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GRANITY FIRE BRIGADE URGENTLY SEEKS NEW RECRUITS

The Granity Volunteer Fire Brigade is putting out an urgent call for more volunteer firefighters. Fire Chief Glen Standing said the brigade was “small but mighty, however we’re very short on firefighters”.

He said sometimes there were only one or two firefighters available. “This means that we can be without someone to drive the fire truck, which then requires other brigades to attend incidents, increasing the time it takes to get help to our local communities”.

Mr Standing said Fire and Emergency New Zealand relies on dedicated volunteers to help protect communities across the country. “Now more than ever, we need new recruits to step up and join our team”. He said volunteering for the brigade was a great way to give back to the community. “If you want to make sure that your community is safe, seriously consider joining us”, he said.

Recently qualified volunteer firefighter John, said he has learnt some valuable skills in firefighting, rescue and emergency response as well as gaining first aid and life-saving training. “It’s about being more than a firefighter” he said. It’s also about building strong friendships and being part of a supportive team”. John said he was proud to help protect lives and property in his community. “It feels good to make a real difference when your community needs you most”.

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How to Get Involved Joining is easy! Simply visit us at the Granity Fire Station on a Monday night at 6pm. You can also visit www.fireandemergency.nz/volunteer to learn more about what it takes to be part of our team.





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Lest We Forget



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 8 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.

NEW BOOK RELEASE



Iona dreams of glory for her beautiful pony, Jinks, so when local dressage star Jessica offers to coach her, Iona is swept off her feet. But each of Jinks' successes brings injury or accident to her family's stables.

MONTHLY QUOTE

"To say it was a beautiful day would not begin to explain it. It was that day when the end of summer intersects perfectly with the start of fall."

— ANN PATCHETT



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



A crowd welcomes returned servicemen Westport, 25-April 1916



Anzac Day Parade, Palmerston Street, Westport, circa 1918-1919

Southern end of walkway to remain closed

By Sharon Davis.

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The southern end of the Charming Creek Walkway near Ngakawau will remain closed for the foreseeable future.

PHOTO: About 40,000 cubic metres of debris littered the track after a major rockfall in October 2019. The figure shows the size of an adult relative to the rockfall on the track. Photo: supplied

A large slip closed the short section of track in 2019 and the risk of further slips has kept the track closed.

Department of Conservation (DOC) senior ranger for heritage and visitors for the Buller District, Brian Thomas, said the risk of landslides on the walkway had increased since 2019 and the risk was "too high".

There were now 18 landslides on the 800m stretch of walkway and geotechnical advice was that sections of the track were still very dangerous, unpredictable and unstable, he said.

"The landslides in the area are called translational rock block slides... these slides generally release large volumes of rock, which travel at high speed, with individual large boulders often bouncing down the slope."

These landslides were known to cause catastrophic landscape changes and had been known to cause fatalities, Mr Thomas said.

DOC had initially hoped that the slips would stabilise over time to allow the track, along an historic tramway, to reopen. But this had not been the case.

The increased rainfall because of climate change had increased the likelihood of landslides.

"The stability of the area has gotten worse. It's simply too dangerous for the public and our own staff to be in this area. There is a huge risk that someone could die or be seriously injured if a landslide were to occur.

"We have heard that some people are ignoring the closed warning signs and entering this area. People walking along this track are placing themselves at considerable risk of harm - we ask that people please heed the warning signs."

Mr Thomas said the old suspension bridge that used to connect the northern and southern ends of the walkway near Mangatini Falls would be removed. A date for the removal had not been set.

"The bridge is closed due to its condition. It's main cables and components are severely corroded," he said. The bridge closed in 2021 after an engineering inspection showed it needed major repairs.



