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LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS

Local body elections are a vital cornerstone of democracy, giving residents a direct voice in shaping the governance of their communities. With our two current Seddon Ward councillors not having to face an election process this year, the BBB decided to ask them a couple of questions anyway. We wanted to know how they both feel about the next three years at the council table championing for Northern Buller and the district on our behalf.



Q: What do you believe are the most pressing issues facing our communities and why?

Toni - The three big things for me would be population decline, environmental vulnerability, and limited economic options. We have a small, aging population and rising costs.

Rosalie - Cost of living, local infrastructure, employment, and an aging population. All of these things mean our rates need to be affordable with a focus on delivering cost efficient and no-frills solutions that are arrived at in true partnership with our communities.

Q: How would you describe your vision for the future of Northern Buller?

Rosalie- A place where residents are given full knowledge of the challenges we face, are able to contribute and are listened to and engaged with. A place where we talk with people, not at them, and are given the freedom as councillors to engage meaningfully with staff at every level.

Toni - I'm a firm believer in 'Super Local'. If all our Northern Buller communities are networked together, we can become more connected and improve communication. To me, that's key to sustainability—knowing what we need and working together to achieve it.

Q: What are your priorities for improving local infrastructure, such as roads, water, and waste management?

Toni - First, it's about knowing what we need - every community in Northern Buller is slightly different. Local infrastructure needs a strong voice and more choice to make sure we get the most affordable and best-fit solutions for our communities.

Rosalie - For me in Karamea, the highway is a big challenge and one I intend to push hard on to ensure ratepayers are not burdened with the costs of this lifeline infrastructure. I will continue to promote the emphasis on "local" in the local water done well space.

Q: What will you do to maintain or improve access to healthcare services in our area?

Rosalie- I am actively involved in the Northern Buller & Karamea Health Trusts and will continue endorsing the retention and improvement of our health services through these and other forums.

Toni - I'll continue promoting enrolments at the Ngakawau clinic to help boost numbers, and I'll work with all stakeholders where I can to encourage good relationships and communication with the WCDHB.

Q: How will you support local schools and youth initiatives?

Toni - Granity School is looking fantastic with its fresh paint job. I always keep an eye on any risks around our school bus services and I support both local and regional youth initiatives by networking with all stakeholders and sharing information around the community.

Rosalie - I will stand in support of our local schools at every level possible and encourage those with youth initiatives to apply for funding to achieve their aims.

Q: What is your approach to ensuring transparency in council decisions & responsible spending?

Rosalie- I will continue to push for more transparency in council decisions and for less public excluded agenda items in future. I have always advocated strongly for responsible spending when it comes to council projects and will continue to do so.

Toni - It starts with good relationships between operations and governance, and I will support monthly financial and risk reporting. I always advocate for 'layman's terms' communication so everyone can understand what's going on.

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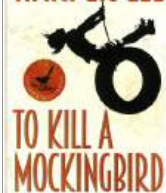
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LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS (questions for our Councillors) continued....

Q: How will you prioritise spending on essential services versus new projects?

Toni - Carefully. Essential services should always come first, but it's about balance. Wellbeing and culture are also important to our community, and we need to find ways to support both.

Rosalie - Essential services are the priority. Community-led projects in my experience almost always come from a place of integrity and must be given the careful and respectful consideration they deserve.

Q: How will you ensure your actions reflect the values and aspirations of our Northern Buller communities?

Rosalie - Actions speak louder than words. As a committed community member and councillor for more than 30 years I will continue to my work towards ensuring the values and aspirations of our villages and rural areas are preserved.

Toni - I don't pretend to be a mind reader, but I do my best to be involved in all our townships and stay connected. I listen, I stay available, and I share information as openly as I can.

Q: What is your decision-making process, especially when faced with conflicting opinions?

Toni - I do my homework. I talk to other councillors, seek advice, and reflect on my local knowledge. When a topic is tough or controversial, I try to organise a public meeting or connect directly with the part of the community affected.

