



TEAM WATSON MAKES PROGRESS ON ALTERNATIVE CHARMING CREEK WALK

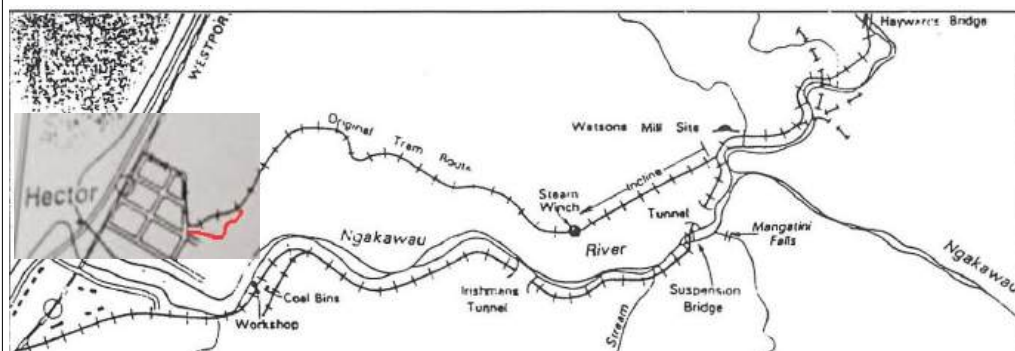
Following approval from the Department of Conservation's West Coast Director, a group of Northern Buller residents is forging ahead with plans to redirect walkers over a new section of the Charming Creek Walkway, avoiding dangerous rockfalls which have plagued the track on the southern side of the Ngakawau River since 2019. "TeamWatson" was formed following the CAN-B Momentum event in November 2024 and rapidly grew after a public meeting was held earlier this year to discuss the track's ongoing closure. The group has a current mailing list of 71 and its Watson's Mill Tramway Track will link the township of Hector to the popular walkway via the northern side of the river.

The Watson Brothers (Robert and George) were key figures in the development of a sawmill at Granity Creek and another near the confluence of Charming Creek with the Ngakawau River in the early 1900s. They were responsible for the bush tramway originally developed on the northern side of the river to deliver their product to the local rail head. To avoid the steep Ngakawau Gorge they built a tramway from the mill to Hector. It featured a steep incline that dropped down to the mill and a steam winch located at the brow of the hill. Group spokesperson, Jo Douglas, said reaction from people to their plans to find an alternative access/exit point to the western end of the Charming Creek Walkway was generally positive. "Many are not only interested, but also excited by the project" she said. "This walkway doesn't just have huge historical significance to our area. It has been greatly utilised by our communities in the past as a place for recreation."

Ms Douglas said the Department of Conservation (DoC), which holds the land under Ecological area status, found that 60% of the old tramway is in good condition. "Diversions around collapsed bridges and tunnels for the walkway will need to be made and the last third of the track still has to be re-discovered through overgrowth" she said. DOC will mark off areas for preservation. The track will be of "back-country" standard, single person width, hand tools only - so no heavy machinery.

The eastern end joins the northern Charming Creek Walkway at the remains of the original Watson's Mill. "This means visitors will be able to head down to the tunnel and pop out to views of the Ngakawau Upper Gorge and the Mangatini Falls." At this stage there are no plans to replace the former swing-bridge which was closed by DoC in 2021 for health and safety reasons.

Ms Douglas says there are some financial hurdles to overcome in completion of the track but the group was confident they could find the funding. "DoC gave us an estimate of \$80-100 per meter for a 4Km route which is about \$40,000 to find for using paid contractors." She said the group would be providing volunteer labour for as much as possible. "We'd really like to open the track in the summer of 2026/27". (see page 11 for next meeting date)



The former Watson's Mill Tramline with insert (left) showing the new route from Greenfield St, Hector. Map courtesy of "The Story of Two Villages" compiled by Rena Blair and first published in 1992



TeamWatson volunteers on the job - from left Neil, Lewis, Richard and Heather (operations leader)



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Whitebait season

Another year, another season has begun and right on queue it started raining with cold winds. These hardy lot of baiters out again from hibernation, cleaning their spotters and stands in galore. Trusty woollen hats and heated vests are on thanks to Temu... (the store that has everything, even if you don't need it!)