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OP SHOP NEWS

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We have been busy with requests for funding from our community, and are rapt to advise that, with the funds raised by your many great donations, we have been able to assist the following:

Northern Buller Museum, St Peters Anglican Youth, Ngakawau Swimming Pool, Granity District Library, Granity Primary School, Granity Craft Group, Millerton Hall Seddonville Library, Playcentre, Torea Gallery & Studio, Lyric Theatre, Waimangaroa Domain

We are one of the few 'opportunity' shops that are able to tag & test, and therefore legally & safely sell, electrical items. Due to ongoing training & tool costs, this now incurs a fee of \$5 per electrical item.

After much discussion, we have made the hard decision to increase our commission on items sold on behalf, as of April 1st, from 20% to 30%. This enables us to cover our increased operating costs and have more to donate to our wider community.

On a staffing note, we regretfully say goodbye to Rob and Rayner, both of whom have been valued at the 'oppy'. Hello, though, to Natasha and Charlotte who we look forward to working with.

We all look forward to seeing you all anytime you drop in!
The Granity District Fundraising Centre Inc. Locals helping locals

WHEN ARE WE OPEN?

Granity Op Shop
Wed-Thurs 1pm - 4pm
Friday 1pm - 4pm
Sat & Sun 11am - 2pm

Hector Country Music Museum
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8am - 5pm

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Torea Gallery & Studios
(Granity)
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Northern Buller Museum
(Granity)
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Contact: Derek
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(Waimangaroa)
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(Hector)
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Travel Tales

(by Lynne Maguire)

Dear Reader

I'd been in Spain for a week and what a fantastic week it had been! Each day our son took the children and me on a drive, and I explored the countryside around The Village. I visited old castles, became fascinated with mosaic work, and saw, smelt, and tasted many new experiences. Time passed quickly. However, after that first week our son went back to work, and I was Grandma looking after her two grandsons in a foreign land. I didn't have a car, so we were Village bound for the week.

Master 4 was fine with being in my care, but Master 2 was not happy at all, and he let me know about it! True to the memories that we all hold about 2-year-olds, I received the full gambit; I was ignored, yelled at, run away from and sulked at. I was thinking after two days that I might not be able to cope with my grandson. I did have an ace up my sleeve though – treasure bags! What a foresight by kiwi Grandma. Those boys couldn't wait to eat breakfast, tidy up, get dressed and brush teeth – it was a winner and peace reigned as they played with their new toys. I remembered my years of being a mother of young children; we made play dough, forts with cushions and blankets, imaginary games, slimy goo, finger paint and made and ate pancakes and smoothies.

One afternoon when all was quiet, there was a knock at the door. This was an unexpected event, and the children excitedly ran to open the door. There was 'Maria' and her granddaughter 'Dani'. Dani was visiting The Village for the first time in her four years. She lived in London and had a sweet accent when speaking English or Spanish but did not know Catalan. Master 4, who is proficient with English could communicate well and before long he and Dani were chatting away. Master 2 was a bit left out for although he understands English, he is reluctant to speak it and he does not understand or speak Spanish, only Catalan. Still children seem to have a way of overcoming language barriers, and the three children were soon on the street riding bikes and scooters. That left me, with my almost zero Catalan and Maria with her very limited English. With hand gestures, smiles and basic words, the children and I were invited to Maria's home. She has a small pool set up on the top floor balcony and bowls with watermelon and other goodies. The children laughed and played together for ages, and I relaxed and enjoyed their fun.

Across the street lived 'Marco'. He was an older man who had amazing vegetable gardens. When introduced to him he enthusiastically hugged me and kissed both cheeks. I'd read about this greeting in many books and seen the gesture on the movie screen, but to experience the raw emotion of that greeting was something else. I was a little awkward, but this seemed to go un-noticed, and Marco was beaming with genuine pleasure and kindness. Whiskery, but nice! The next time I was greeted with a hug and kisses by a strange man, I was better prepared and was able to respond appropriately. Although both men were strangers to me, they knew our son and family well. Does that make a difference? I don't know.

