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GRANITY SCHOOL TERM 2

Kia ora koutou,
We had a wonderful Term 2 at Granity Kura, full of engaging learning experiences for our ākonga. Our focus was on learning how to keep ourselves safe, and we were fortunate to have several special visitors to support this kaupapa.

Highlights included visits from the Health Education Trust with Harold the Giraffe, the local Granity Fire Brigade, Education Police Officers, and a session with Westland Milk Products, where students learned how milk is produced—from farm to bottle!

It was certainly a busy term, but the students thoroughly enjoyed every opportunity that came their way. We're also excited to share that our playground has had a little spruce-up and is starting to look much more colourful and inviting for our tamariki. The Pīwakawaka class especially enjoyed creating Matariki - inspired artwork and learning about the stories and significance of Matariki.

This term, our Inquiry focus is: *Who do we share our planet with, and how can we play our part in looking after it?* We'll be exploring this through a social science lens. As part of the Arts Curriculum, our students will also be learning some kanikani (dance) this term, which we know they will love!

We're also excited to welcome back Dy Blick, who will be supporting our kura in getting our Garden to Table programme up and running. We're pleased to share that our tunnel house is now up, and we're looking forward to growing our own kai very soon!

A huge thanks to Bev Fastier who is volunteering her time this term to come and support our tamariki with reading mileage this is hugely appreciated by the team.

You may be aware that we are holding elections this term for new members of our Board of Trustees. If you're interested in joining, please don't hesitate to contact Annie at the school office—nomination and eligibility forms are available now and close on 6th August. If you'd like to find out more about what being a board member involves, I'll be hosting an informal meeting at Granity Kura on Tuesday 22nd at 3pm. You don't need to have a child at the school to be part of the board—it's open to the wider community.

Over the term, I'll also be sharing information with the community about our Strategic Planning for 2026. This will include some survey questions about the future direction of our kura, and we would love to hear your thoughts. Keep an eye on our local social media pages for information and links.

Noho ora mai,
Nikki Smith - Principal



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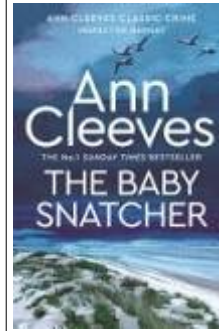
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We'll catch the sun rising
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mountains
To the bottom of the sea
When the day is over
And the night air comes to
chill us
You'll build a fire
And we'll watch the flames
dancing
You'll fall asleep
With your arm around my
shoulder
And nothing will come
between us
On the first night in August
The first day in August

Source: [Musixmatch](https://www.musixmatch.com)



Civic Awards

- Pulse Buller Civic Award (for community volunteer work)
- Pulse Buller Rangatahi Leadership Award
- Pulse NBS Annual Community Contribution Award





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(Sports year ending 25 September 2025, 4pm)

- Pulse Buller Sportsperson, Sports Team or Sports Club of the Year
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- Pulse Buller Premier Sports Award



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Completed nomination forms to be emailed to: awards@bullernetwork.co.nz
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All nominations close Thursday 25 September 2025, 4pm.









Travel Tales #7 (by Lynne Maguire)

Dear Reader

When exploring new places, I like the spontaneity of 'in the moment,' discovering for myself in my way. I enjoy searching for small plants and animals in quiet places. I've never been much of a fan of hustle and bustle, with lots of noise and having to engage in conversations if I'm not in the mood. There were some moments like that on our holiday in Europe, but more often than not, it was the latter. Busy streets, lots of people, and noise from vehicles followed us wherever we went. Usually, we followed our own itinerary and planned our days for self-discovery; however, on one day in Italy, we took a group tour.

We were in Florence, and my sister had a deep desire to experience Tuscany. It seemed the best way, with our limited time and ability to travel, was a bus tour. We arrived at the meeting place early in the morning and settled into our seats, joining about 40 other tourists, anticipating a long, hot, and tiring day. Our first stop was Siena, where a local guide met us and took us for a walk around the village. The village is divided into several districts, and each district has its own special emblem: a horse, a snail, an eagle, a giraffe, a seashell, and others. To the best of my memory, there are twelve altogether. Walking along the narrow, cobbled streets, with tall buildings on each side, you would see evidence of the district you were in: flags, carvings, building names, and paintings. Siena is famous for its horse race,



Contrada della Chiocciola District
of the snail

which is held every two years. Each district is represented by its horse and rider. The horses are very well cared for and are the focus of the race, not the rider. The day before the race, each horse and rider enters their specific district church for a blessing by a priest. The day of the race draws thousands of people to the village piazza, where there is lots of gambling, drinking, and patriotism. Each horse and rider (the horses are ridden bareback) does two laps of the piazza, and the winner has a year's bragging rights. If a rider falls off but the horse completes the race, it is still the winner. We didn't experience the horse race, but I've watched some YouTube videos since I returned home, and it is something else!

