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Keeping you up-to-date with news from your Buller District Council

Purple hebe - *Veronica speciosa*
Credit: Marley Ford - www.nzpcn.org.nz

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July 2021 >>>>>>>>>>>>>>> August 2025

Project background

In December 2022, Council received a \$13.4M funding approval from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency for the reinstatement of the roads in the Buller District that were damaged by the two significant rain events. An initial \$1.5M of this funding was received after the February event to carry out emergency repairs.

These two storm events were significant, and in total approximately 150 damaged sites were recorded through Buller's local road network. Of these, 68 damaged sites involved minor clearance of debris and trees which were addressed immediately.

The remaining sites required much more comprehensive repairs, ranging from minor road repairs and reconstruction, through to more significant stabilisation and remedial work.

The majority of the site works were undertaken between July 2023 and March 2024, with some rock protection and road repairs finalised on the Karamea Highway in early 2025.

Return to Service wrap up

Buller communities rely on our
roading infrastructure to get to
school and work and connect with
friends, family and key services.

Our roads also provide critical links for commercial transport and emergency services. The completion of this project helps sustain a safe and reliable roading network - these roads are our lifelines.

To everyone involved - thank you.
Your hard work, determination, and
community spirit have made this
achievement possible.

Watch the video below to see how key sections of Buller's roading network were repaired over this time.

Watch the video on
your device
(via youtube.com)



Dog Owners Handbook out now



Owning a dog (or any pet) comes with responsibilities. Our latest handbook is a comprehensive guide to inform and support dog owners in the district.

It serves as both a legal reference and practical guide for maintaining safe, healthy, and responsible dog ownership in the Buller District.

The handbook covers key areas including:

- Registration and microchipping
- Ownership responsibilities
- Your dog's wellbeing
- Behaviour management
- Bylaws and legal obligations
- Wildlife protection
- Contact details for local support services

**Grab your free copy from
your nearest Buller District
Council service centre, Buller
Vets, Karamea i-site or the
Ngakawau Community Centre.**



Want to connect with your Council face-to-face?

Looking for advice and guidance on Council processes?

Click here to find out more

Community Outreach days

Come along to our Community Outreach days held throughout the Buller District. These bimonthly drop-in sessions will provide an opportunity to meet Council staff from different departments and seek advice on using our services.

 **Thursday 13 November**
Ikamatua - Ikamatua Hall
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Maruia - Maruia Hall
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

 **Tuesday 9 December**
Ngakawau - Ngakawau
Community Centre
9:00 am – 11:00 am

Karamea - Karamea RSA
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Buller's waste footprint

Learn how much waste and recycling is produced in Buller each year and what it is made up of.

Find out how much refuse and recycling was collected in the Buller District in the year 1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025.

The total amount of refuse collected in Buller was 2,739 tonnes.

Refuse
and
recycling

Zone One*

REFUSE

2,451t

REFUSE

871t

* Zone One covers Westport, Reefton and surrounds.

Karamea

REFUSE

225t

REFUSE

14t

Maruia

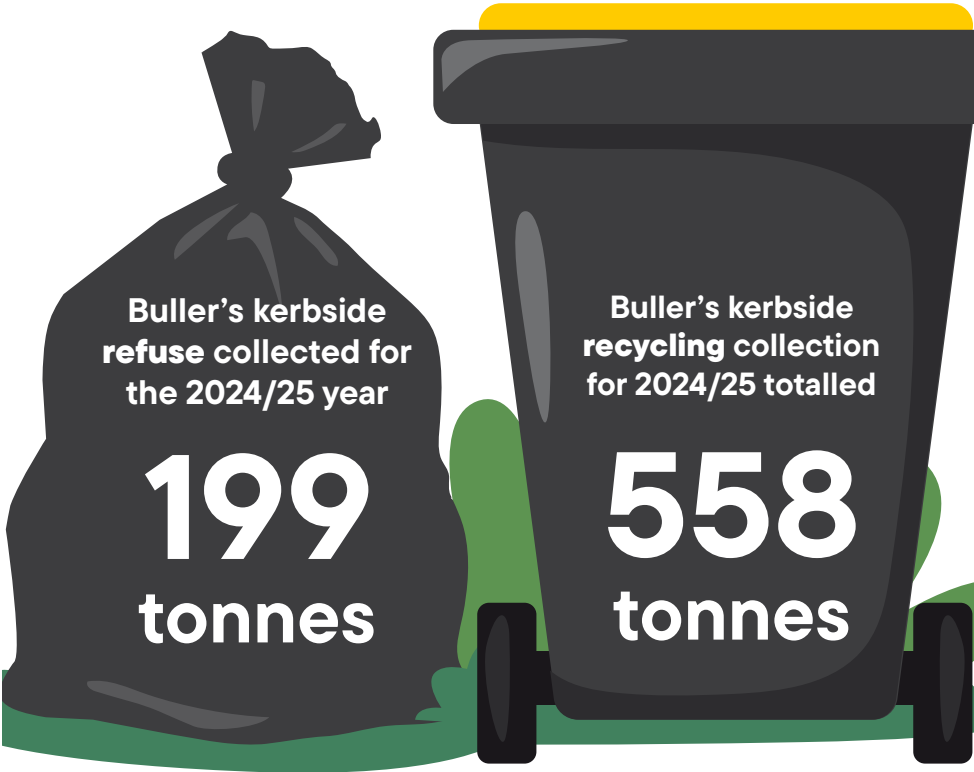
REFUSE

62t

REFUSE

0t*

* Recycling from the Maruia facility is transferred to the Westport Transfer Station and included in the Zone One total.



Buller District general recycling quantities

Material diverted from kerbside collection and transfer stations (note landfill material is not recycled).

Tins and cans
69t

Paper and cardboard
47t

Glass
287t*

Iron/steel scrap metal
223t

Plastics #1, #2 and #5
78t

Garden waste
174t

Recycling contamination

This refers to the quantity of materials deposited into recycling bins that cannot be recycled, such as plastics different to #1, #2 and #5, soft plastics and materials with multiple components.

Average for the year 2024/25
39%

Remember rinse, clean, check!

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*Note, data is by weight not volume. While volumetrically there is a significant quantity of plastics in the recycling stream, glass is the most dominant material by weight.

Meetings October 2025

The full meeting calendar can be found at bullerdc.govt.nz/your-council/meetings/

Please check the calendar for any updates and additional meetings.

- Inaugural Council Meeting**
- 29 October, starting 1:00 pm
Clocktower Chambers
- Creative Communities Subcommittee Meeting**
- 3 November, starting 2:30 pm
Brougham House

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**

Water supplies

Council would like to remind 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.

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

HOW WELL CAN YOU SELF-EVACUATE IN A FLOOD?

West Coast Emergency Management, along with Resilient Westport, is seeking more information on how well the Westport community is prepared to evacuate in a major flood or other emergency.

The survey can be filled out online at: letstalk.bullerdc.govt.nz/emergency-management-survey
Paper surveys and information are available at Buller District Council, Westport or the Sue Thomson Casey Memorial Library.

Let's talk

Click here to complete survey on your device

Westport office
6-8 Brougham Street, PO Box 21,
Westport 7866, New Zealand
Freephone 0800 807 239
Phone 03 788 9111

Reefton Visitor & Service Centre
67-69 Broadway, PO Box 75,
Reefton 7851, New Zealand
Phone 03 732 8821
Phone 03 732 8391

24 hr Noise & Animal Control Services
Phone 03 788 9115
After hours Operations emergencies
Phone 03 788 9119 Westport,
or 03 732 8821 Reefton

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