Each evening when the day had cooled down all the children in The Village came out of their homes and onto the street. The younger children rode bikes and scooters or played on the playground. Women met on the street corners and chatted about I don't know what! There was a tennis court that young people enjoyed and occasionally in the shadows young love would sit together hand in hand. It was an idyllic setting that embraced values of acceptance, togetherness, community, and family. As for me, the foreigner from New Zealand? I felt the effort that The Villagers made to include me as much as the language barrier allowed. I was touched by their kindness and warmth; they made me feel welcome and a valued part of life in The Village.

Yours Sincerely

A sexagenarian on her first European OE

TOREA GALLERY NEWS

Kia Ora from the crew @ the Gallery

We are excited to announce the current and upcoming exhibitions . Running now is Fraser's photography exhibition. it was also great to see an item purchased during exhibition set up ! So don't miss the opportunity to experience this exhibition.

From April 19th - May 30th we are having a members exhibition titled 'upcycled' which will include some interesting pieces.

After this exhibition (May 31st - July 12th) we have a community exhibition planned titled 'Riding the winds of change'. We invite all community members to create and submit items for this exhibition. Can't wait to see interpretations of this theme! See the flyer for more info - on the Gallery Facebook page as well as out there in the community.

As previously mentioned we are tidying up one of the back rooms to house larger upcycled items - this is progressing well.

Our winter hours start on Monday April 28th - officially 11am-3pm. There may be times when we are able to open for longer hours depending on staff availability.

You may be interested in checking out the Gallery more regularly if you aren't already as our current display coordinator is doing a sterling job of keeping the gallery displays looking inviting and his 'artist of the week' display has received a bunch of positive feedback .

New this month are some attractive, well designed crystal /leather necklaces and some acrylic paintings.

That's it for our early autumn news . Have a good one!



Artist Profile - Larry Lihs

I started coming to NZ 1985, and been coming back almost every summer since.

Making chimes and mobiles has now become my lifetime hobby. Think I have almost collected every silverware spoon and fork from the op shops all over the South Island. I am constantly trying to figure how to arrange them to get a different shape and sound.

Mother Nature's carving of driftwood, now has me trying to assemble her creations into driftwood mobiles that will please the eye. This has me combing the beaches for her beautiful creations, and figuring out how best to arrange them.

My contribution is figuring what beads will look best, and the angle the mobile is hung. My wish is, that as many people enjoy them as much as I enjoy creating them.



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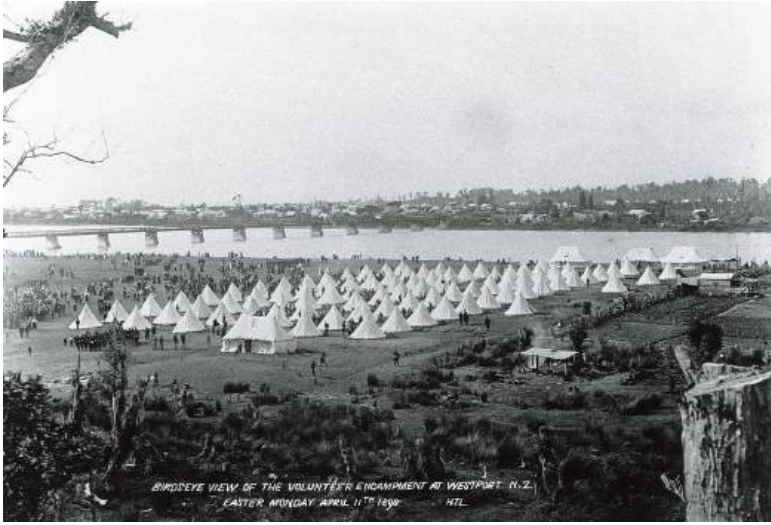
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BLAST FROM THE PAST

Volunteer encampment Westport, Easter Monday April 11th 1898, taken from top of McPaddens Hill.