After we visited Siena, we were taken to a local vineyard for lunch. This was a banquet featuring a variety of local produce to enjoy. I was provided with a gluten-free vegetarian meal, and it was one of the best that I had all holiday. We had a variety of red and white wines to sample, followed by a lovely dessert paired with a sweet wine. My sister was very taken with the delicious saffron honey and dessert wine, some of which eventually made its way back to Australia. Lunch was also an excellent opportunity to meet others on the tour; we represented a global potpourri, mostly, American, as well as English, German, Spanish, Australian, Dutch, and others. I was the only Kiwi, and no one I met that day had even heard of New Zealand.

San Gimignano was our next stop. Again, narrow cobbled streets, steep hills, and tall buildings. We explored the village, did some shopping, and climbed a tower which gave epic views of the countryside. The weather was hot, and we'd been told that the best gelato in Tuscany could be bought in this town. So, we did. And it was! Back on the bus, we travelled to Pisa. I have known about the leaning tower, it seems like all my life, and I was excited to see it. I must admit that I was a bit disappointed, perhaps because I was too tired, too hot, or just over it. We had a look around and took some photos, but I didn't go into the tower. Sitting in the shade, on the grass, watching people was a pleasant pastime. The trip back on the bus to Florence seemed to take a very long time. People were hot and tired, and I heard more than one complaint of sore feet. For me, though, I was feeling pretty content. I don't think I would have gained the stories or met the locals if I had visited by myself, and it was good to sit in a cool air-conditioned bus and be driven from place to place.

This wouldn't be my go-to when I holiday, but would I go on an organised tour again? Yes, I think I would.

Yours sincerely,

A sexagenarian on her first European OE

TOREA GALLERY NEWS

Kia Ora koutou



It's been a great winter month for the Gallery although fairly quiet in terms of customers. Our pile replacement project is finally completed after some years in the inception and development - we started on this before covid lockdown so that's at least 5 yrs ago! Great to have passionate members with a tonne of perseverance! We would like to acknowledge our funders the Trusts Community Foundation, the West Coast Development Trust and Bathurst and our local Community support - without customers we wouldn't exist!

Next up is painting the showroom - this is a late August project and to this end we will be closed Sunday 24th - Tuesday 26th August. It will be great to have the walls and ceiling all one colour for a change and definitely a bright new look.

Currently running is an exhibition of felting and harakeke weaving titled 'Elemental Energies'. Come check it out if you haven't already, definitely worth a look.

Our members are forever diversifying their crafts so there's always something new down here so hope to see you soon.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

We share the concerns of our farming and gardening colleagues in northern Buller and around the motu about extreme, impractical, and undemocratic proposals contained in the controversial Gene Technology Bill. This Bill was quietly released for its first reading, just a few days before last Christmas- without consulting the farming sector.

What is proposed is deregulation of outdoor GE crops and animals and the removal of the Precautionary approach, any ethical considerations, and strict liability. No civil liability means there will be no compensation for farmers who are contaminated through all the known vectors: wind, pollen, seeds, vegetative material, soils, waterways, animals, insects, machinery, and extreme weather events including floods.

Regulations exist for a reason. These GMOs are not genetically superior to their non-GM counterparts. Whilst an "on-target" genetic change may be achieved, "off-target", unexpected and undesirable changes- as documented overseas*- can also occur. These can be harmful in terms of food safety, animal welfare and cause major biosecurity breaches and wider environmental damage. Adverse impacts are likely to be irreversible.

Sincerely

Linda Grammer and Ian Mulholland (Seddonville)



GRANITY VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

Growing Stronger Together!

We hope you've all been keeping safe and dry with this wet weather. We also send our love and support to those impacted by the weather in the Nelson Tasman region. Our team has been busy upskilling and onboarding new recruits. Our two newest members have been getting familiar with our vehicles, tools and learning how to become top notch firefighters. One of our previous recruits has completed another course and qualification, having officially now ranked up to better serve the community.