Rosalie - I make decisions based on my experience and knowledge of the communities I serve and by listening with empathy and a willingness to compromise. I will always look for common ground to achieve a resolution.



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When the Act was passed, suffragists celebrated throughout the country, and congratulations poured in from suffrage campaigners from around the world.



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





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**Buller District Council
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Thursday 18 September 2025**

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10 am - 12 pm**

**Ngakawau Hall
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm**



Buller District Council is offering the opportunity for residents in outlying areas of Buller to meet with Council staff and elected members in person.

BDC would like to encourage the development of positive relationships between Council and communities - you are invited to take part.

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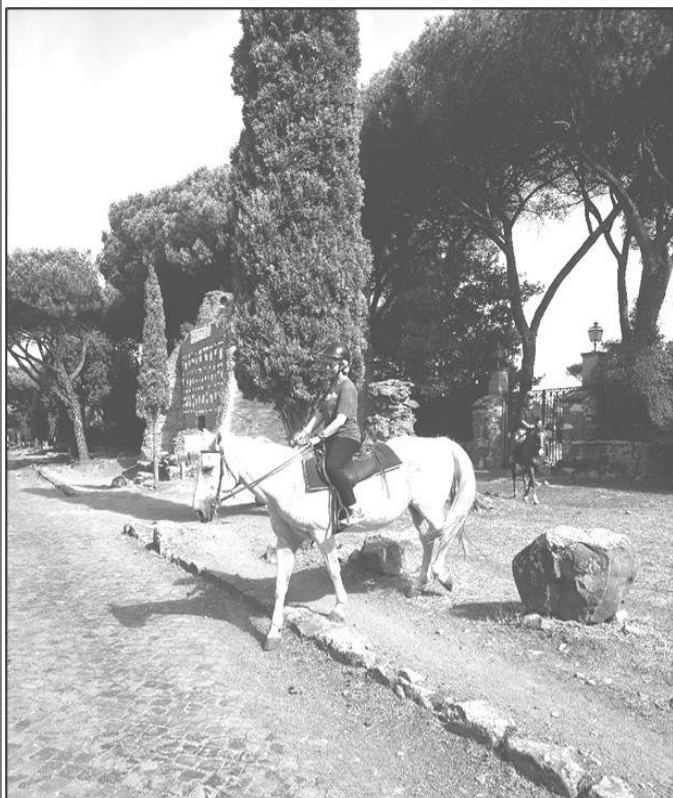
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Travel Tales #8 (by Lynne Maguire)

Dear Reader

Sitting on a horse with the daughter of my parents' friends, I was on top of the world. I still recall the motion of that animal as we rode down a small pathway, and to this day, 'horse scent' takes me back to that time and place. It is one of my earliest memories that has influenced me for the rest of my life with a love of all things equine. Throughout my life, I have been fortunate to experience the show ring, eventing, hunting, and hacking. I've ridden many different horses and ponies over the years, but these days I enjoy quietly riding on our property.



I've been camel riding in Western Australia through tall eucalyptus trees and parched landscape. I've ridden a quarter horse on a high alpine pine trail in Canada with steep, winding, and narrow pathways. I was hoping to experience at least one horse ride on this trip to Europe. Good ol' Google led me to a few different horse riding businesses, but the one that caught my eye was 'Horseback Riding Ancient Rome.' I contacted my sister, yes, she was keen. After a few emails back and forth, our deposit was paid, and we were booked to go riding in Rome on September 8th.

We started our day with a ritualistic visit to a café for coffee before catching a taxi to the stables.

We were early, so we went for a walk to explore the area. It was very rural, featuring gated properties that looked very affluent, large houses, and, from what we could see, amazing gardens and landscaping. Eventually, we made our way to the stables and were met by Sandraeo, our guide for the ride.