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

Waimangaroa Reserve & Hall Subcommittee FORMAL MEETING

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

Sunday 6 April 2025, Starting 5:00 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



CAN-B News

Meeting March 13 at Millerton

CAN-B is hopeful we have a great person to engage as our Community Connector.

The Connector role is evolving since Craig Wilson's work with the HUI-2024 and analysis of all the things that our 11 Communities want. The Connector will be meeting and networking to empower progress where the Communities **lead**. She/he will work from various Halls from Waimangaroa to Seddonville so keep an eye on our CAN-B Facebook page to know when and where to pop in. She/he will need a couple of weeks to settle in and sort out the data from the HUI and of course help us build up to **our HUI-2025 which we have now pushed back to mid year.**

Likewise the Presentation from DoC and CAN-B on the **Charming Creek Alternative** has been pushed back to **May**. (DoC: there is too much in April with Anzac, Easter and 30 years since CAVE Ck on 28th) Toni and Jo had a productive meeting with 7 DoC staff on 6 March. The new and previous Heritage Advisors will walk the Watson's Mill Track and report back to the Director Westcoast. We need to **gather evidence** for the Director of **the impact on our Communities from the closure of the Southern Charming Ck Walkway**. So **PLEASE send your stories and concerns to:**

connectorcanb@gmail.com

Remember the Northern Charming Creek Walkway remains open and is a lovely return walk from Seddonville to the bridge.

CAN-B has declined responsibility for the old Granity Domain building as our Constitution does not allow for assets.

We have accepted a third group for fund holding.

WAIMANGAROA Domain hall events 5pm: Musical Jam session with Fish&Chips fundraiser. Sunday 6th at 5pm Domain Hall meeting open to public

CAN-B: Next Meeting
NGAKAWAU HALL, 10 APRIL, Public at 6.30pm



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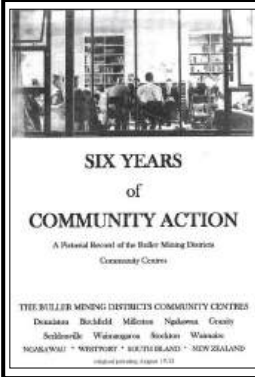


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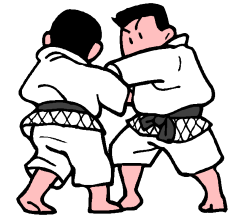
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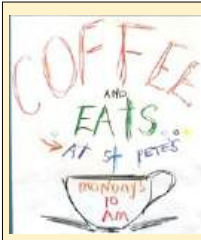


Granity Judo Fun Tournament
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Granity Dojo
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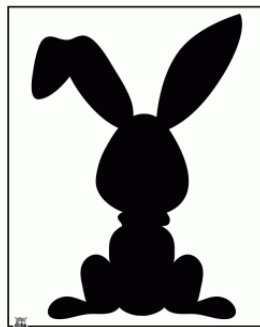
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These are:

- Waimangaroa Community Centre
- Ngakawau Community Centre
- Ngakawau Swimming Pool

BMDCCS Inc is very grateful to have received a Lotto Community grant in March which will assist with insurance renewal costs from June 2025.

NBCS TRANSFERS OWNERSHIP OF THE OP SHOP



The Northern Buller Communities Society would like to wish the Granity District Fundraising Centre Incorporated all the best have taken over ownership of this iconic building on March 21st, 2025. It was a privilege to secure significant funding for the renovation of this building and the community looks forward to its continuing success as an important historic building and fundraising centre.



Toni O'Keefe
Seddon Ward Councillor

I will be heading down to the Ngakawau Resource & Information Centre, once a Month, to be available to the public Head on down for a chat:

Next Placement
Thursday April 24th
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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THE GRANITY NIGHT MARKET



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Therefore, we need you to volunteer! All and any contributions welcomed. This could be selling raffle tickets, helping advertise or fundraise prior to the event, donating raffle items, creating some artwork to decorate the town, help set up on the day or pack down at night, giving as little as half-an-hour during the event to stand at a stall, collect donations, sell raffle tickets, direct parking, help at the road crossing etc! Either way the magical Granity Night Market cannot be what it is, without volunteers.