In light of the weather and to keep your property and family safe from flooding, we'd like to remind everyone to keep their drains clean of debris and make sure you've got easy access to your home in case we need to get to you. Fire and Emergency New Zealand know that in this cold weather, we've all got to keep warm and dry. Please remember to keep flammable things like clothes drying racks and furniture at least a metre away from the heater (or fire!). This helps prevent a fire in your home. Keep warm, dry and safe everyone!

Nga mihi nui,

Granity Volunteer Fire Brigade

PS: How to Get Involved

Joining is easy! Simply visit us at the Granity Fire Station on Monday nights at 6pm! You can also visit the website www.fireandemergency.nz/volunteer to learn more about what it takes to be part of our team. Step up, make a difference, and become a volunteer firefighter today.

ST PETER'S CHURCH NEWS

At St Peter's currently we're going through the book of Luke, with the overall theme of 'Asking good questions'. Back at the beginning of July, one Sunday we looked at the question 'Who do you say that I am?', which is a question Jesus asked his disciples.

But it got me to thinking about other applications of this question. Like, who do you say that YOU are? What do you tell yourself about yourself? Is it positive and affirming? Or are you constantly criticising yourself and putting yourself down?

And who do you say that others are? Are you judging or criticising, even silently or inwardly, or are you positive and affirming, trying to see things from others' point of view? There's an old saying; 'It takes a village to raise a child'. But after the child has been raised, then what? It also takes a village to sustain an adult.

We are not self-sufficient economic units. We need each other, whether we realise it or not. Independence is good, to a point, but inter-dependence is better. In a team, players don't all play the same position, but the goal is for everybody to win.

Be good to yourselves – and others!



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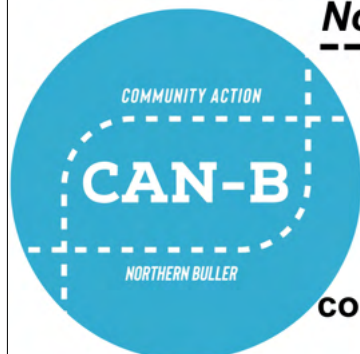
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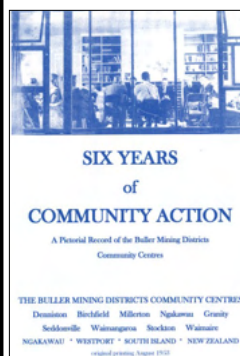


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Granity Community Library
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PARKRUN IN WESTPORT

What is parkrun? It's a free, friendly, enjoyable 5km community run, jog or walk event every Saturday morning. It started in Westport in May at the Lost Lagoon end of Queen Street and will now happen every Saturday starting at 8am.

For more information you can register at www.parkrun.co.nz/lostlagoon/

Ngakawau-Hector Reserve Subcommittee FORMAL MEETING

The Ngakawau-Hector Reserve Subcommittee will come together for a formal meeting:

Sunday 10 August 2025, starting 1:00 pm

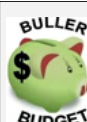
Ngakawau Community Centre, 30 Main Road, Ngakawau 7824.

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Thursday August 21st
12pm to 2pm

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COMMUNITY ACTION NORTHERN BULLER

The July 10 meeting at Waimangaroa Reserve Domain Hall was abandoned as unwellness and members overseas reduced us to below quorum. Apologies to any public that wanted to attend.

Our Community Connector Nicole has done amazing work following up on our HUI 25 held on June 28th. For the HUI she created a summarised version of the Community Plan and a traffic light post-it system for participants to evaluate the content. This was very successful resulting in all Themes and Actions being approved with a number of additional ideas. The Community Plan is a Living adaptable document that we are delighted has been accepted and is very workable.

The second purpose of the HUI: to encourage initiatives from the participants, was also very successful. Nicole has supported and networked for these initiatives and some are well on their way now.

- Workshops in planning:
 - Mindfulness/stress resilience 16th August
 - Pottery
 - Men's Fire Circle
- Kids Mind Map Competition involving Granity School and Youth Voice
- Ngakawau Riverbank Clean-up led by Lisa and supported by WCRC, Bathurst, WestReef, DOC etc.
- Transport Tree to be created
- Ikea Library Project have chosen Granity Library
- Seddonville Library restoration to be supported by Mitre 10
- Nicole will continue to update progress in the CAN-B Facebook page.
- She will create a Community Calendar that groups can update.

Toni O'Keefe (as CAN-B Chair) facilitated a meeting of Hector Residents with TeamWatson on Wed 9 July to discuss the proposed Greenfield St Access to the Watson's Mill Tramway. (see TeamWatson piece on page 13).

**NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 14th at the
PENSIONERS HALL, GRANITY**
Public: **6.30pm**

**See the schedule for 6 months on the
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Waimangaroarrrd@gmail.com

Waimangaroa Community Centre

Cnr Hall & Banbury St
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027 2729360 or
Jackie: 027 2843998



HEALTH TRUST UPDATE

From the Secretary

Following a well-attended public meeting in Ngakawau on July 19th the Trust will be meeting with West Coast Health reps on July 31st to ask further questions around communication and the Ngakawau Clinic. Earlier in the month concerns were raised when it appeared appointments via the online service (Telehealth) previously available were to stop. Health NZ denied this saying Telehealth appointments would continue and that a doctor would be at the clinic regularly over coming months. This started on July 17th. The focus of the public meeting was about communications between West Coast Health, Northern Buller Health Trust and the community and how these can be improved. Lack of communication has meant insecurity for our community around its health services. We've been told that in the year to July we've had 31 face-to-face Dr sessions (the equivalent of a GP here one day a week for six months). There are some doubts about that. We've also been told emphatically that the Ngakawau Clinic will not close. We believe our population numbers and demographic justify that position. It is important that you ask for your medical appointments to be at Ngakawau if using the phone to make them. Every eight weeks we will be meeting with our health providers to ensure consistency in communications going forward.

Follow our Facebook posts for more info or email us at northernbullerhealthtrust@gmail.com



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Northern Buller Health Trust

Waimangaroa Reserve & Hall Subcommittee FORMAL MEETING

The Waimangaroa Reserve & Hall Subcommittee will come together for a formal meeting:

Sunday 10 August 2025, starting 4:00 pm

Waimangaroa Domain, corner of Sunderland Street and Newcastle Street, Waimangaroa.

If you have any questions about this meeting, please contact:

Subcommittee Liaison Officer
Email: slo@bdc.govt.nz



Mōkihinui Reserve & Hall Subcommittee FORMAL MEETING

The Mōkihinui Reserve & Hall Subcommittee will come together for a formal meeting:

Friday 15 August 2025, starting 3:00 pm

Mōkihinui Community Hall, Batty Street, Mōkihinui 7891.

If you have any questions about this meeting, please contact:

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BLAST FROM THE PAST



Waimangaroa Post Office 1950



Stockton Mine Post Office, 1931



Birchfield Post Office 1950's



Denniston Post Office, 1967

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Sat 2nd August THE AMBER TEMPLE

An original music and interpretive dance collaboration between singer-songwriter Julian Temple and contemporary dancer Amber Stevens.



Temple, known mostly for his work in the eponymous Julian Temple Band has written all new works for the project while Stephens, a trained contemporary ballet dancer and choreographer who ran her own dance company in Vienna, has choreographed the interpretive dance for this unique performance.

Presale tickets \$20 (+BF) via: thelyric.nz/tickets or \$25 on the door, Doors open 7pm, show starts 7:30pm.

Fri 29th August - QUIZ NIGHT

This one's for the nerds... and brainiacs, techies, bibliophiles, aficionado's, science-buffs, quiet observers and history geeks.

Your favourite Quiz-masters Martin & Nicki present a unique opportunity to dazzle or disappoint your team.



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

Sun 14th September - Shaun Kirk with Special Guest Nick Herbison

Hailing from the music-filled streets of Melbourne, Australia, Shaun Kirk is an award-winning blues and soul troubadour recognized for his exceptional talent as a born entertainer. His unique talent has not only earned him many accolades but also much praise from fellow artists, such as three-time Grammy Award Winner Fantastic Negrito, who has declared his show as One of the best one-man shows he's ever seen!



Kirk's vocals exude a gritty, soulful depth that seems to transcend far beyond his years. Complementing his vocal artistry, Kirk's vintage guitar tones and raw grooves pay tribute to the timeless influences that have shaped his musical journey, resulting in a distinctive sound fast becoming his own.

