members, a need for IT Support was identified. Through networking, Nicolle identified an excellent local IT Tutor – Marie – who will be holding monthly IT help drop-in sessions at the Ngakawau Community Centre and weekly drop-ins at Buller REAP in Westport. REAP engaged by Nicolle for funding tutorship.

Chess Club: Nicolle has been working with Oliver from the Westport Library to host a trial 3-weeks of Chess Club in Northern Buller. Stay tuned on a Facebook poll to choose a day / time for this initiative (not on Facebook? Email Nicolle to confirm your interest: connectorcanb@gmail.com)

Pilates and Yoga: Tutors initially engaged by Nicolle to host classes in N-B. Excellent work from Jackie at the Ngakawau Community Centre securing funding for these initiatives until June!

Newbies of Northern Buller Meet-ups: A need identified by the community to encourage integration of newcomers to N-B. Meet-up welcome events / coffee mornings / buddy-system were discussed. Nicolle is looking for locals who are new to Northern Buller to help implement this initiative – please email Nicolle to introduce yourself (In the meantime, do pop along to Nicki's great 'Morning Tea and Natter' initiative at The Lyric Theatre, 10-12:30 every Friday)

Hector Dolphin Signage: Following community feedback that a 'spruce up' was needed of the Hector Dolphin area, Nicolle has engaged with DOC who have agreed to re-design the Hector Dolphin Sign (hooray!) and to fund the majority of the cost. A small contribution from the Hector's Dolphin donation box (CAN-B are fundholders for this) may be required to go towards materials/ installation costs. TBC by DOC; process will take 2-3 months.

Join CAN-B's next public meeting:
**Thursday 12th March, Waimangaroa
 Domain Hall, 6:30pm**



TECH SAVVY DROP-IN SESSIONS TO START IN MARCH

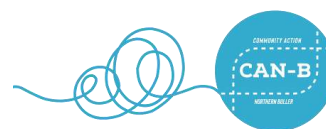


The Ngakawau Community Centre is teaming up with Buller REAP and Heartland Services to offer device advice sessions from Thursday March 12th.

And there'll be plenty of time to get the help you need, with 4-hour sessions to be held between 10am and 2pm every third Thursday of the month. Local IT tutor Marie Rodley has had decades of experience in the IT industry and trained many. You may have seen Marie walking her beagles around Granity and Hector, having recently moved to our little piece of paradise to retire after living and working in Wellington.

Marie has been an IT Instructor and PC support person for almost 30 years, starting her career as the systems administrator for Sealord in Nelson in the 1990s. She has worked all over New Zealand and Australia, teaching a wide range of products and skill levels.

"I am really looking forward offering assistance with mobiles, tablets and laptops at the upcoming monthly "Tech Savvy" sessions that will be running at the Ngakawau Community Centre. Something I have been doing for a few of you already when needed. I promise I won't bite, so please rock up and I will see what I can do to help you". Come and meet Marie at the first monthly session on **Thursday March 12th starting at 10am.**



TEAMWATSON

WATSON'S MILL TRAMWAY TRACK Update

We celebrated our "fresh-off-the-print" First Aid Certified members (huge thanks to Granity Op Shop, Janet Monk & the volunteers) at our first meeting of 2026 on 11th Feb with Cake and Refreshments, and of course the signing of the Agreement from last December. We have made considerable progress on the track. Sections of Heritage sensitivity have been marked off with DOC tape and we have yet to create the track around these to avoid damage. We also have three potential hazard areas to create routes around.

There are "TRACK CLOSED" signs at each end on DOC land. Please respect these. There have been curious people stumbling over Heritage areas – and DOC have noticed and provided us with photos. Also, workers have met the odd bod. PLEASE do NOT be selfish and explore until we have the track complete and signed off by DOC. The real risk is that DOC will withdraw the privilege of us making this track for you and the community.

The Lewis-run working bees are every second Saturday. In between we are refining and weeding existing track. How quickly nature reclaims!!!!

