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Lest we forget...

They shall grow not old, as we
that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor
the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and
in the morning
We will remember them.

The Granity/Waimangaroa branch of the Westport Returned Services Association has almost completed a tidy-up and improvements to the Granity Cenotaph surrounds in preparation for a special celebration at this year's Anzac Remembrance Day on April 25th. This year marks 100 years since the cenotaph was officially unveiled on April 8th 1926. The surrounding nib walls at the site have been water-blasted and painted and a new concrete path poured to the cenotaph and memorial plaques. Better lighting for the ceremony has also been purchased. Also keep an eye out for an amazing mural soon to appear on the side of the library thanks to funding from the Granity Op Shop. For Anzac service times and places locally, please see page 2.



New concrete thanks to Adams Construction Ltd and funding from Buller District Council Parks & Reserves



Martin Sweetman (left) & Alan Merrett complete painting at the Granity Cenotaph site



War memorial unveiled at Granity 8th April, 1926.
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TECH SAVVY DROP-IN SESSIONS CONTINUE IN APRIL

A GREAT turnout for the Tech Savvy session held at the Ngakawau Community Centre last month. The centre teamed up with Buller REAP and Heartland Services to offer the device advice sessions every third Thursday of the month between 10am and 2pm. **The next one will be on April 16th.**

Don't miss your next opportunity to work with local IT tutor Marie Rodley who has had decades of experience in the IT industry.



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REMEMBERING ANZAC DAY

In 1915 Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the allied expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli Peninsula.

The plan was to capture Constantinople (now Istanbul), capital of the Ottoman Empire and an ally of the Germans.

They landed at Gallipoli on 25 April meeting fierce resistance from the Turkish defenders.

The assault rapidly became a stalemate, dragging on for eight long months.

By the end of 1915, the allied forces were evacuated after both sides had suffered heavy casualties. Around 14,000 soldiers from New Zealand were involved in the fighting and of these, almost 3000 were killed and 5000 injured.

ANZAC DAY SERVICES - times and places

- Seddonville - Service at Gates 6:00 am
- Granity - Granity Dawn Parade 06:15 am
- Waimangaroa - 9:00am

Lest We Forget



Daylight Saving Ending

Daylight saving in New Zealand ends on **Sunday, 5 April 2026, at 3:00 AM, when clocks are turned backward one hour to 2:00**

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WATSON'S MILL TRAMWAY TRACK - March Progress

The Holland side main track is finished with a little tivating, and regrowth is already happening. The weather has been perfect, track steps and benches done. A big thanks to the two out of town helpers, sadly they have left for home. If you would like to help we have a Working Team every Saturday 10 am meeting at Onslow St corner. We supply secateurs and other useable tools or bring-your-own. 21 March will be on D.O.C. land, making a track around the slip and benching for the next four Saturdays with the aim of reaching the first mill site. For those of us not as physical, there is cutty grass, small brush and the entrance on the list. Inger Perkins and Dan Wildy (pictured) from the Walking Access Commission came to discuss how to put the easement on the Holland land. Jo, Lewis and Heather took Inger and Dan on track so they would see first hand what we want to preserve for generations to come.

Meeting 8th April at Pensioners Hall at 6.30pm



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NGAKAWAU SWIMMING POOL KEYHOLDER REFUNDS

Wow! This year the pool was open for the longest time in recent memory. Despite intermittent day temps over the summer months the pool was open for swimming for several weeks longer than usual. Great to see after the effort that went into its renovation last year. A reminder to key-holders that your keys can now be returned to the Ngakawau Community Centre for a refund. Please include your name and bank account number for the refund to go into.

IMPORTANT DEADLINE! - REQUEST YOUR REFUND BEFORE APRIL 20th



Local Artist: Faye Spillane
 Address: 22 Lewis Street
 Mokihinui
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 Gallery Hours : When sign out or
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CAN-B Monthly Update

Northern Buller Online Banking Support Day

Thursday 16th April, 11am – 1:30pm, Ngakawau Community Centre

The banks are coming to you!