Presale tickets \$30 (+BF) via: thelyric.nz/tickets or \$35 door sales. Doors open 6:00 pm, show starts 7:00 pm

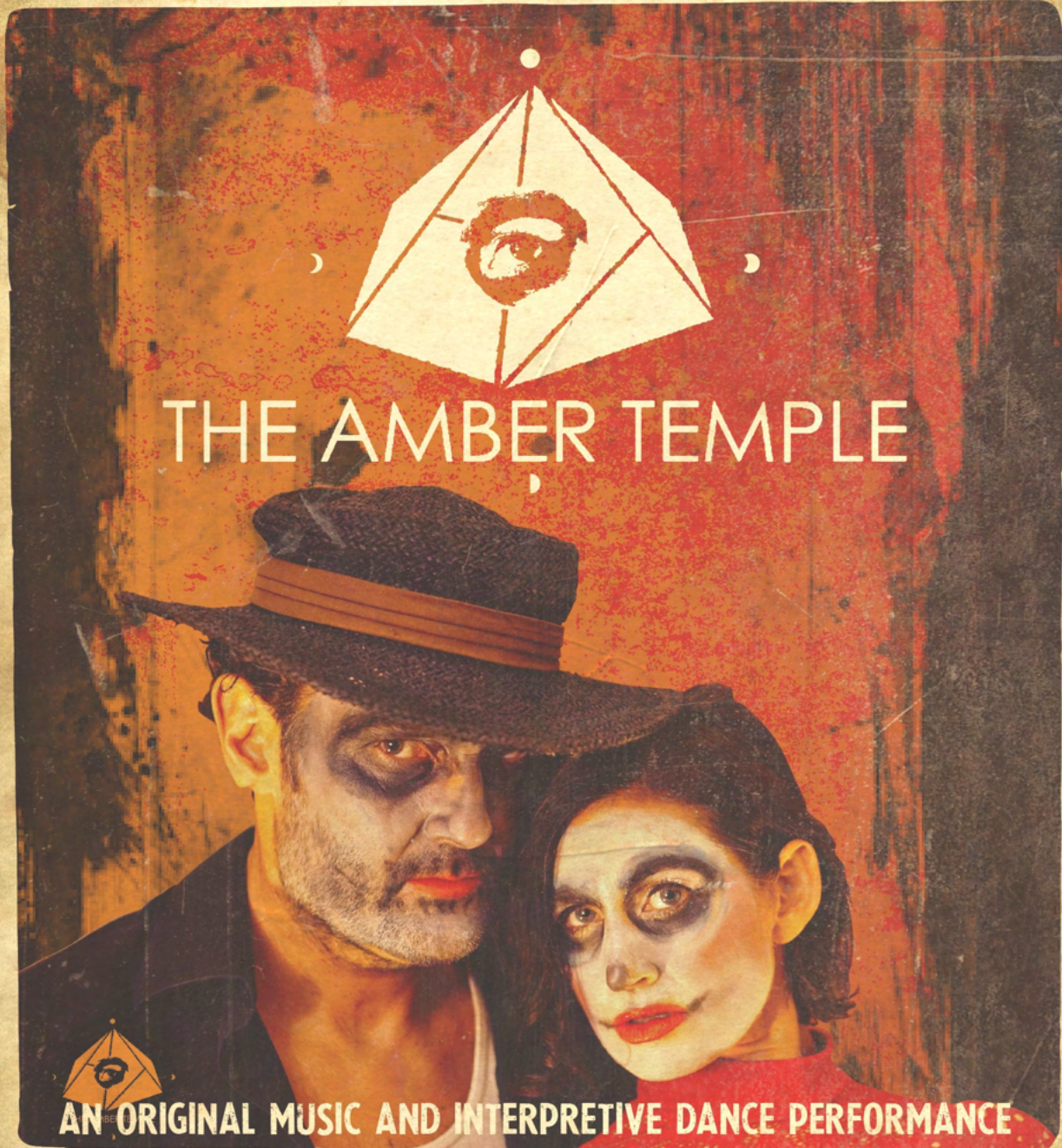
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- ⇒ **10AM TIL MIDDAY**

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A NGAKAWAU COMMUNITY CENTRE INITIATIVE
FROM THE BULLER MINING DISTRICTS COMMUNITY CENTRES SOCIETY

AUGUST GARDENING GUIDE

With spring only a month away there's plenty to do in the garden. It's time to start thinking about preparing and planning for spring planting, including sprouting your seed potatoes to ensure a Christmas harvest. August is also the perfect time for a winter tidy up - clip the hedges, edges and prune a selection of fruit trees.

IN THE VEGETABLE GARDEN

Plant beetroot, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, kale, peas, mesclun, onions, silverbeet, spinach, coriander, parsley, rosemary, sage, and thyme.