Happy white-baiting everyone



OCTOBER 1st IS....

Less Than Perfect Day is a day to accept that it's okay to not be perfect. Some people are perfectionists that are very hard on themselves if they make a mistake, and some people are okay with their faults. No matter where you fall on that spectrum, today is a day to remember that we all make mistakes and that we should try hard at everything we do, but not so hard that we stress ourselves out.

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**BLAST FROM THE PAST
1929**

The Mokihinui Hotel has been ruined and its contents pretty well destroyed by raging flood waters after the Mokihinui River swept through it after the river was blocked by several slips caused by the Murchison earthquake. The river backed up causing a huge lake. Seventeen days after the quake, the dam burst flooding Seddonville and the Mokihinui village.

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The individuals involved, along with the groups they represent, have made it clear that they intend to return and continue opposing mine expansion. I ask everyone to remain vigilant and report anything suspicious you see. I understand this situation can be frustrating, but please do not take matters into your own hands. Vigilante justice is not helpful and only complicates the work of Police.

Over the past month, I've dealt with several civil complaints, including tenancy-related matters. I acknowledge that the line between civil and criminal issues can sometimes be unclear. I'm happy to assist in a mediation-type role where appropriate, but please be aware that other agencies may have jurisdiction in these cases.

Unfortunately, there have been a couple of disputes during the whitebaiting season. Thankfully, these have been relatively minor and mostly stem from people getting worked up and trying to resolve issues themselves. Please continue to be kind and courteous to one another on the riverbanks. If you encounter any problems, report them to me rather than trying to sort them out yourself.

There's been a significant amount of planning recently across Police, Civil Defence, and FENZ in preparation for the inevitable Alpine Fault Earthquake. I've been pleased to be involved in some of this work and encourage you all to undertake your own planning—talk with family members, prepare emergency kits, and have a plan in place.

Lastly, I've noticed an emerging theme around cyclists. I've received complaints from both motorists and cyclists using our roads. Cyclists are plentiful here, particularly with the popularity of the Old Ghost Road. Please remember that cyclists have just as much right to be on the road as cars. If it's safe to pass, give them plenty of room. If it's not, be patient and wait until it is. Cyclists—please make yourselves as visible as possible with lights and hi-viz clothing. The consequences of a collision can be severe.

As always, I'm here to support our community. If you have any concerns or need assistance, don't hesitate to get in touch. 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
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Travel Tales #9 (by Lynne Maguire)

Dear Reader

Food is always a bit of an issue for me. I'm gluten-free (health reasons) and vegetarian (personal choice), which makes eating out and traveling a bit of a challenge. I wasn't sure how I'd get on in Europe, especially as my sister is passionate about most foods (is wine a food?). She loves fresh food markets, eating out, and experiencing foods she has never tried before. It stands to reason, then, that eating was a big part of our European experience.

Once we left Spain and our family, we ate out most days. In France and Italy, my sister was adamant that she must have a fresh croissant every day with her coffee. The bakeries and patisseries in both countries were exceptional, and she was not disappointed. Coffee, to my surprise, was average. There were no long blacks in Europe, so I either had an espresso or an americano, which was never to my complete satisfaction. I think one of our best meals was in a small restaurant that we walked past twice before going inside. It was in a small village in Italy, not much to look at from the outside, but the food, service, and atmosphere were perfect. We had a window seat, and we people-watched as we waited for our food. I had ordered a salad with thinly sliced pear and walnuts on lettuce, served with balsamic. It was a light and refreshing end to a day of exploring medieval caves.

If there was a market in the place we stayed, we often got up early and wandered through the aisles looking at all the wares. Everything, from meat and fish to cheeses and wine, to fruits and vegetables, to bread and baking, to chocolate and gelato, was available for purchase. After exploring the market in Nice, we bought some fresh watermelon and sat on the sea wall overlooking the Mediterranean while eating it. As the juice dripped down my chin and the sun sparkled on the water, I was sure holidays didn't get much better than that moment in time.