Community feedback: IT support is needed in Northern-Buller, particularly surrounding online banking.

What has been actioned:

CAN-B's Connector engaged IT tutor Marie, Ngakawau Community Centre and Buller REAP to fund monthly 'IT Savvy' drop-in sessions.

Your Connector engaged local banks (ASB, KiwiBank and Westpac) to host an Online Banking Support Day in Northern Buller. (NBS unable to attend due to current staff shortages).

Day Itinerary: 16th April at Ngakawau Community Centre:

9-10am: Try a FREE Pilates class with Deb

Grab a coffee from 'Cactus Café's' Coffee Cart which will be stationed at Ngakawau Community Centre for the day

10am: IT Tutor Marie is on hand to help with drop-in IT queries. Bring your devices (laptops / iPads / tablets / smart phones) to Marie who can help download your banking apps prior to the banks arriving.

11am – 1:30pm: Bank staff arrive to support the community with online banking queries

1-1 in-person drop-in sessions for online banking questions and support. Set up online banking, schedule automatic payments, pay bills + more!

Advice on being 'safe and savvy' online to avoid scams and frauds

Bring valid photo ID (passport / drivers licence / Kiwi Access Card/18+ Card) Bring your devices

Chess Club

On hold due to a change in management at Westport Library. New manager's availability for this initiative to be obtained.

Team Watson

CAN-B to support Team Watson as an umbrella fundholder and RealMe account access, enabling Team Watson to apply for a vital Lotto Grant needed to progress their track build.

Art Workshops

Torea Gallery is engaging local artists to put together workshops for you all to enjoy over the winter months. Do you have an artistic skill to share with your community? Pop into Torea Gallery and speak to Mandy / Tania about this initiative.

NEXT CAN-B PUBLIC MEETING: Thursday 9th April, 6:30pm at Millerton Hall



Greetings from your local Constable

I'm pleased to let you all know that I have now returned from parental leave —and I'm happy to report that the population of Granity has increased by one with the safe arrival of our newest family member.

While I was away, it was a fairly busy period for the area. Police dealt with several disorder-related incidents involving an individual who was subsequently remanded in custody. Thank you to everyone who supported our staff during that time and provided information when needed.

Since returning to duty, I assisted other staff with a search warrant in our area connected to a series of burglaries across the wider region. Offenders were mainly targeting power tools and trailers. As a result of the warrant, a 30 year old male and a 45 year old female have been charged.

This is a timely reminder to think about security—particularly for sheds, outbuildings, and unoccupied properties. Please ensure you record serial numbers, take photographs, and mark or engrave tools with a unique identifier. These steps significantly improve the chances of stolen items being recovered and returned.

Regarding the Easter protesters from the initial Stockton Mine incident, the matter remains before the court.

Further proceedings are scheduled in the coming months before an outcome will be known.

As for the second 23-day protest, there is currently no update, and that matter is likely heading to trial later in the year. Environmental activists continue to frequent the wider area. Please remain vigilant so we can prevent any unlawful activity that may disrupt our community.

My focus on road policing continues, with attention on seatbelt compliance, alcohol and drug impairment, cell phone use while driving and speed, i was disappointed to hear that during the summer period, the booze bus issued a number of excess breath alcohol infringement notices in our area. Please don't take the risk of driving after consuming alcohol—even if your destination is "just down the road." The potential consequences simply aren't worth it.

If you ever see something that doesn't look right, or if you have concerns, please get in touch. Your information helps keep our community safe.

Emergencies (happening now): Call 111

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Stay safe,

Constable Paul Cannell



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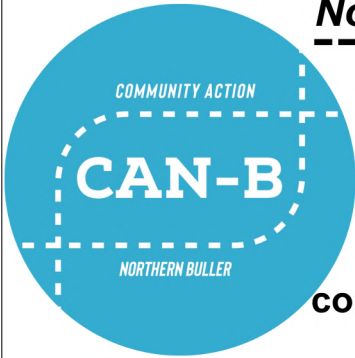
Eggs, bunnies and Jesus Christ

Easter is the most important Christian holiday, celebrating the belief that Jesus Christ rose from the dead three days after being crucified. It symbolises the victory of life over death, the forgiveness of sins, and the promise of new beginnings. Easter in New Zealand is a four-day weekend (Good Friday to Easter Monday) that blends religious traditions with autumn school holidays, chocolate treats, and family time. It is a time of "new life" and "new beginnings," often celebrated with roast lamb, egg hunts, and hot cross buns.