My horse, named Valentino, was a lovely flea-bitten grey with a nice, free-moving walk, and my sister had Rock, a quiet, well-mannered bay. Now a UNESCO world heritage area, our ride took us along a paved, narrow road that Sandraeo told us was the 'new road;' it was only 500 years old. Soon we came to the 'old road', which was built in 312 BC for military purposes, a war in Southern Italy. The stones on the roadway were flat and smooth. I could only imagine how many thousands, maybe millions of footsteps and horse hooves had travelled this route and worn them down. Maybe hawkers on the roadside selling their wares, slaves and free, beggars and rich, and soldiers off to war. Along each side of the road were marble statues and tombs, buried deep into the ground with wrought-iron gates, of ancient burials. In ancient Rome, citizens were unable to bury the dead within the city walls, so the roadsides became the resting place for the deceased. It was like riding through a history book, all those stories I'd heard of and read about ancient Rome came real as Valentino clip-clopped his way along the Appian Way. Sandraeo gave us commentary in his heavily accented English on the history and modern times of the area. As in the past, the Appian Way is a semi-rural residential area for the wealthy: politicians, international ambassadors, business people, and the aristocracy of Rome. Sitting on our horses, we could peep over stone walls and get a glimpse of life on the other side as we rode past: armed guards, dark windowed shiny black cars, immaculate lawns, barking dogs, ponds, and once a woman in a long flowing dress. It was a world away from The West Coast, yet as I quietly rode along, the privilege of adding my footprint to this amazing historical roadway was both awing and humbling. Thanks to Valentino for enriching my equine experiences.

Yours Sincerely,

A Sexagenarian on her first European OE.

NGAKAWAU JUNIOR RUGBY PRIZEGIVING & TEAM PICS 2025

Under 7



FR: Amelia-Rose Moore, Harley Moore BR: Karl Clementson (President) & Vanessa Kingan

Under 9 awards



FR: most improved Billie Thompson, player of the year Thea-Bel Hughes, runner up player of the year Louie Crossman. R: Karl Clementson president, Ryan Hughes coach

Under 11 awards



FR left to right, player of the year Ben Mumm, Most improved Flynn Crossman, runner up player of the year Rico Kingan. BR Paul Mumm, Danial Swiggs coaches

Under 13 Awards



FR: left to right Player of the year Noah Smith, Most improved player Enzo Martini, Runner up player of the year Tony Schwass. BR: Karl Clementson, Jared Smith, Ryan Hughes, coaches



Under 9 team



Under 11 team



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GRANITY VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

Growing Stronger Together!

Kia ora from the Granity Volunteer Fire Brigade! We're happy to report that we haven't attended any fire related incidents since the last bulletin. It's great to see everyone remaining vigilant this time of year - it only takes a few moments for fire to become a real problem.

A big thing to keep an eye on is ashes from your fire. It can take up to five days for ashes to cool completely! Fire and Emergency New Zealand recommends that you leave ashes to cool before disposing of them, empty them into a metal bin and pour water over them. This helps prevent devastating house fires and keeps you and your family safe.



Hot ashes did this! Photos from a local property - luckily seen in time

Our team will be undertaking our first aid refresher course later this month to make sure we're all up to scratch. From CPR practice to simple wound management, we cover all the vitals within first aid. This ensures we're best able to help you if you need it!

If you've been considering joining our brigade, don't delay! We're always thrilled to see new faces join our crew and the more hands on deck, the better. Please come down and visit us on a Monday night at 6pm and check out what we do. We're a fun bunch and you'll be helping keep your community safe!



Until next time!