Pizza in Rome (the waiter was hilarious).

Of course, in Italy, we had to have pizza. One side street restaurant that we stumbled on while walking around Rome had a spare table. Our waiter said, 'Si, gluten-free pizza,' but when asked if there was a vegetarian option, he rolled his eyes and laughed at me as if I were mad. 'Non, non, you musta have meat!' he exclaimed loudly, so that other patrons turned to stare at us. 'No meat,' I said. He shrugged his shoulders and said Okay. After a short wait, our pizzas arrived, and mine was absolutely delicious, with plenty of vegetables and cheese and a perfect base.

The other must in Italy was gelato. Just around the corner from our accommodation was a gelato shop that claimed to be 'the best gelato in Italy'. Interestingly, this was the second shop in Italy with the same claim, but hey, gelato is gelato, right? No, wrong! Like its cousin ice cream, there are vast differences, commercial brands versus boutique, organic or not, traditional flavours or modern twists. Within a week, we became 'experts', eating gelato every day, sometimes more than once. I savoured the cool freshness in the heat of the day. It was probably a good thing that we walked many kilometres, and the weather was so warm, otherwise I'd be up-sizing my clothing.

Yours Sincerely

A sexagenarian on her first European OE

NZ Creative Communities Scheme Funding round 2 of 3 open now



Funding from the Creative Communities Scheme is available for community-based arts activities in the Buller District.

The Scheme aims to increase participation in the arts at a local level and increase the range and diversity of arts available to communities.

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

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

There are three funding rounds for each financial year (1 July—30 June).

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

Closing dates for 2025/26



Round 1 of 3 (FY 25/26)
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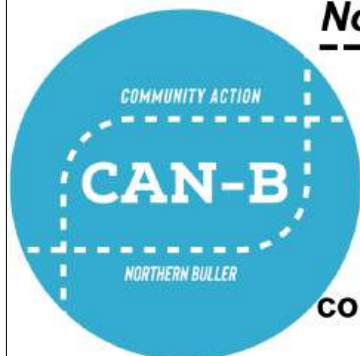
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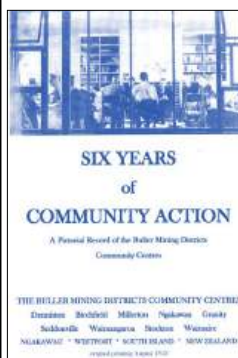


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COMMUNITY ACTION NORTHERN BULLER

Minutes of CAN-B Meeting 11. 09. 2025 Millerton Hall

- CAN-B welcomed Susan as the society's new secretary; Susan re-located to Granity from North Island last year with her husband and looks forward to her new role supporting Community-Led Development in Northern Buller.
- New CAN-B committee member welcomed! Heather Holland, a key community member supporting the 'Watsons Track' project.
- What is Community-Led Development and what does CAN-B do? See CAN-B's Facebook page for more information on this; posters to be created for community notice boards.
- Discussions surrounding community application for Disaster Management Containers in Mokihinui and Seddonville; suggested Waimangaroa should also put forwards an application due to lack of support centres available in these areas. CAN-B can hold funds if successful.
- "Team Watson" have applied for funding for their track creation
- Mitre 10 Supported Team Watson with donation of provisional building supplies for the 'Student Volunteer Army' Visit this weekend – thank you Mitre 10!
- Canterbury University are sending over 85 students to volunteer in Northern Buller on Saturday 20th September. Nicolle has linked them in with community projects to support including 'Promoting Buller', Team Watson and Mokihinui beach clean-up.
- Following community feedback, 'Youth Yoga' and 'Adult Yoga' will be starting on the 10th October FREE FOR ALL TO ATTEND sponsored by Buller REAP. Youth Yoga accommodates ages 10+ from 4-4:45pm followed by Adult Yoga (16+) 5-6pm. Location: Ngakawau Community Centre, every Friday for 8 weeks.
- Community Calendar has been implemented (available to view on CAN-B's Facebook page under 'photos').
- Ngakawau Riverbank Clean-Up progress, led by Lisa McDowell: MBC will conduct weed spraying (sponsored by Bathurst) on the Ngakawau side; further funding needs to be secured for clean-up of Hector side riverbanks.
- Nicolle has approached potters, Torea Gallery and local crafts people to gauge interest in hosting craft workshops.