Good Friday: This is the day Christians remember Jesus being nailed to a cross (crucifixion). It is called "Good" because it was a "holy" or good act of love, though it is a sad story. **Easter Sunday:** On this day, Jesus' friends found his tomb empty. He had come back to life (resurrection), which Christians celebrate as a victory over death, proving Jesus is the son of God.



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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 April 30th
12pm to 2pm

If you have any concerns or queries don't hesitate to contact me, I am here to serve.



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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.

FREE ENTRY, suitable for ages 5 - 9 years, starts 10:30am



Saturday 11 April Algal Bloom - The World of Gravity II

Returning after their first World Tour of Gravity in 2024, Selwyn-based band Algal Bloom play music to dance to, with a heady brew of R&B, Rock and Pop tunes, including that one you can't remember the name of..."

Entry \$20, door sales only. Doors open 7:00pm, music starts 8:00 pm



Friday 17 April QUIZ NIGHT

Your favourite quizmasters Martin and Nicki present your chance to win at the high-stakes game of being the biggest know-it-all.

With 8 rounds of topics traversing realms of the familiar to the delightfully obscure, it pays to bring your 'A' game and a nerd (or two).

**Teams of 4-6, \$5 per person. Doors open 6:30, Quiz starts at 7pm sharp
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GRANITY SCHOOL NEWS



Term 1 has started very positively here at Granity Kura. We have loved welcoming three new students into our junior space, who have settled in amazingly well!

One of our highlights this term has been swimming at the Ngakawau Pool. A huge thank you and shout-out to Pat Dudley, who generously volunteered her time to teach lifesaving skills to our tamariki. They really enjoyed learning how to wear life jackets correctly, and swimming in clothes helped emphasise the reality of falling out of a boat—what can happen and how to keep ourselves safe in that situation.

Our tamariki have also been enjoying developing their athletics skills this term. With the amazing sunshine, they've had plenty of opportunities to practise. We had a very successful athletics day and wish all the best to those students who will be participating in district athletics in the final week of term.

Our whānau connect afternoon was another highlight, with an awesome turnout. It was a great opportunity to share updates around curriculum changes, attendance expectations, and developments in assessment and reporting. It was also a chance to connect with our wider community and enjoy a sausage sizzle together.

Nic Nicoll is back teaching and is running a maths programme in the afternoons to support and accelerate learners as well as running the garden to table programme and helping out with the school library. We are also fortunate to have Jan Blackburn, a local literacy advisor, working with our students weekly to support literacy development. We value the ongoing support from Joey, our liaison RTLB, and Sarah, our SWIS, who both connect with us regularly.

This term, Rob is teaching one day a week in the Tui class. On this day, students are taking the lead in planning and organising their class camp to Hanmer in Term 4. Watch this space—fundraising will be getting underway in Term 2!

Overall, it has been a busy but very enjoyable term. I would like to sincerely thank our amazing team and board for their ongoing support, commitment and mahi.

We are looking for some extra helping hands to shift the sleepers that were kindly donated by Bathurst. These are very heavy, so we'll need a few strong volunteers to help get them into place over the school holidays.

If this sounds like you, we would love your support—please get in touch with the school office.

A reminder that we are always open for new enrolments—come and check us out! Visitors often comment on the awesome, positive vibe of our kura, and we would love for you to experience it too!

Noho ora mai, Nikki Smith, Principal



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WAIMANGAROA TOWN HEART TIDY UP

(contributed by S. James)

One recent Tuesday evening saw a group of volunteers gather to upgrade the gardens. It's looking loved now for those passing through or heading home.