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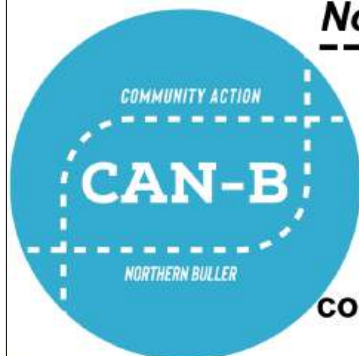
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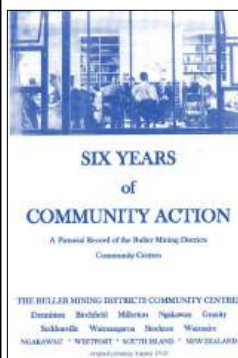
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COMMUNITY ACTION NORTHERN BULLER

Post CAN-B's community Hui held in June, here are key updates
on items being actioned:

- Ngakawau Riverbank Cleanup: Positive feedback received from West Coast Regional Council, MBC, Bathurst, DOC and other key stakeholders who are on-board to help support this community-driven initiative. Aerial satellite images of the riverbank area have been reviewed with key clean-up areas identified. Next step: engage WCRC, MBC and Bathurst to work together on a weed spraying plan to take place over course of several months with multiple weed-sprays needed to rid invasive plant species.
- Team Watson: full steam ahead with creating their new walking path now that DOC's West Coast Director has approved this! See page 22 and follow 'Watson's Track' page on Facebook for updates.
- Northern Buller Workshops: Successful 'Wellness morning' workshop held in Mokihinui on Saturday 16th June. Thank you to Buller REAP for funding this initiative and to your community members for organising this! A wonderfully relaxing morning filled with beach yoga, stress management techniques, sound healing and excellent Kai were enjoyed by all who attended.
- Pottery workshops and youth yoga: watch this space for more workshops coming to Northern Buller... your community connector is currently engaging with local potters and yoga instructors to implement community-driven workshops suggestions.
- Transport initiatives: Buller Taxi's shared the results of their transport survey (available to see on CAN-B's Facebook page). A proposed shared-transport initiative to connect Northern Buller to Westport will be publicly available soon!
- Greenwaste disposal area identified in Mokihinui utilising private land. Location shared on CAN-B's Facebook page.
- Northern Buller 'Community Calendar' concept to be revealed next month.
- Dolphin site: 'Working Bee' suggested to clean up this area. Jade at JK's has kindly agreed to mow the lawns here.

NEXT MONTHLY PUBLIC MEETING:
SEPTEMBER 11th at MILLERTON HALL, 6:30PM.



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WHAT'S ON AT THE LYRIC THEATRE THIS MONTH?

Friday 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.



Sunday 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



The Lyric Café will be open for a final service on Sunday 31 August.

This will conclude a 6-month commitment by Patricia and Tony who have operated The Lyric Café on a volunteer-basis each Sunday since March this year.

We are incredibly grateful to them both for generously raising funds for the theatre and to the community who have visited and supported The Lyric Café each week.

Should you (or someone you know) be interested in running a similar operation in this space, please contact Frances O'Brien at admin@thelyric.nz

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Are you self-motivated with a can-do attitude and a passion for performing arts?

We're looking for someone to engage, coordinate and develop our team of volunteers while managing day-to-day operations, scheduled events and hire bookings at The Lyric Theatre.

With an incredible venue and a reputation for hosting high-quality events, we want to ensure our theatre continues to thrive as an asset for the Northern Buller community.

The role is 25 hours per month at \$28 per hour. It is a 9-month fixed term position with the potential to extend in July 2026.

You'll have:

- A good work ethic and positive attitude - a team player.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills.
- A community focus and willingness to engage, manage and train a broad range of people across all skill levels.
- Availability to work at some events.
- Relevant experience in at least 3 of: cash handling, administration, hospitality, team leadership, event management, marketing & communications, stakeholder engagement, however, all necessary training will be provided.

About us:

- We are an incorporated society and registered charity, governed by members of the Northern Buller community, for the purpose of:
 - Maintaining and preserving a venue of local significance.
 - Fostering a safe, inclusive space for the community to access and participate in performing arts.
- Our venue regularly hosts medium to large scale performing arts events (12 per annum), community/social events (12 per annum) and weekly scheduled activities for smaller community groups and seasonal bookings.
- We currently have approximately 15 active volunteers to staff a busy event schedule with many of our events accommodating 50-180 attendees from Northern Buller, Karamea, Westport, Reefton and Punakaiki.