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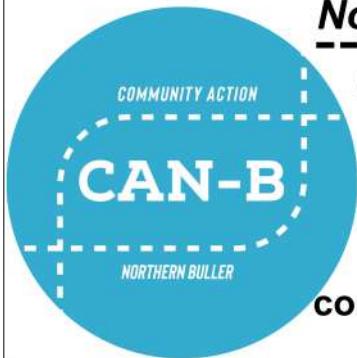
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I will be heading down to the Ngakawau Community Centre, once a Month, to be available to the public. Needing help with a service request, looking for information regarding BDC or just head on down for a chat:

Next Placement
Thursday March 26th
12pm to 2pm

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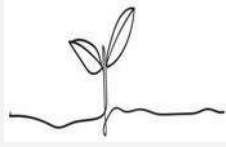
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The Dorado Experiment are a psychedelic rock band from Nelson, NZ, fusing cosmic soundscapes, groove-heavy rhythms, and raw improvisation. Their live shows blur the line between song and journey, weaving hypnotic riffs, soaring vocals, and immersive visuals into a singular experience. With roots in classic '70s and psychedelic rock, the band channels the energy of icons like Led Zeppelin, The Doors, Aerosmith, Pink Floyd, and the Red Hot Chili Peppers, creating a sound that's both timeless and electrifying.

Known for their improvisational flair and dynamic live performances, The Dorado Experiment blend the wild energy of a jam session with the precision of crafted songwriting. The band has released a live album movie capturing the intensity of their stage presence and completed a studio album ready for distribution, marking them as one of New Zealand's most exciting rising acts. From packed underground venues to festival headlining slots, The Dorado Experiment deliver immersive, unforgettable experiences that bridge classic psychedelia with modern experimental rock.

Presales \$29, door sales \$35. Doors open 7:30pm, music starts 8.



Friday 6 March **QUIZ NIGHT**

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Tuesday 24 March

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An unexpected event forces Tessa to confront the very system she has spent her life believing and working within - a system where the lines of patriarchal power and burden of proof are not set up to accommodate the lived experience of sexual assault survivors.

Directed by NZ acting royalty Michael Hurst and performed by Cassandra Woodhouse, NZ Theatre Company is honoured to bring Prima Facie to the NZ stage and continue to call the action that this story is demanding worldwide.



Doors open 6:00 pm, Performance starts 7:00 pm

Presales \$25(+BF) from NBS Theatre Westport, Door sales \$35



Thursday 26 March

The Boy with Wings

As autumn closes in, the Kuaka (Bar-tailed Godwits) take flight to begin their long migration from New Zealand to Alaska, striving to live out their life cycle to its fullest. The success of this mission relies on gritty determination and their trust in some kind of 'inner map' that guides them to their 'treasure' - the northern breeding grounds that assure them of continued life.

This process is nothing short of a miracle and watching them take to the sky is young Jack who needs to go on a journey of his own because, due to lack of rain, his ancient apple orchard is dying. He has a dream that tells him to look for a "boy with wings and the treasure that will save his trees" and not knowing which way to go he decides to follow the migrating birds.



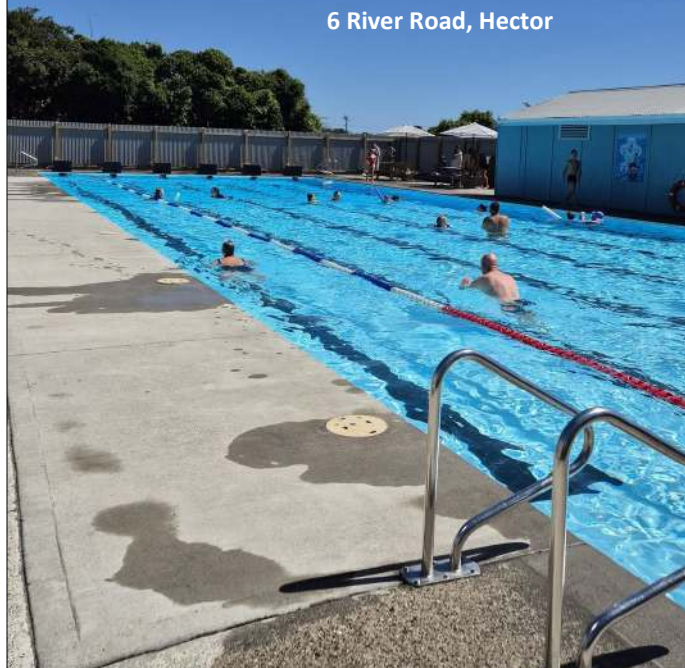
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The Past Revisited, Memories in Northern Buller

(by Lynne Maguire)

Recollections of CA



CA's grandparents immigrated to New Zealand from England in 1928. They moved to Seddonville for a short time, then to Hector. HB (grandfather) worked in coal mines as a hewer, who was, according to the Oxford Dictionary, *a miner who cuts coal from a seam*. It was a very physical, technical and demanding job. HB's son, JB, was four when the family arrived at their new home.