Please email details of any contribution you may have to

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See you there!

WHAT'S ON AT THE LYRIC THEATRE THIS MONTH?

Fri 28th March - 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 recall that odd fact you learned years ago. Now's your chance to dazzle (or disappoint) your colleagues and team mates.

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.



Fri 4th April - DAVE FLYNN

Award-winning Irish-Kiwi guitarist/composer Dave Flynn returns to New Zealand with an exciting expansion of his acclaimed show Celtic Guitar Journey. Flynn will blend familiar Celtic sounds with fresh flavours from his global travels.

Praised by the New York Times for the power and grittiness of his music, Flynn's latest compositions reflect the landscapes and cultures he's encountered during his decade-long travels around New Zealand. These Irish-Kiwi pieces combine the beauty of Celtic music with the unique spirit of Aotearoa, offering a distinctive musical journey that blends his Irish heritage with his adopted second home.

Presale tickets \$20 (+BF) from NBS Theatre Westport box office, thelyric.nz/tickets or \$25 on the door, Doors open 7pm, concert starts 7:30pm.



Fri 11th April - SHERLOCK & ALBAZI DUO

James Sherlock and Lillian Albazi are Melbourne-based musicians with distinguished careers spanning jazz, classical, and experimental music.

James, a celebrated guitarist and 1997 Ike Isaacs International Jazz Guitar Award winner, has toured extensively, performing at prestigious venues like the Montreux Jazz Festival and collaborating with renowned artists, including Sheila Jordan, Cyrille Aimée, and The Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. Lillian, an acclaimed vocalist and composer, debuted at the 2016 Melbourne International Jazz Festival and gained recognition with her debut album After-Image in 2021. Lillian's fearless approach showcases her versatility across jazz, art music, and alternative genres.

Presale tickets \$20 (+BF) from NBS Theatre Westport box office, thelyric.nz/tickets or \$25 on the door, Doors open 6:30pm, concert starts 7:30pm.



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WHAT'S ON AT THE LYRIC THEATRE THIS MONTH?

Fri 18th April (Good Friday) - QUIZ NIGHT

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Sun 20th April (Easter Sunday) - CATHY IRONS STRING QUARTET

The full suite of Vivaldi's popular Classical Masterpiece "The Four Seasons" will be performed by the Cathy Irons String Quartet this Easter, by candlelight. This world-renowned, all female quartet comprises: Cathy Irons - first violin, Amandine Combe-Guerin - second violin, Bethan Lewis - viola, Sophie Tanner - cello.

The second half of the programme will feature "The American" by the popular romantic era composer Dvorak. This work is rarely performed in public but is popular among avid radio listeners to networks like RNZ's Concert FM

Adults - Presale \$46 (+BF) | Door sales \$49.50, Seniors/Students - Presale \$31 (BF) | Door sales \$35, Under 16's - \$25. Doors open 2:30pm, concert starts 3:00pm



Sat 3rd May - SEAN KELLY & THE SUPER 8's

Sean Kelly, a full-time Irish musician based in The Coromandel was born in Derry in the north of Ireland and grew up with a love for Donegal, where both his parents originated from.

In this unique audio visual performance, Sean sings, tells stories and plays whistles, bodhran & guitar to the back-drop of Super 8 movies created by his father Seamus, who was a renowned Cine/Super 8 movie enthusiast. Sean will be joined by Maree Limpus who will accompany with cello and Super 8 projections.

Doors open 6:30 pm, show starts 7:30 pm Presale tickets \$20 via NBS Theatre Westport Box Office or \$25 on the door.