The fine print:

- The successful applicant must reside in the Northern Buller/Westport area.
- A clean, full drivers license is a must - travel is required for some role responsibilities.
- The successful applicant must pass a police check as the role includes cash handling and relationship development with local schools.

Applications close 5pm, Friday 12 September.

All applicants will be contacted by 16 September with shortlisted candidates interviewed in-person by TLTG committee panel over the following week.



For a full role description or to submit your resume and cover letter, please email: **Frances O'Brien** at admin@thelyric.nz

Seddonville Reserve & Hall Subcommittee FORMAL MEETING

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

Thursday 18 September 2025, starting 6:30 pm

**Seddonville Campground, 108 Gladstone Street,
Seddonville 7891.**

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

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



TOREA GALLERY NEWS

Kia ora

Torea Gallery news



Our winter building projects continue. We are currently celebrating the completion of our pile project and give heartfelt thanks to our funders – Bathurst mining, The Trusts Community Foundation and the West Coast Community Trust and to Blue Mule Construction – what a job! Glad it wasn't me crawling under the building in the middle of winter.... But we now have solid foundations beneath our feet! Yay!

Coming up is the painting of our retail space and to this end we will be closed Sunday, August 24th – Tuesday August 26th, apologies for any inconvenience caused by this. And thanks also to the members who have volunteered for the painting job. Tino pai!

Exhibitions are about to change with a fibre crafts exhibition of weaving and quilting up next (open after the painting is complete) followed by Westport Creative Fibre's exhibition of a variety of different fibres and techniques.

Spring is in the air, and we have a selection of organic seeds just waiting to be planted and nurtured in your garden.

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The team @ Torea



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For your
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2025



As your Mayor, my key areas of focus will be rates affordability, re-connecting with and raising our integrity with the community.

Crucial decisions need to be made about our core infrastructure services, and to get flood protection in place. I want to have true, two-way conversations with the community so we can come to a consensus together about what services we retain, and what we can do without to make rates more affordable.



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- 1 x tablespoon butter
- 2 x tablespoons flour
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- 1 cup maple syrup
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 x baked 9-inch pie shell
- 1 cup whipped cream



Cream the flour and butter together, then add the beaten yolks and blend well. Combine the maple syrup and water and add to the creamed mixture. Cook in double boiler until mixture begins to thicken. Pour into baked pie crust and allow to set. Top with whipped cream and sprinkle with maple sugar shavings.

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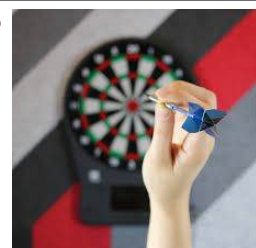


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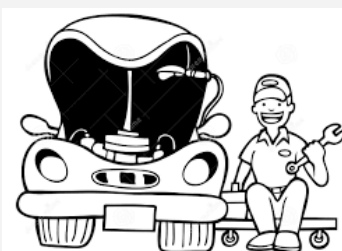


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Constable Paul Cannell
Sole Charge
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Chris Coll

Candidate, West Coast Regional Council

I am Chris Coll and I am a Licensed Cadastral Surveyor. I run a surveying, engineering and planning practice based in Westport with my wife Jan. I am committed to community service and the people of Buller.

My involvement with river monitoring of all major West Coast rivers, river control works and over 40 years of Civil Defence experience have opened my eyes to the absolute necessity of an effective Regional Council that delivers on its commitments, listens to its communities and provides them with real security.

Identifying achievable responses to natural hazard risk and giving effect to central government requirements in ways that are affordable and retain local voice are my key priorities.

I want Buller to be able to take full advantage of the WCRC's resources, expertise and influence and have a strong voice at the table to advocate for its views and needs.

Authorised by Chris Coll



Garry Howard

Candidate, Trustee Development West Coast

If elected to Development West Coast Trust, my priorities centre on building a sustainable, diversified economy that benefits current and future generations.