JB was one of the approximately 140,000 New Zealand men and women who went overseas during World War II, one of only seven blacksmith strikers. I Googled this work, it is very hard, physical, and specialised, perhaps a testament to his father HB. He returned home in 1946 and, in December of that year, married. He worked at the mine, his daughter thinks in the engineering workshop.

Three months after his marriage disaster occurred. JB was riding his motorbike when he was hit by an articulated truck. His injuries kept him in hospital for three months and resulted in the amputation of one of his legs. Later in 1947, JB began building what would become the family home in Hector. With no prior building experience, he set to work with planning and construction. The building process was frustrating for a man with one leg who relied on crutches; climbing a ladder was impossible. Not to be defeated, JB set about crafting himself an artificial leg made from wood. He attached the leg with a belt around his waist and shoulder straps. The 'foot' of the leg had a special moon-shaped addition that allowed JB to safely climb a ladder and continue the house construction.

Because of his disability, working in the mining industry was now out of the question, and a lack of funds made finishing the house difficult. JB's parents bought the house, had it finished, and moved in, while JB moved his family to Greymouth in the hope of better opportunities. CA was five years old. CA went to kindergarten in Hector, in what is now an empty building near the medical centre on the Main Road. She was also baptised in a church in Hector, which is now a private dwelling.

CA really looked forward to the summer school holidays, when she would travel by train to Westport via Reefton and her grandmother would meet her. They would catch the Railways bus to Hector where she would have the best holidays. The track to the beach at the end of Ives Street was a long walk for a young person, not like today. CA remembers collecting stones and sucking them to get the salty taste. She also recalls going to the movies at the Hector Theatre and Dance Hall; sadly, all that is left now is concrete, metal, long grass, and many memories for those folks who visited for dances, shows, and the pictures. CA's grandmother cooked on a coal range; she reckons the best bread and shortbread ever. To visit her friends in Granity, CA, and her grandmother would catch the bus from Hector. CA has memories of sitting on a villa veranda in Granity, mesmerised by the coal trains passing through.

CA's grandfather had a wonderful vegetable garden. He caught whitebait, presumably from the Ngākawau River, and after digging trenches in his garden deposited the whitebait as fertiliser. No wonder his tomatoes and potatoes were so tasty! CA recalls rows and rows of them.

Many thanks to CA for entrusting me with the wonderful memories that she holds of her family, early days and school holidays.

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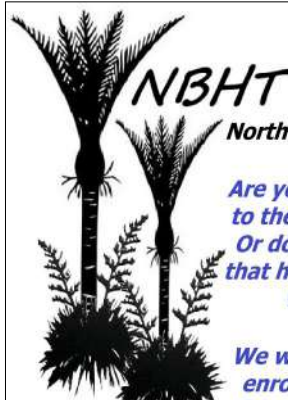
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Internet scammers are getting better at copying websites that people trust.

This one from IRD is common at this time of year as people process their end-of-year tax returns. Always check the sender's full email address first. It's dead give-away as you can see below. Also IRD use **your name** when they email you and they **don't** include links in their messaging.

New letter from Inland Revenue

Inland Revenue <info@hanasousai.co.jp>
To: nbcrc@actia.co.nz

Inland Revenue
Te Tari Taake

X Kia Ora,

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[Log into myIR](#) to start refund process.

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Regards,

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Recycling Guidelines at a glance

What can and cannot go into your yellow bin

Materials accepted as recycling

-  Only clear and coloured **plastics #1, #2 and #5** are recyclable. **Plastic #1 meat trays** are now accepted. All items need to be rinsed clean, with lids removed.
-  Clean **aluminium cans and steel tins** are recyclable. You need to rinse, clean, and check.
-  **Cardboard and paper** are recyclable. **Clean pizza boxes** (no food residue) are now accepted. Items must be larger than an envelope, clean and flattened.