NEXT MONTHLY PUBLIC MEETING:
OCTOBER 14th
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CHURCH NEWS

Hello from St Peter's



Hi everyone, as is quite often the case at this time of the year, today it is cold and wet as I sit writing this article.

On a Sunday morning at St Peter's however, the air is warm the atmosphere is buzzing with excitement and there is the gentle hum of voices, the vibrance of children organising themselves, and little ones finding a book and a few toys to play with.

Flowers will be in place, the new seats make having a rest for a while a very comfortable experience. The singing is hearty, there is a time for a message for children and later one for adults.

This is a sanctuary where all are welcome.

Church starts at 10a.m. After the service along with some time for a chat, there are hot drinks available and something to eat, both savoury and sweet.

TOREA GALLERY NEWS



Greetings from Toreia Gallery.

Spring is soon upon us and the Gallery is looking and feeling great. With new piles and a new coat of paint for the main Gallery room, the Gallery is all ready for the new season.

Opening hours are changed on Sept 20th to our summer hours, 10am - 4pm, so there is no better time to visit the Gallery!

At present in our exhibition room we have an exhibition of Quilting and Weaving. Yvonne is our fabulous weaver, with many of you purchasing her T-towels, dishclothes, wraps, and shawls. Glenys her sister is the quilter and there are some beautiful advent calendars that will last for years to come, and can be passed down the generations.

Yvonne has been exploring Wedge weave, which is a tapestry/rug making technique used by the Navaho. There are also, scarves, shawls, blanket throws and cushions to snuggle with till the weather really warms up. This exhibition ends on the 3 October, so get in quick.

The Gallery has negotiated with a vendor to sell coffee's and food in our garden. This is very exciting for everyone. So watch for this in October. (see advert on page 12)

The Gallery just recently had a very successful AGM and we now have a full committee. Also discussed was the organising of crafty workshops in the future for members of the public to attend.

We continue to have an awesome display of crystals, and semi-precious stones at very reasonable prices. A huge stock of incense for purchase. Come and check out our hand knitted items, from gloves, scarves, hats and shawls, not to mention the lovely coats for your best furry friend. The soaps and scrubs are all hand made and very popular as gifts, they smell absolutely divine and never disappoint. There are prints and paintings, beautiful flax work, painted rocks, bags, lovely cards, copper jewelry the list goes on and on. Our Pounamu jewelry and necklaces are always a favourite with foreign tourists who want to take something special home with them. This is just a small selection of our vast stock from many dedicated members, so come and check out what we have for sale. Great for gifts or purchases for yourself.

NOTICE OF MEETING

TEAMWATSON

WATSON'S MILL TRAMWAY TRACK

**Next monthly meeting Wed 8 October
at the Ngakawau Hall : Public Welcome.**

Please note: Only commissioned track workers have permission to cross Holland land. Please ring Heather on 03 7828 665. Thanks.

BIG POOL TOURNAMENTS AT NGAKAWAU



Two local pool competitions that are now over thirty years old are being played at Ngakawau in October. The David Freeman Memorial Trophy-Open Singles and the Neville Gear Country Classic Open Mixed Pairs tournaments draw entries from far and wide and require the use of two venues to cater for numbers attending at the Ngakawau Tavern and the Ngakawau Hall. The 33rd David Freeman Memorial Trophy - Open Singles Pool Tournament will take place on Saturday October 4th. This popular tournament was named after the