My primary focus will be growing local skills and talent through trade apprenticeships, Co-starters business development, and directorship training. These programmes build our homegrown capability. I'm committed to strategic partnerships with proven operators who can leverage part of our \$150 million fund to attract additional investment. Current primary industries need to be encouraged to add value prior to exporting resources off the West Coast. Every decision will be based on thorough research and sound business principles. Emerging opportunities like carbon credits, sustainable tourism, and IT development offer exciting diversification potential alongside our traditional strengths. As a trustee, I'll never forget these funds belong to West Coast residents. My approach combines strong business acumen with genuine community commitment – listening carefully, asking tough questions, and making evidence-based decisions that create lasting prosperity for our region.

Authorised by Garry Howard



Jamie Cleine

Mayoral Candidate - Buller District Council

I have served as Mayor for the past six years and remain committed, passionate, and positive that my leadership style delivers results for our district.

I have strong established relationships with central government Ministers, officials, MP's and West Coast leaders and stakeholders. Local government is fundamentally changing, now is a critical time for stable, established leadership that works collaboratively for positive long-term outcomes for Buller. Under my leadership, Council has secured external funding to drive growth — including new housing and income opportunities. We've delivered key projects in Reefton, upgraded Westport's port, and invested in vital roading repairs in Northern Buller. We've significantly increased infrastructure investment to water and wastewater networks to future-proof our communities and unlock growth. I believe every part of our district matters. I've worked hard to represent all Buller communities. With your support, I'll continue leading a future-focused council committed to partnership, resilience, opportunity, and growth.

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Hear from your candidates – hosted by:

Rotary Club of Westport – NBS Theatre, Westport
Thursday, 28 August, 7 pm

Reefton Inc – Dawson's Hotel, Reefton
Thursday, 11 September, 7 pm

SOLAR POWER FOR COMMUNITY HALLS

The Ngakawau Community Centre is one of several public buildings in Buller hoping to receive a solar power system funded through an exciting new initiative. Aimed at supporting targeted communities with their emergency planning and energy resilience needs, the Buller District Council is working with the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Authority (EECA) through its Community Renewable Energy Fund (CREF) to deliver a Community Resilience Programme.



EECA plans to assist over 200 sites nationwide to receive a solar PV and battery system for use. The Ngakawau Centre (owned by the Buller Mining Districts Community Centre Society) is one of six Priority 1 eligible facilities used by the community during emergency events.

BDC Group Manager Community Services Krissy Trigg said a working group, which included local Civil Defence representatives, used the EECA's assessment matrix to identify Priority 1 and Priority 2 sites across the district. "Given current funding constraints, the focus is on centralised sites (Priority 1) that provide the most value during emergency responses. Council is hopeful that there will be funding available in subsequent years to allow assessment of the Priority 2 sites at a later date," she said.

The identified Priority 1 sites (in no particular order) are: 1. NBS Theatre, Westport 2. Reefton Community Centre 3. Maruia Community Hall 4. Ngakawau Community Centre 5. Carters Beach Community Hall 6. Charleston Community Hall.

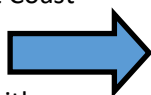
Next steps include site assessments by the system suppliers to identify needs and any issues. Ms Trigg said Council was looking forward to working alongside community groups as the project moves forward.

"This programme will provide far-reaching benefits for communities throughout the district, and is of particular importance for our smaller, rural facilities which play a vital role during Civil Defence emergencies."

Ms Trigg said regular updates will be provided to keep the community informed as the programme progresses.

TEAM WATSON TRACK NEWS for July-Aug 2025

The reply to the Letter to the Director West Coast DOC, Owen Kilgour, was received on Tuesday 12 August 2025.



This gives us permission to move forward with progress on the Watson's Mill Tramway Track. Next we will work with Westport DOC and CAN-B to negotiate an Agreement before we can go onto the Tramway.