Thanks to the Buller District Council for their grant, and the donation of plants from community - in one case, 90 Rengarenga lilies. We undertook the task made much easier with so many folks turning up with shovels and wheelbarrows.

The Waimangaroa Fire Brigade provided a sizzling sausage tea and their team which the community really appreciate for their energy and commitment.

HEB Construction folk along with the locals, set too and enjoyed the opportunity to meet those new to the area sharing good will and laughter.

Go the community that works together and laughs together!



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The Past Revisited, Memories in Northern Buller

(by Lynne Maguire)

Recollections of LM

The Inangahua Earthquake of 1968 was felt far and wide, with widespread destruction across the Buller district. In the early 1970s, two teenage boys walked into the Mōkihinui Forks and experienced firsthand the effects of the earthquake, turning what was expected to be a reasonably easy walk into something more challenging.



The Old Forks Hut – Mōkihinui R

LM and JH were fairly experienced trampers for their ages, 15 and 16, respectively. They belonged to a tramping group in Christchurch and had come on holiday to Seddonville, where JH's parents had a Bach. It was likely Easter 1972. JH had a gun licence and an old ex-army .303 rifle with open sights.

The lads set off before daylight, full of energy and eager anticipation of the venison they would bring back in a couple of days' time. The current Old Ghost Road track is like a state highway compared to the one encountered in the early '70s. The old logging road at the start of the track was in disrepair. It was very muddy, and the logs lying across the track often had wide gaps between them. Walking with a pack weighing just under 20kg was hard and slow going.

The boys heard deer roar and saw fresh sign as they continued walking in. At Welcome Bay, a herd of goats distracted them, and they shot several. LM reckons it spoiled their chances of seeing a deer, as they would have run off at the first shot. At the old Mōkihinui bridge, they encountered more goats and left that herd slightly lower in number.

There was significant earthquake damage to the track; it was very slow going, with lots of windfall and slips. The boys constantly clambered above the slips, often removing their packs to navigate under the fallen trees. That day, they made it as far as Specimen Creek and camped under tent flies. (No hut or bridge back then). LM recalls light drizzle that night, but he wasn't fazed by the weather.

The next morning, the boys arrived at an extensive sandy flat. It's bush now, but the earthquake had lifted the land and drained the lake that had once been there. They counted 56 goats on that flat, but they had had enough of goats, and watched them leave up a big slip on the true left of the river. However, there were four big billy goats with what, to the boys, were huge handlebar horns. They lay down on their packs and shot one at long range. Those horns were lugged all the way back to Seddonville and then transported back to Christchurch in the family car. LM says they were very smelly.

Finally, they arrived at the Forks hut. It was a standard, orange-coloured forestry hut with a food cupboard and a large fireplace that made the entire room smoky when lit. The boys stayed two days at the hut. They saw one deer, but were unable to shoot it. A highlight of the stay at the hut was a visit from a deer hunter, JG. He was staying at Sinclair Creek and had a small plane to cart out the deer that he sold for meat. He asked the boys if they could help him by holding the plane while he revved it to get a good take-off. This was conditional on the number of deer he had to fly out and the weight of his cargo. He also offered to buy any deer that the boys shot. It wasn't to be, and LM and JH never saw him again. They filled in time eeling caught with goat meat for bait and exploring. LM said the water was very clean, and they saw trout up the South Branch, above the Forks.

All too soon, it was time to walk out. This time, the boys knew what they were in for; they had marked places on the track where they needed to divert, but it was still a big mission getting back to Seddonville. They managed it in one day, keeping to their schedule and returning to civilisation.