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The White Weka Story

(Contributed by Gentle Annie Seaside Accommodation & Ithaca-Jane Paley-Atkins)

Late in the afternoon on Tuesday the 4th of March, Grandpa Phil Atkins was mowing and he saw a white bird emerge from the grass. At first, he thought it was a chicken, but it was acting like all of the other wekas. Luckily, he pulled out his phone just in time, and got some footage of this bird.

It took 10 days to see the White Weka again.

After searching every one of those 10 days, Dad and I just happened to see something roaming around in the paddock on our drive home. This appeared to be in the same spot as Grandpa Phil had seen the White Weka. So we parked up the ute, and started walking over. As we got closer, it looked like the white weka, so we were very quiet, and Dad took out his phone and took some images. Dad found that the easiest way to stay quiet and still was to lie down on the grass. I helped to keep Dad still while slapping the sandflies off his legs! It got quite dark, but the weka was very obvious with its feathery white coat. With lots of photos taken, and the sun going down, we decided to head home, hoping we would see it again.

The next night, our whole family went down and patiently waited quietly for the weka to emerge from by the haybales. And it did! We spent an hour with the Weka watching it eating and walking around with heaps of brown wekas. It seems to have plenty of friends. Dante-Ella, my four year old sister, has now named the Weka "Haybale."



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It is a fairly brief submission from me this month. I had a few weeks off earlier in the month, and as a result don't have a lot to report. My Westport colleagues who covered did not have many calls for service or significant incidents to note. Many of you will have seen me out and about doing checkpoints. Compliance overall is generally good, but there are always exceptions. I have been working on a few things in the background that will be of interest to you. I am not at liberty to disclose them at this stage, but I hope to be able to share them with you next month. I am enjoying getting out and about around our beautiful area. As the months go by, I am getting to know more of you. Thanks for your kind reception. I am pleased that the nature of my role here means I get to have lots of positive interactions the people, which is a refreshing change. As always, if my sign's out I'm in the office. If my sign isn't out, it doesn't mean I'm not working. The best way to get hold of me is by calling 111, if it's happening now, or 105 if it's already happened.

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BULLER BAYS COMMUNITY GROUP SUPPORTS PICKLEBALL

The world's fastest growing sport arrived in Ngakawau on March 8th and a local group has decided to sponsor 17 two-hour sessions of hall hire to get it up and running at the Ngakawau Community Centre. Group instigator Judy Proffit said she watched people give Pickleball a go at the free session provided by Sport Tasman in March. "I was really pleased to see everyone there with a big smile and enjoying themselves", she said. "It was great to watch and those playing the game were thoroughly enjoying it." Judy recommended anyone interested in starting the game up regularly to contact the resource centre and put their names down. "It just needs some enthusiastic people to get it going now" she said. "They've got the net and the court and just need bats & balls to be bought".

Sport Tasman Community Outcomes Advisor, Tara Papworth provided playing tips to a small group of locals keen to try out the new sport. She said the hall was great for pickleball because of its existing badminton court markings and net.

She has provided information to the hall committee on where to purchase bats and balls and said either Sport Tasman or one of the players from Westport Pickleball (which started up recently) would be happy to come and help on rules etc and/or support someone who might want to set up a regular play.

Pickleball was invented in 1965 near Washington in America and has evolved into a popular sport played all around the world. A court game similar to badminton, Pickleball can be played by most ages and abilities.

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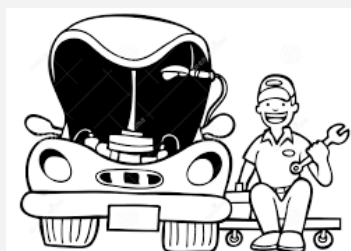


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SAVE THE DATE

We are taking feedback on both topics between 18 April and 19 May 2025.



Council has begun to explore options how to manage the district's drinking water, stormwater and wastewater in the future as required under the Local Water Done Well legislation.