Meanwhile since our last report in July:

Several small missions and one big working bee (of 8 on 26 July) have completed a route to join with the Tramway. Remember this is still Private Land. Only TeamWatson have permission to access and only on working bees.

Check out our **Watson Track** Facebook page for photos and dates.

From our last meeting on 13 August:

- Di has been communicating with Backcountry Trust and possible grants
- The Sparks are looking into Lottery grants
- Various toilet options are being investigated including generous offers from Seddonville Volunteer Fire Brigade and Westport Safe Hire.
- The Jerrins (CJ Builders) are exploring other projects.

**Next monthly meeting at the Ngakawau Hall 6:30pm
Wed 10 September: Public Welcome. Hot Topics:
Agreement, Next Steps**

Tēnā koe Jo

Thank you for your letter of July 2025 regarding the closures of the southern end of Charming Creek Walkway and the Mangatini Falls Swingbridge.

I acknowledge the negative social and economic impact that the closure of the southern section of the Charming Creek Walkway has had on your communities.

Since 2019, the walkway has remained closed due to significant geological hazards, including 19 landslips and the deterioration of the Mangatini Falls Swingbridge. Geotechnical assessments have confirmed that the area poses a substantial risk to public safety and as a result, the southern entrance from Ngakawau must remain closed.

The decision to close the southern part of the track did not come lightly, and the consequences have been deeply felt. Visitor numbers to the southern end were over 13,300 pedestrians and 1,350 cyclists in a single year. The walkway was not only a treasured recreational asset but also a vital contributor to local business income, community wellbeing, and regional tourism.

I support your efforts to investigate the option of reopening the historic Watson's Mill Tramway in Hector as a safe and enduring alternative route to the southern end of Charming Creek which would enable the walkway to once more be a through-track. Your efforts reflect the resilience and commitment of Northern Buller residents to preserve access to the natural and historical heritage of the area.

The Department is committed to working alongside community groups to explore viable, safe, and respectful alternatives that honour both conservation values and community needs. I have asked Ross Thomas to be your contact on this proposal going forward. Ross can be contacted on 027 203 2954 and ross.thomas@doc.govt.nz.

Thank you for your continued engagement, patience, and passion. We look forward to collaborating with you to help shape the future of access to Charming Creek.

Nāku noa, nā

OA Kilgour

Owen Kilgour
Director Operations
Western South Island Region



To Kōwhiriwhiri
Te Kōwhiriwhiri
Te Kōwhiriwhiri

HEALTH TRUST UPDATE ...from the Secretary

Meeting with Management in Westport 31st July 2025

Present: Helen Gillespie, Philip Wheble, Rosalie Sampson, Kate Wall, Carol Fitzsimmons, Joan Climo.

Meeting began with introductions for those that had not attended before.

Communications between the Trust and Management: This was the key focus, to maintain and also respect both sides of the table. Explanations were given as to why there was a breakdown, and solutions were sought.

Rosalie began with wanting an explanation of the face-to-face Doctor sessions, as reported by Helen to be 31.

The period of time was not accurate. Helen said it was 31 sessions over a 12 month period. Telehealth sessions were 38 (4 hours at a time) with 15-20 min appointments.

The discussions then went onto comparing populations of Reefton and Northern Buller (including Karamaea).

Rosalie stated that overall, Reefton had 60 more residents, also closer to Greymouth, had a contingent of nurses, and a Full time St Johns. Then Helen broke the numbers down that we have less registered people within the Northern Buller system. There were a lot of people who casually appear at clinics.

A suggestion was to encourage those that are casual to enrol at their local clinics to boost numbers.

The subject of PRIME call outs was again brought up. Helen said that the nurses are not responsible for these call outs, they should be referred to Ka-Ora Healthline or St Johns. The role of our nurses, she said, was to 'support' a call out, not be the first responder. So for weekends and after hours, those in need have to call the Ka-Ora number if it's a non-emergency, or call St Johns if it is. Mr Wheble also told us there are changes happening with PRIME nationwide but could not elaborate at the time.