late David Freeman, a well-known and much-loved doctor at Ngakawau. He played pool for the Ngakawau Tavern for many years and not long after his death, his wife Annette donated a trophy and the David Freeman Open Singles Tournament was born. It was first played for and won by Neville Gear in 1992. In 2024 the winner was Des Wilcox from Christchurch. The 35th Country Classic Mixed Pairs Pool Tournament will be held on Sunday October 5th. This tournament came into being back in 1989 after being instigated over a couple of beers between local builder Neville Gear and the Fisherman's Lodge publican of the time, Ian Chambers. Formally known as the Canterbury Draught Country Classic, it was first won in 1989 by locals Cathreen Gilbert and Ross Harris. Last year's winners were Des & Chrissie Wilcox. Neville and Ian had foresight in bringing this competition into being. It has now become an iconic tournament, enthusiastically supported by local sponsors and is one of the most sought-after pool competition trophies to win in the Buller. **If you haven't already entered, get in quick as entries close Thursday 2nd October at 7.30pm. To register for these competitions, contact The Ngakawau Tavern on 03 7828035 or email waynejones@xtra.co.nz**
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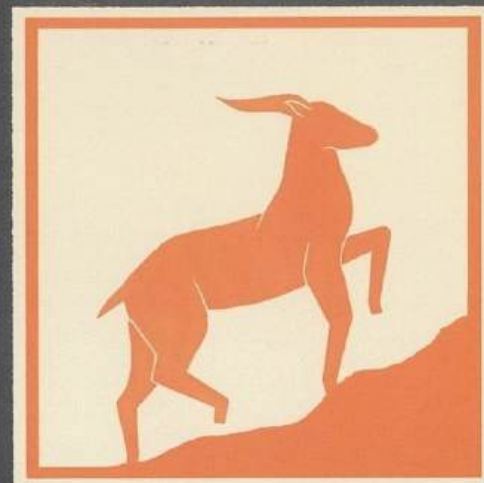
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GRANITY KURA - SCHOOL NEWS (Term 3 Update)



Students hard at work putting down some soil for our school garden.

A huge thank you also goes to DBT Painters, who recently completed the exterior painting of our kura. We look forward to welcoming them back soon to re-stain our fencing and playground.

Te reo Māori continues to be naturally woven into our everyday learning, alongside our weekly kapa haka lessons.

A highlight this term was visiting other Buller schools where our tamariki proudly performed waiata in our magnificent new uniforms.



Aleigha from Nga te Wae Wae after practising and learning our school haka



At Westport North School performing Kapa Haka.

In the final week, our students began learning our very own school haka, created from our kura narrative. We look forward to performing this as we prepare for the 2026 Kapa Haka Festival in Kawatiri.



Damion Caie Hutchison - with the kea that was hidden and found with a tracking device.

We were fortunate to have Rachel Taylor from DOC visit our kura to talk with us about the Kea and how we can all do our part to look after this special species. Our students loved rotating around the learning stations—exploring bird tracks, feathers, and even bird poop! They also had the chance to test their thinking skills with puzzles that clever kea can solve. It was a hands-on, memorable experience that sparked lots of curiosity.

This term we were also excited to hold our Board of Trustees elections. We warmly welcome Kareem Potts, Robyn Poynter, Dyan Blick, and Sharon Marsh to the board, and thank all seven nominees for putting themselves forward in support of our kura. Special thanks also to Bev Fastier for the wonderful support she continues to give our students with their reading mileage. We look forward to her return in 2026.

Looking ahead, we will farewell five students heading off to high school at the end of 2025, and at the same time, we are excited to welcome five new entrants in 2026! In Term 4, we will also be holding a 'Ready, Set, Go' afternoon for parents to experience what a day in the Piwakawaka (junior) Class looks like.

As always, we extend a huge thank you to our kura whānau and community for your ongoing support and encouragement—it makes such a difference to the experiences our tamariki have here at Granity Kura.

Noho ora mai,
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Principal



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- 1 pound cooked fillets (1/2 kg)
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- 1/4 cup chopped green pepper
- 3/4 cup chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 can cream of tomato soup
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 cups of potato chips, coarsely crushed

Flake fish and add to cooked rice. Cook onion and green pepper in butter until tender. Add them to the fish and rice mixture and mix lightly. Blend soup and milk. Place half of the potato chips in the bottom of a greased 2-quart (1.9L) casserole. Cover with alternate layers of fish and soup mixture. Top with remaining potato chips.

