



**BULLER**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL  
Te Kaunihera O Kawatiri

# Connect

**Mānuka**  
*Leptospermum scoparium*  
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Keeping you up to date with news from your Buller District Council

## Mayor's Message



I'm pleased to share some exciting news about improvements we are making to how we keep you informed. I'd like to introduce our monthly Connect feature in the Messenger.

This will replace the Council's Connect newsletter and provide updates, meeting notices, and important public information directly to your home or you can pick a copy up from your local distribution centre.

This change allows us to communicate more frequently and effectively, ensuring you have free access to information. We will share what's happening in our district, inform you about things Council is working on and ways you can contribute to our decision making.

It's part of our ongoing commitment to transparency and keeping you connected with your Council.

Council has a lot of work to do over the next year and we want the community to understand the challenges and our opportunities. Most importantly, we want community engagement to guide us in our decision making.

### Mayor Jamie Cleine

Mayor Jamie Cleine's 'Chats with the Mayor' sessions in Reefton are now being held at the Reefton Visitor and Service Centre prior to the bimonthly Inangahua Community Board meetings. You can also catch up with him at the Clocktower Chambers in Westport – check Council's meetings calendar for details.

## Host responsibility this festive season

Putting on a holiday celebration for your employees can be a great way to say thank you for a busy year and an opportunity for work-mates to relax and celebrate together while building and strengthening relationships.

If you choose to include alcohol at your workplace function, make sure it's supplied in a way that fits with your workplace alcohol policy and have measures in place to help people stay safe and enjoy themselves.

If your event is held at another venue, you or the venue may need a special licence. You can check this with the alcohol licencing team at Buller District Council.

**SAFELY** is a simple way to remember the key components of host responsibility:

**S** Use responsible alcohol **Service**  
**A** Provide **Alternatives** to alcohol  
**F** Offer substantial **Food**  
**E** Prevent **Excess** consumption  
**L** Organise **Lifts**/rides home  
**Y** Look after **Young** people

- Clearly outline your expectations upfront. It is helpful to have drinks served, rather than providing a 'free for all' situation.
- Always provide low and non-alcoholic options and have water freely available.
- Have plenty of food on offer from the start of the event and right throughout.

- Don't encourage/promote heavy or excessive drinking.
- Make sure safe transport options are in place to get everyone home safely.
- Take extra care if you have young staff members in attendance or on bar duty.
- It is illegal to supply alcohol to anyone under 18 years without express consent of a parent. You could be fined \$2,000 if you don't follow the law.

Remember, as a host, you set the tone for the event and behaviours in relation to alcohol and must make sure your event complies with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

Have any questions? Feel free to get in touch with our alcohol licencing team via: [licenses@bdc.govt.nz](mailto:licenses@bdc.govt.nz)

## Let's talk waste - Share your thoughts for better waste management and minimisation on the West Coast.

We want to hear your thoughts on where we propose to focus our energy to improve waste management and minimisation on the West Coast.

What we're asking:

- What waste management and minimisation actions should Council prioritise?
- Which policies are most important to improve waste management and minimisation?
- Which product recycling schemes would you use if they were available in your district?

- What would encourage you to keep more waste out of landfills?
- How can we strengthen our waste infrastructure and services to be more resilient in emergencies or disasters?

Your feedback will inform the West Coast Regional Waste Management and Minimisation Plan for the next six years. Everyone creates waste, so join the conversation on how we manage and minimise it. It will only take 5 - 10 minutes, and most questions are optional.

Give us your feedback between Monday, 18 November, to Friday, 20 December 2024, at 5pm.



Do it online  
Click here

If you prefer a hard copy, you can find key documents and submission forms at Council's offices in Westport, the Reefton Visitor and Service Centre, the Sue Thomson Casey Memorial Library in Westport, the Karamea Information Centre and the Ngakawau Info Centre.

## Buller District Council has launched "Let's talk Buller", a new online community engagement hub.

Let's talk Buller is an interactive platform with a wide range of tools to inform our community about Council's past, current, and future consultations, gather feedback, and send tailored updates on projects and initiatives that matter to you.



It's your space to share ideas, discuss key issues, provide feedback, and help shape the future of our district.  
Click here to visit [letstalk.bullerdc.govt.nz](https://letstalk.bullerdc.govt.nz).