The best way to improve our recycling system is following the three Rs model of reduce, reuse, and recycle

Materials not accepted as recycling

Plastics #3, #4, #6 and #7 cannot be recycled, so keep them out of your yellow bin. Check what type of plastic things are when you buy and choose recyclable plastics.

- ✗ Food waste
- ✗ Nappies/tissues
- ✗ Polystyrene
- ✗ Coffee cups
- ✗ Plastic bags
- ✗ Garden waste
- ✗ Clothing
- ✗ Vacuum cleaner bags
- ✗ PPE (masks, gloves)
- ✗ Cling wrap
- ✗ Dirty plastic containers
- ✗ Unrinsed aluminium cans/steel tins

Glass crate

- ✔ You can only put **clean unbroken glass bottles and jars**, rinsed with lids removed in your glass crate.
- ✔ **Do not over fill** your glass crate. Overfilled glass crates are a safety hazard.



- ✔ You must ensure the **glass is level** with the top of the crate or it may not be picked up.
- ✔ **Extra bottles** can be taken to the transfer station for **FREE** - Easy!





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Bart Gillman
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Tania Hammond
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We would like to thank Jo Douglas from Team Watson for liaising with St Johns and also Glen Standing, Fire Chief from the Granity Volunteer Fire Brigade for allowing the use of the station's room for this event.

Lastly our wonderful Northern Buller community, whose generous donations of items to sell in the shop helped make this possible.

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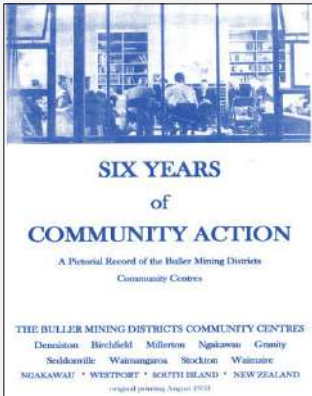
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TOREA GALLERY NEWS

The Gallery has had a busy summer season so far.

The recent Arts Trail weekend was very successful, benefitting many of our local creatives, with a number of visitors commenting on the level of skill and talent in our region.

The current exhibition is Ceramics by Bronwyn



Brady of Templetree Pottery NZ, followed by "An eclectic collection of florals and artful whimsy" by Tania Hammond running for six weeks from 21 March. We are also currently exploring creative workshops to be held locally from April to Sept 2026, details will be advertised once

locked in. We look forward to seeing you at the Gallery in March.



EMPTY SHOES

Empty shoes can be infuriating and touching.

They can also be frightening. You must have waked to footsteps you couldn't identify— in the next room

or on the gravel outside your window...

They were your shoes looking for your feet.

When they're on the prowl dogs give them a wide berth.

Most shoes are well-behaved, but the conduct of the worst—the slinky types, Italian-tooled— leaves much to be desired.

If they can't find your feet, any feet protruding from a bed will do.

How often have you woken up appalled to be in someone else's shoes—

perhaps your neighbour's? Shoes are incorrigible!

The empty shoes of children are the most touching;

those of the newly dead easily the most frightening.

I wonder at all those shoes boxed up in tiers

on the shelves of shoe stores, all virginal

and expectant of the shoe-horn's easing... What becomes of those left on the shelf?

Are they pensioned off or merely shown the door

to walk the world embittered old maids? One thing puzzles me about empty shoes;

how do they open doors?

Alistair Campbell



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(Resources and Information for residents and visitors to our District)

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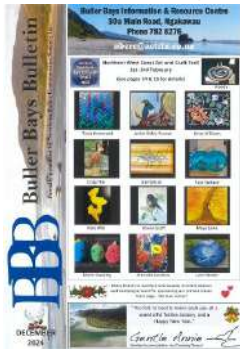
Edition of the Buller Bays Bulletin must be received by the Ngakawau Community Centre by

Midday Friday 20th March 2026

Email: nbcrc@actrix.co.nz
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THE BBB (OUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER)



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Matwork Pilates with Deb B



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- 10AM – one for the parents with young children and bubs.*

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Starts Thursday March 12th 10am
(See info on page 5)



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Pickleball sessions will return to Ngakawau on **Tuesday April 14th** 10.30-11.30am Adults Session

We're also hosting Sunday Kids Sessions from **Sunday April 19th** 1pm-2pm
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