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Garry Howard

Candidate, Trustee - Development
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Authorised by Jamie Cleine



Chris Russell

Mayoral Candidate - Buller District Council

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Authorised by Chris Russell

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Linda

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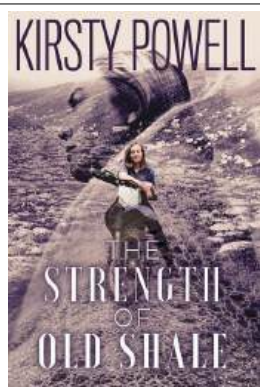
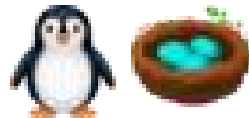
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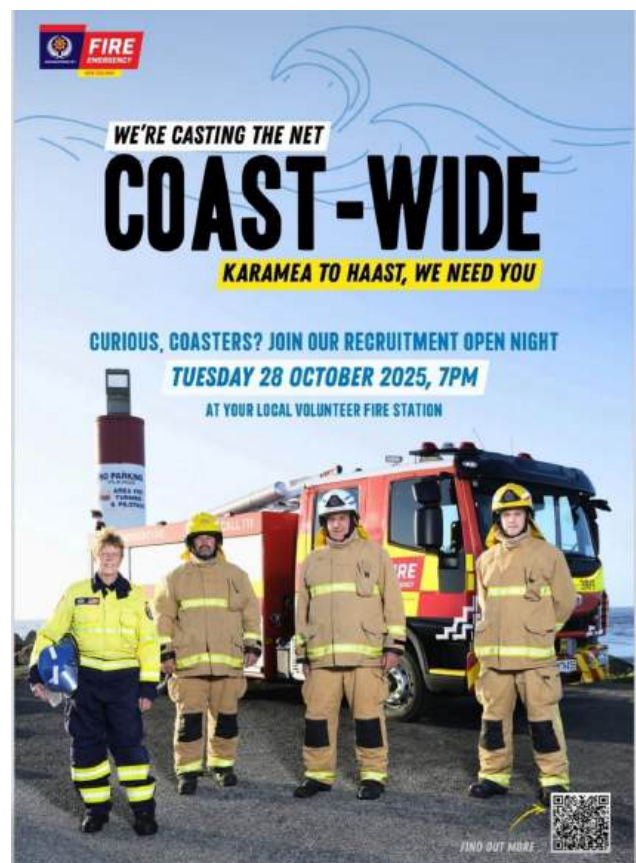
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OCTOBER 28TH 7PM

Waimangaroa - 64 McGill Street, Waimangaroa

Granity - 109 Torea Street, Granity





THE NGAKAWAU COMMUNITY CENTRE

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

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!

PRINTING SERVICES



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 NOVEMBER

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

**Midday Monday
20th October
2025**

Email: nbcrc@actrix.co.nz
Ph 03 7828276

 **Thank You!**
Aylene and Terrence
for delivering the BBB in
Hector,
Ngakawau
and Granity.

PICKLEBALL TUESDAYS ARE HERE!

The Ngakawau Community Centre is hosting free pickleball sessions through to December 16th.

Learning and games once a week on....

**Tuesday mornings between
10am & midday**

Pickleball is a popular sport known for its social and physical benefits. It gives you a 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. Come along and check it out!



BULLER MINING DISTRICTS COMMUNITY CENTRE SOCIETY INCORPORATED MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

BMDCCS Inc owns & operates the Waimangaroa Community Centre, the Ngakawau Community Centre and the Ngakawau Pool.

If you appreciate these assets and the services they provide to your community, please support the charity that looks after them by joining as a member. Strong membership numbers helps the Society demonstrate to external funders that it has community support. Your subscription helps the society's management committee (all volunteers) to govern these important community facilities.

\$10 per person or \$15 per couple.
This membership drive is open for three months from August 5th, 2025.

Membership forms are available at the Ngakawau Centre or by emailing the Secretary at:

BMDCC.inc@gmail.com