Local Water Done Well is the government's approach to reforming the way water services are delivered in New Zealand in the future. The aim is to address New Zealand's long-standing water infrastructure challenges.

It focuses on the importance of local decision-making and the flexibility for communities and Councils to determine how their water services will be delivered in the future. It also strongly emphasises that any future delivery model must meet economic, environmental and water quality regulatory requirements.

Council has shortlisted three options for delivering water services in the future. These are:

- an internal business unit or division
- a single-council owned water organisation
- a multi-council owned water organisation.

We encourage you to keep up to date with progress on these topics, so you can make an informed decision in April 2025. This is when we will ask you for feedback on the draft Long-Term Plan 2025-2034 and the options for Local Water Done Well.

As we shape Buller's next nine-year plan and define a way forward to manage Buller's drinking water, wastewater and stormwater in the future, we want to bring you on the journey.

Buller District Council's plan for the next nine years is called the Long-Term Plan (LTP), and it will cover the years 2025 – 2034. It is Council's guiding document, and it has an impact on everyone who lives in our beautiful district.

In a nutshell, the LTP outlines Council's goals, what Council aims to do, and how we plan to pay for what we will deliver to our community. It also identifies the significant big-picture drivers behind our actions.

Have you ever wondered why Council invested in that water pipe? This document explains why, how much we intend to spend on it and when that pipe should go into the ground.

There are some big decisions to be made, and we have several options to address these. These are part of the draft plan.

How can you stay informed?

- Register on Let's talk Buller and choose drinking water, wastewater, stormwater and the Long-Term Plan as your topics of interest
- Follow Buller District Council on Facebook
- Sign up to Council's monthly Connect newsletter
- Read our monthly Connect newsletter in the West Coast Messenger
- Listen to Coast FM
- Pick up information from our libraries and service centres in Westport and Reefton, the Karamea Information Centre, and the Northern Buller Community Resource Centre.



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AUTUMN ILLNESS

As autumn arrives in the Buller District, expect an increase in respiratory illnesses, including colds, influenza-like illnesses (ILIs), and RSV, which is most common from late autumn through winter.

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is a highly contagious and common virus that can cause lower respiratory tract infections, particularly in the late autumn and winter months.

Most children will have been exposed to RSV by the age of 2 years, but reinfection is common. In healthy adults and older children, RSV symptoms are generally mild.

However, in infants, older people and those with pre-existing respiratory conditions (like asthma) the virus can lead to serious illnesses like bronchiolitis (inflammation of the small airways of the lungs) and pneumonia (infection of the lungs).

RSV is the most frequent cause of hospitalisation for pre-schoolers (under two years old) with lower respiratory infections.

What are the symptoms of RSV?

RSV symptoms include a runny nose, coughing or sneezing, a fever, wheezing or difficulty breathing or a loss of appetite. In very young children, they may find it difficult to feed due to breathlessness. Symptoms of RSV usually appear within four to six days after becoming infected.

In younger children irritability or decreased activity could be the only signs that your child is unwell. Shortness of breath or rapid breathing could be a sign of bronchiolitis or pneumonia and requires immediate medical attention or hospital admission.

National helplines

Need to talk?



Free call or text **1737** any time for support from a trained counsellor.

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The starting age for
free bowel screening
is lowering to 58

National Bowel Screening Programme

The National Bowel Screening Programme is lowering the starting age from 60 to 58! This means 122,000 more people can get screened for free in the first year alone.

What you need to know:

- New age range: 58 to 74 years
- Stage 1: Starts October 2025 in two Health New Zealand regions
- Stage 2: Begins March 2026 in the remaining regions
- No action needed: If you're turning 58 or already 58, expect your kit around your next birthday or a call from your local health provider.

Turning 60? You'll still get your kit as usual.

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Come join our family friendly club.