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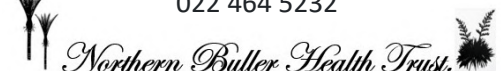


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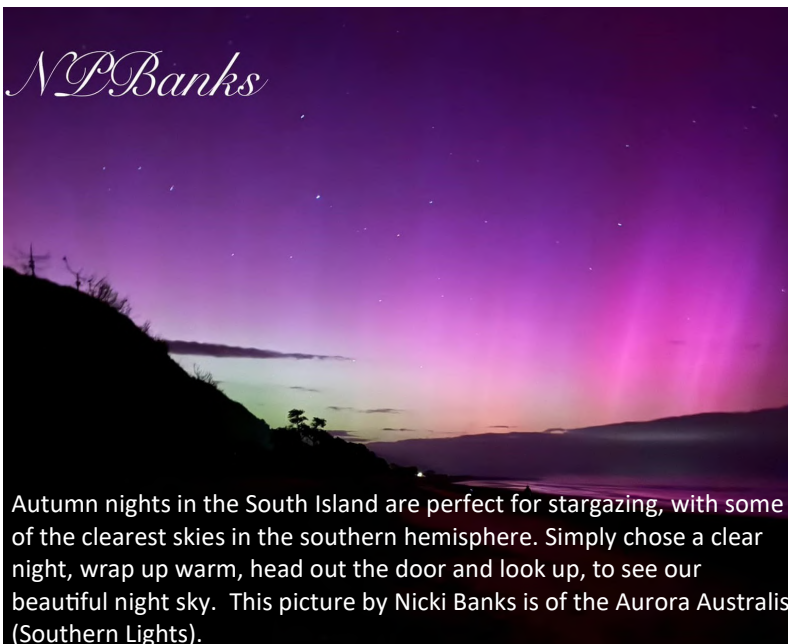
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Dog Owners Handbook out now



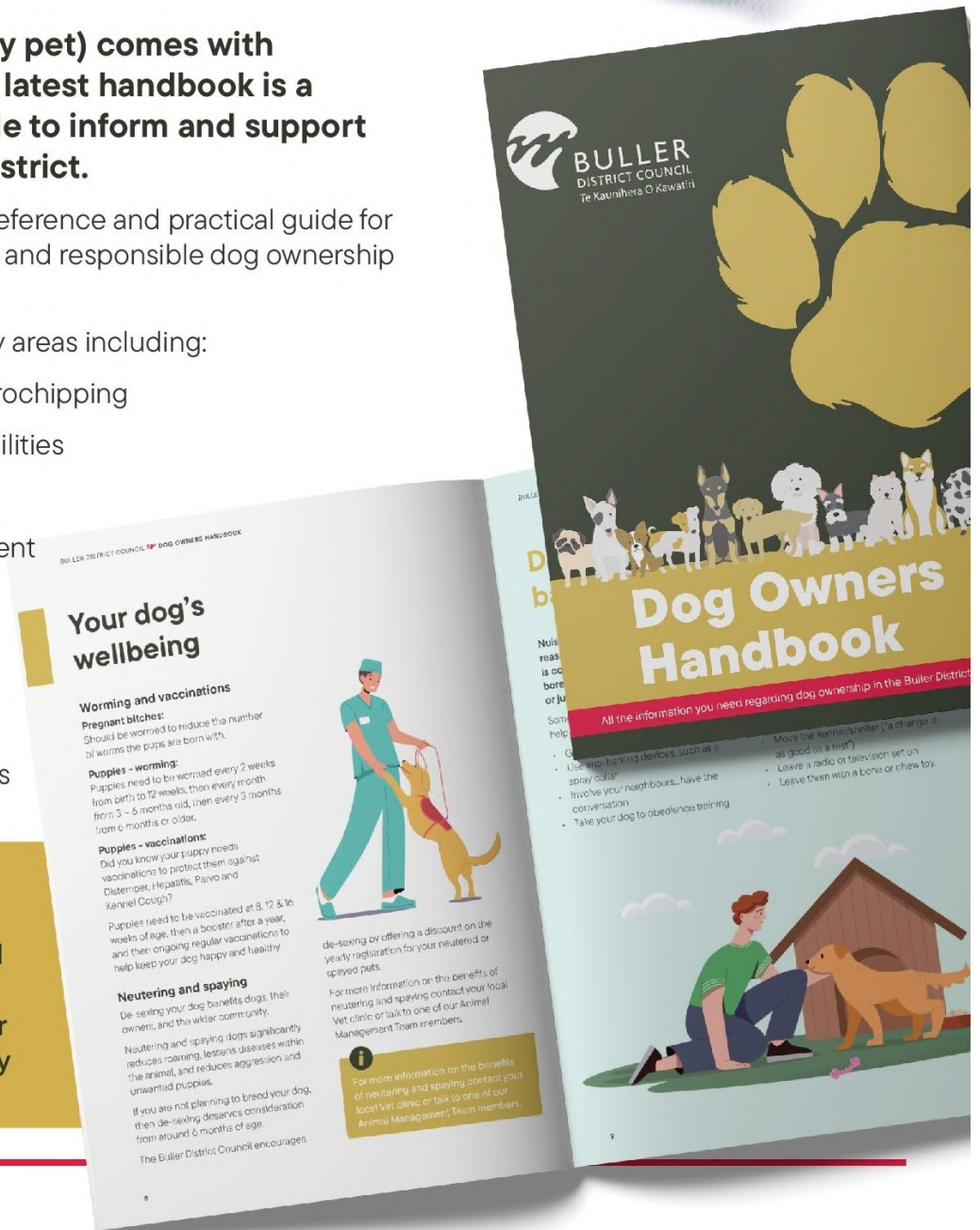
Owning a dog (or any pet) comes with responsibilities. Our latest handbook is a comprehensive guide to inform and support dog owners in the district.