IN THE FLOWER GARDEN

Plant roses, gladiolus, paper daisies, dahlias in frost free areas, hebes, lavender, lavatera, nemesia, azaleas, rhododendrons, violas, kale, bellis, calendula, clematis.



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TEAM WATSON TRACK NEWS for July-Aug 2025

Result of meeting on the 9th July with Hector Residents
There was a big NO to a carpark so that saves us \$10grand. One generous resident offered Track Workers (only) to park in their yard. 16 out of 22 present at the meeting voted YES for the access to the Tramway to start from Greenfield St.

This was followed by a planning session for the Track Team. Heather Holland was accepted for the role of Operational Leader – everything to do with the track. A small group did another jungle recce to mark the first part of the track on Holland land. There is a **Working Bee** for the coming **Saturday July 26** meeting at Greenfield-Onslow start at **10am**. Please let Heather know if you are coming:

037828665/0278966908 or email: lholland@xtra.co.nz
Jo will continue as Non-Operational Leader. Need help for Research & Funding. We got \$2000 from BDC for Hall hire and BBB ads but nothing for the building budget. We NEED FUNDING to succeed. We have CAN-B to be our Fund-holder. Someone PLEASE offer. Ring Jo: 0272555382 email: jo.giggleswick@gmail.com
Heather has started a Facebook Page: **Watson Track**.

MEETING: 6:30PM WEDNESDAY 13 AUGUST,
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of every month
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Anne: 021 186 8707

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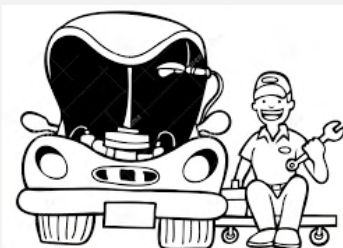


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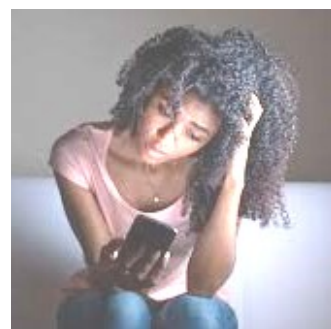
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Northern Buller Health Trust.



KEEP ON TOP OF YOUR MEDS

To avoid running out of your medications check when they are next due and allow at least two weeks prior to that date, so you have enough time to arrange an appointment to see your doctor. All patients should be seen by a doctor every three to six months for repeat medication, unless otherwise documented in your patient notes. Occasionally, prescriptions can be organised over the telephone, these appointments incur a fee and prescriptions will take up to 48 hours to be generated.



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Greetings from your local Constable,

It's certainly been a wet winter, but fortunately, we've avoided any significant flooding or weather-related incidents in recent weeks. As is often the case with policing, there are natural ebbs and flows, and the middle of winter has brought a quieter period. With fewer campervans passing through, a reduction in court files, and locals staying indoors to keep warm and dry, things have settled down somewhat.

Some of you may have seen recent coverage in the *Westport News* regarding the Stockton aerial ropeway protest. Two individuals from the group have entered guilty pleas to trespass charges, while the remaining members are scheduled to go to trial in December. There has been some additional protest activity in the area, and I remain vigilant in monitoring and preventing any further unlawful actions. If you observe anything suspicious, please don't hesitate to report it.

As whitebaiting season approaches, I encourage everyone to check their safety equipment and refresh their understanding of the relevant rules and regulations. Let's work together to ensure the season is safe, respectful, and free from conflict or tragedy.

I've been conducting vehicle stops and checkpoints around the area and am pleased to report minimal issues.

On a community note, I had the pleasure of attending the small-bore rifle shooting at the Lyric Theatre on Tuesday night. It's fantastic to see the club active again, and I encourage everyone to get involved and support it. Although I wasn't directly involved, my colleagues recently made a significant arrest in our area. A 29-year-old male, who had been evading police and posing a serious risk through dangerous driving and poor decision-making, was taken into custody. He is currently facing 24 active charges and has been remanded in custody. Please continue to exercise caution on our roads - there are some concerning behaviours out there.

If you need to get in touch, the best way is to call **111** for emergencies or **105** for non-urgent matters. If my sign is out, I'm in the office. If I'm not there, you can use the phone at the station door, which connects directly to 105. You can make a report or leave a message for me to follow up.

Stay safe, and I'll see you around.

Constable Paul Cannell
Sole Charge
Granity Police Station



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Do you want to represent your community?

Nominations for candidates in the 2025 local elections open on Friday 4 July and close on Friday 1 August. Nomination forms are available at Council service centres.