We currently have Under 7s, U9s, U11s, U13s grades but at this stage we don't have any coaches for U7s & U9s. If we don't find anyone, unfortunately we won't field teams in these grades this year. The season kicks off in May, date to be confirmed. Doesn't matter what skill level you're at, we're here to have fun. Playing jerseys, shorts and socks provided for each game and hoodies provided free of charge. There is no cost in playing for us other than getting to and from games. Some fuel vouchers are provided depending on where you live.

Teams train either in Westport or at the Ngakawau Domain. Home games are played at the Domain and away games at Craddock Park in Westport.

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- Basketball Hoop (not the one pictured - needs assembly)



CHILDREN'S DAY @ the Ngakawau Pool

A fantastic afternoon was held to celebrate Children's Day at the Ngakawau Pool on March 2nd. Granity School principal Nikki Smith said the whole afternoon was a wonderful success.

"The sun was shining, the water was refreshing, and the lively atmosphere made the event spectacular!"

Event organisers, the Homebuilders West Coast Trust thanked the Kawatiri Family Harm Prevention Network and Rainbow Cake Kitchen Ltd for generously providing the free sausage sizzle (manned by Nikki and Jared) and lollies at the event.

Children dove into the pool for water toys to win jelly beans, as well as receiving coloured pencils and colouring sheets from Granity School. Mrs Smith said the lolly scramble was a highlight, bringing excitement to kids of all ages. "Thanks to all the helpers who contributed to making the afternoon a wonderful success for everyone involved." she said.

Homebuilders gave a special thanks to Marie Standing and the team from the Ngakawau Swimming Pool for "always coming on board for this free event".



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FORMER PAVILION WON'T BE DEMOLISHED

Fears of demolition have eased but only one person operating a non-profit entity in the community has expressed an interest in taking on the Licence To Occupy the land and management of the building located on Road Reserve in Granity. Built around 1950, and managed by the Northern Buller Communities Society (NBCS) since 2012, the building has had a number of different lives over the years but it has also stood empty and been vandalised at times. As part of its winding up process, NBCS approached local groups and organisations to see if they'd be willing to take on a Licence to Occupy the land through the Buller District Council and thus management and operation of the building for a charitable community purpose.

Society interim Secretary/Treasurer Jackie Mathers said there'd been only two expressions of interest. One from the fire service who proposed a controlled burn as a training exercise (if there was no other interest), and the other from a local person wanting to operate a community radio station from the building. "It was really surprising that we didn't have more interest." Ms Mathers said the Society had directly contacted various groups that might be interested, advertised and shared information on social media and in the BBB. "We've certainly put this building out there, but it's become clear there's only one person willing to consider taking it on for the community. The Society will now put that person in touch with the BDC for a Licence to Occupy the land and work on a date for transferring management of the building.



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

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HAPPY EASTER!

SOCIETY WORK PROGRESSES ON WINDING UP

The Northern Buller Communities Society Incorporated is working through its winding up requirements and is close to completing the distribution of assets and surplus funds as per its constitution. On completion of these tasks, the Society's interim committee will apply for deregistration with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies and Charities Services. For community information, current winding up activities are listed below. This will be updated via the BBB until all actions agreed by the membership have been completed.

- The sale of the Op Shop to the Granity District Fundraising Centre Incorporated for \$1 + legal fees was completed on March 21st 2025.
- One community non-profit expression of interest in 49A Domain Road (the former Pavilion) - see page 19.
- That KiwiRail Licence To Occupy railway land through Granity has been relinquished from 14 May 2025.
- Ownership of the two mowers & trailer will transfer to the Buller Mining Districts Community Centres Society Incorporated (a registered charity) effective 15 May 2025. It will be up to that organisation to decide what happens to the mowers and how they are used and they are calling for proposals. Email the Secretary bmdcc.inc@gmail.com
- Funds tagged for the Hector's Dolphin Statue site will be transferred to Can-B to assist with ongoing maintenance of this site by volunteers.



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