Let's talk







# Get ready for a Kiwi summer of sport at Buller District Libraries

The Buller District Libraries Summer Reading Programme is just around the corner. This year's theme is 'A Kiwi Summer of Sport' and will include active themed challenges, activities and games at the library, along with sporting story times.

Kids can choose any reading material to read for five days a week during January and they'll qualify for our major prizes and the chance to win an iPad!

The programme is a great way to keep Buller students' minds active during the holiday period. Entries are limited to 100 young readers from 5-15 years old, so make sure you get in fast. Sign up for the Summer Reading Programme at the Sue Thomson Casey Memorial Library, Westport and the Inangahua County Library at the Reefton Visitor and Service Centre from Friday 6 December at 3pm until 12pm on 24 December.



# Swimming pool inspections

As summer approaches, Council staff will be checking pools across the district to ensure compliance with the Building Code clause F9. The objective of this clause is to prevent injury or death to young children as a result of them gaining unsupervised access to residential pools.

Property owners listed on the current pool register will be notified that an inspector will visit to assess the pool barrier and/or cover for small, heated pools, confirming adherence to the Building Code requirements under F9 – Acceptable Solutions for Clause F9 – Means of restricting access to residential pools. This is a reminder for pool owners to please ensure your pool barrier and/or cover for small, heated pools meets the required safety standards. Failure to do so may result in additional costs for repairs and additional inspections.

# Water


## Water supplies

Council would like to remind **all consumers** to flush their taps by letting about a mugful of water run through in the morning, prior to use.

**This applies to all supplies including rainwater.** Visit Council's website 'water - plumbosolvency' for details. There are different levels of water treatment in Buller.

The **Cape Foulwind** water supply (Wilson's Lead Rd and Bulls Rd) is for stock use only and is not intended for human consumption.

A permanent boil water notice applies for **Little Wanganui Subdivision, Mōkihinui, Ngakawau/Hector, South Granity and Waimangaroa.**

 **You can sign up to Council's email list and receive key information about your local water supply under [bullerdc.govt.nz/do-it-online/water-supply-update-sign-up/](https://www.bullerdc.govt.nz/do-it-online/water-supply-update-sign-up/)**

## Stormwater

Please consider stormwater and wastewater separation. Stormwater that enters the sewer must be treated as sewerage. This can cause sewer capacity problems during prolonged and heavy rain.

The majority of the stormwater is discharged untreated into the district's rivers. Please consider this when discharging fluids into the stormwater system. If you wouldn't want to swim in it, it shouldn't be going into the stormwater and needs to be disposed of as wastewater.

## Wastewater

Please don't flush paper towels or any wipes, including those labelled as flushable, down the toilet.

People who have a connection to the **Orowaiti** sewerage scheme are reminded that they should no longer be using septic tanks and should be connected to the reticulation.

**For more information about these water services, visit our website: [bullerdc.govt.nz/infrastructure/](https://www.bullerdc.govt.nz/infrastructure/)**

# Meetings

## December 2024

The 2024 meeting calendar can be found at [bullerdc.govt.nz/your-council/meetings/](https://www.bullerdc.govt.nz/your-council/meetings/)

Please check the calendar for any updates and additional meetings.

### Creative Communities Subcommittee

- 9 December 2:30 pm  
Clocktower Chambers

### Long Term Plan Strategy Workshop

- 11 December 1:00 pm  
Clocktower Chambers

### Risk and Audit Committee

- 11 December 3:30 pm  
Clocktower Chambers

### Long Term Plan Strategy Workshop

- 18 December 1:00 pm  
Clocktower Chambers

### Ordinary Council Meeting

- 18 December 3:30 pm  
Clocktower Chambers

All Council meetings will be livestreamed to Council's YouTube channel Buller District Council.

There may be elements of the meeting that are public excluded. The meeting agenda will explain why the public is excluded under LGOIMA 1987.

A public forum session is available at the beginning of Ordinary Council meetings. If you want to address Council during the public forum session or have any questions about these meetings please contact:

Governance Assistant, phone **0800 807 239** or email [governance.assistant@bdc.govt.nz](mailto:governance.assistant@bdc.govt.nz)



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