Roles to elect

Elections are currently held for:

- One Mayor
- Two Councillors to represent Inangahua Ward
- Two Councillors to represent Seddon Ward
- Six Councillors to represent Westport Ward
- Four community members to represent Inangahua Community Board (ICB)

Are you eligible to stand?

To be eligible to stand for election, a candidate must be:

- A New Zealand citizen *and*
- On the electoral roll (18 years or older) *and*
- Nominated by two people whose names appear on the electoral roll of the area that a candidate is standing for. You don't need to live in the area that you are standing for.

Nominators

Nominators for candidates for Buller District Council or for Inangahua Community Board can be residents or ratepayers who are on the Electoral Roll in that ward.



Enrol by 1 August to vote!

You're probably already enrolled (yay, go you). If you're signed up for national elections, you're automatically good to go for local council ones too. Boom. Democracy unlocked.

But if you've moved, changed your name, or turned 18 recently – check your enrolment is up to date. It takes less time than reheating leftovers.

Need to enrol? Do it by 1 August to get your voting papers in the post.

If you enrol after that, you can still vote, but you'll need to cast a special vote – contact your local electoral officer to find out how to make a special vote.

Check your details or enrol now at vote.nz or call 0800 36 76 56.

Key dates for 2025 local elections:

Friday 4 July	Nominations open. Electoral roll opens for inspection.
Friday 1 August	Nominations close at 12 noon. Electoral roll closes.
By 6 August	Public notice of candidate names and special voting places.
9 – 22 September	Delivery of voting documents (will occur between these dates).
9 September – 11 October	Voting and special voting period. Early processing period.
Saturday 11 October	Election Day (voting closes at 12 noon) Progress / preliminary results will be announced as soon as practicable.
11 – 16 October	Official count and processing of special votes.
16 – 19 October	Declaration of final result and public notice of results.

Visit: bullerdc.govt.nz/your-council/council-elections/ or scan this QR code for more information on Buller's 2025 local elections.



COUNCIL ENQUIRIES

If you have concerns about Buller District Council related matters feel free to contact your Seddon Ward Councillors.

Rosalie Sampson

Ph 782 6745 or 027 3567388

Toni O'Keefe

Ph 0273 671 315

You can also lodge a service request at bullerdc.govt.nz/do-it-online/request-a-service

If your request is urgent (e.g. excessive noise or flooding), please phone 0800 807 239.

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(Granity/Ngakawau)

Tania Hammond
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Blue Penguins	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Burrow Occupation												
Egg Laying												
Chick Raising												
Moulting												

Māori Name: Kororā

Scientific Name: *Eudyptula minor*

Conservation Status:

At Risk – Declining

Other Names Used: little blue penguin, fairy penguin, white-flipped penguin

Fast Facts about Kororā

- Blue penguins are the smallest penguins in the world at just 35-43cm tall
- They weigh between 1 and 1.5kg
- The average life span is 6.5 years, but there are some records of penguins living up to 20 years
- Penguins can travel 15–75 km at sea each day
- Underwater, penguins can reach speeds of up to 6km/hr but average 2–4km/hr
- Their scientific name is *Eudyptula*, which means good little diver
- Small colonies of up to 40 breeding pairs are found scattered along the West Coast in both rural and urban areas
- Chicks will often return to within a few metres of where they were raised and, once settled in an area, never breed elsewhere
- Blue penguins only come ashore under the cover of darkness
- **On the West Coast, penguins come ashore to lay eggs (generally two) and raise young in burrows between June and December**
- The chicks are guarded for the first 2-3 weeks, after which both parents go to sea to keep up the supply of fish
- Adults feed their chicks but never their mate. They take over incubation duties so their mate can go to sea to feed
- Chicks usually fledge 8 weeks after hatching and are independent from then on.
- By March they have moulted and returned to the sea.

Last year, the West Coast Penguin Trust contributed to a nationwide study on kororā diet. Scat – aka pooh – was collected in October and sent to Wilderlab for analyses of the DNA. This was then compared with known fish, crustaceans, molluscs etc. DNA and a list of species was sent back for the exciting bit of working out what the penguins had been eating. Turns out the main prey of our West Coast kororā were blackhead lanternfish or [Lampichthys procerus](#), one of 250 species of lanternfish and one that seems to have avoided cameras - just a line drawing exists online. Apparently, they are found around the globe in the southern hemisphere in the region of the Subtropical Convergence. They grow up to 10cm long - perfect size for capture and swallow by kororā. The Trust will be collecting scat seasonally to contribute to this interesting and valuable study.