It serves as both a legal reference and practical guide for maintaining safe, healthy, and responsible dog ownership in the Buller District.

The handbook covers key areas including:

- Registration and microchipping
- Ownership responsibilities
- Your dog's wellbeing
- Behaviour management
- Bylaws and legal obligations
- Wildlife protection
- Contact details for local support services

Grab your free copy from your nearest Buller District Council service centre, Buller Vets, Karamea i-site or Ngakawau Community Centre.



Your dog's wellbeing

Worming and vaccinations

Pregnant bitches: Should be wormed to reduce the number of worms the pups are born with.

Puppies - worming: Puppies need to be wormed every 2 weeks from birth to 12 weeks, then every month from 3 - 6 months old, then every 3 months from 6 months or older.

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For more information on the benefits of neutering and spaying contact your local Vet clinic or talk to one of our Animal Management Team members.

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Dog Owners Handbook

All the information you need regarding dog ownership in the Buller District

- Use anti-barking devices, such as a spray collar
- Involve your neighbours... have the conversation
- Take your dog to obedience training
- Move the kennel/shelter (a change is as good as a rest)
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- Leave them with a bone or chew toy



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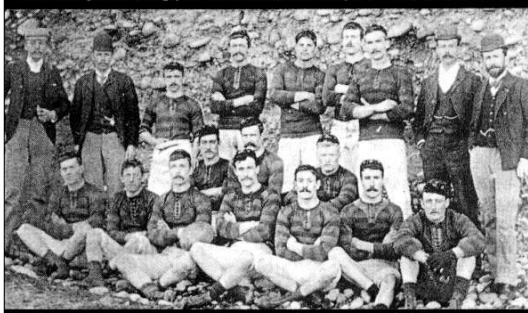
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The first Buller representative rugby team defeated Nelson 6-nil on July 30, 1895, at Victoria Square in Westport.

This historic match, often celebrated in local rugby history, marked a significant win for the newly established Buller Rugby Football Union against their Nelson counterparts.



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the blackout into the croaking light of my only plan?

Janet Frame



THE NGAKAWAU COMMUNITY CENTRE

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

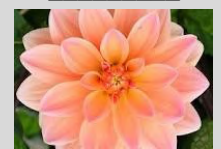
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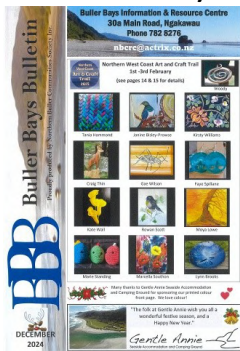
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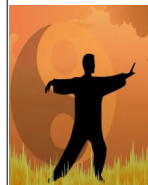
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