In response to being questioned about wait times for St Johns, Mr Wheble stated they have a partnership with them but are not responsible for them. This needed to be bought up with St Johns themselves.

Boasting St Johns memberships and ambulance cover could help the situation. When asked if there was still a shuttle bus between Westport and Greymouth, they said yes there is, but it depends on the condition of the patient that needed to be transported, an ambulance may be required, therefore that's an ambulance less in Westport.

It was suggested we investigate contacting St Johns in Westport and get their side of the story as well.

At the end of the meeting, Kate asked Mr Wheble if there were any updates on the old Clinic at Ngakawau.

None that he knew of because the difficulty is that both the old and new clinics are on the same title, difficult to split and obviously not cost effective for the health department.

Meeting closed 11am.



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Northern Buller Health Trust.



SOUTH ISLAND JUDO CHAMPS

7 Members from the Granity Judo Club competed at the South Island Judo Championships held in Motueka in August. Although the numbers were down slightly there was a good calibre of fighters competing from throughout the South Island & Wellington. For many of the Granity Judoka it was their first South Island event. Every one of them competed to the best of their ability showing great improvements. We as coaches and parents felt truly proud of all our Judoka and their fighting.

Granity Results

Thomas Grundy: veteran men's, Senior Men's

Thomas, fighting fit and looking forward to the event, got stuck into fighting, turned to avoid being thrown, popped his shoulder and spent his day in hospital totally disappointed and frustrated.

Rivers Hiha-Southon: Senior Boys - 50kg: - Silver, SB Open: - Bronze

Rivers has improved with experience and had some great fights with some hard earned wins. A good effort from Rivers.

Alizae Rehu-Williams: Senior Boys - 45kg, Senior Boys Open

As a newbie, Alizae fought a defensive style, held his ground with some good techniques, he took some hard falls from well experienced players, but stuck at it. A good learning experience. Alizae has huge potential with his fighting style. We look forward to the next event to see his development.

Micheal Peoples: Junior Boys - 40kg, JB Open: - Gold

Micheal underestimates himself, and took a few fights to pull it together, fighting with more confidence in the open division, winning the Gold. He needs to work on his grips to maintain control of his well-timed techniques

Johnathon Peoples: Junior Boys - +45kg: - Gold, JB Open: - Bronze

WOW, Johnathon has worked hard to control his techniques and completion of throws at training and it showed, huge improvement. His extra training paid off, keep it up.

Cruz Christensen: Junior Boys - 36kg: - Bronze, Boys Open

Cruz fought with gusto and enthusiasm, enjoying every fight, with a huge smile, he danced about the mat, with constant attacking, Cruz never gave up. A good effort and result.

Magdalen Christensen: Junior Girls - 24kg: - Gold, Junior Girls Open

Maggie the lightest and youngest Judoka at the tournament, had a long wait for her division to come up, and hours for nerves to settle in. She won her weight, then confronted girls from 9 to 30kgs heavier than herself. Maggie took a couple of hard falls, sucked up the emotions and kept going time-after-time with sheer determination, earning a standing ovation.

Granity Judo Players will next compete at the NZ Nationals in Christchurch.

Photo

Wayne Carter, Micheal Peoples, Alizae Rehu-Williams, Rivers Hiha-Southon, Cruz Christensen, Johnathon Peoples, Magdalen Christensen, Sam Southon. Thomas Grundy absent due to injury. Jackets kindly donated by our local sponsor for competition use. Supplied by Leah Watson 0273435903





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 OCTOBER

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

**1.30pm
Friday
19th September
2025**

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PICKLEBALL TUESDAYS ARE HERE!

Starts 26th August 2025 10am

The Ngakawau Community Centre is hosting free pickleball sessions at the Ngakawau Community Centre from the end of August through to December 16th. Kair Lippiatt is coordinating 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

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.
Membership is open for three months from August 5th, 2025.

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