REMINDER:

Dog registration is due 31 July 2025

All dogs in Buller need to be registered

Key Dates for Dog Registration

- End of June**
Dog owners who have their dog registered with Council will receive their dog registration form in their letterbox.
- 1 July 2025**
Dog owners can pick up their red tag at Council's offices in Westport or Reefton.
- 31 July 2025**
Dog registration is due.
- 4 August 2025**
A penalty of 50% of the appropriate dog registration fee applies.

If you own and have registered your dog, you should have received 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 red tag.

Prices this year are:

Desexed - \$69.50 | Entire - \$89.50

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

Desexed - \$52.50 | Entire - \$67.50

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

If your dog is not registered with us you will not have received 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:
www.bulldc.govt.nz/dogs-and-animal-control/dog-registration/

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You all made this amazing event happen!



(contributed)

If you've been down to the woods today or just in Granity you'll be in for a nice surprise... fungi

Or as my granddaughter said "skeleton mushrooms".

So, get your kids out and see just how many fungi you can find today. Please remember not all fungi can be touched so a photo only is a good idea.

Fungi are everywhere and affect us in many ways. They are one of the most numerous groups of organisms in New Zealand, and globally. There are an estimated 1.5 million species of fungi worldwide, and an estimated 22,000 species in New Zealand.



Buller District Council > Your Council > Community Funding



Community Grant Fund FY 2025/26 open now

The Community Grant Fund supports local groups and organisations working to make a positive difference in our district.

If your project aligns with Council's Community Outcomes and benefits the community, we encourage you to apply. This funding helps bring great ideas to life and supports initiatives that make our district a better place to live, work and play.

This year, Buller District Council is moving from two funding rounds to just one, with a total of \$80,000 available for distribution.

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.

Applications are open from 14 July – 11 August for the 2025/26 financial year.

Important information

One funding round for this financial year (2025/26)

Applications open 14 July - 11 August 2025

Total funds available \$80,000

For further information
<https://bulldc.govt.nz/your-council/community-funding/community-grants>

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THE BBB (OUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER)



The Buller Bays Bulletin – a free community newsletter produced 11 times a year and delivered to homes and businesses between Seddonville and Waimangaroa. 18 to 24 pages in length, the BBB contains a range of local information, articles, upcoming events/opportunities, historical pics and public notices. Advertising is predominantly from local businesses. The newsletter started being produced in 1990 and 35 years later is still going strong!

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The Centre has a high quality Xerox photocopier capable of managing a variety of printing or scanning jobs in colour or black & white.

Printing on card is also available or you can supply your own. A4 or A3 sizes are standard, but we can also reduce or enlarge images/docs as needed for your purposes

OTHER SERVICES



Services include computer access, Wi-Fi, laminating, envelopes, stamps, CV preparation, business cards, flyers, posters and typing services.

This is also a place to find information on community services, learning & other activities provided both by external agencies and the local community.

Hall bookings can be made for sport, events or meetings.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS for the SEPTEMBER

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

**Midday (12 noon)
20th August 2025**

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INTRIGUING RECIPES FROM "A NORTHERN COOKBOOK" by Eleanor A. Ellis with illustrations by James Simpkins (1967)

Acorn Soup

Make in the fall when acorns are ripe.

Grid the acorns between rocks. Fan the acorns with a Fanning basket. The fine parts will stick to the basket.

Put the fine meal in a wooden bin.

Pour warm water over it three or four times to take out the bitter taste.

Put acorn meal and water in a cooking basket (made with roots).

Drop in a very hot rock. Keep turning the rock with a wooden spoon.

Sometimes one rock will cook the soup.



PICKLEBALL TUESDAYS ARE COMING!

26th August 2025 10am

The Ngakawau Community Centre is happy to announce that it is hosting free pickleball sessions at the Ngakawau Hall from the end of August through to December 19th this year. Kair Lippiatt has kindly volunteered to coordinate pickleball games once a week on Tuesday mornings between 10am & midday starting August 26th.

Pickleball is a popular sport known for its social and physical benefits.

It offers a great cardiovascular workout, improves balance, coordination, and flexibility, and can be a fun way to socialise and reduce stress. The game is relatively easy to learn, making it accessible to people of all ages and fitness levels. Please contact the Ngakawau Community Centre on 03 7828276 or Kair on 027 512 0077 if you want to join a team or have any questions.

