

Notice of the Inangahua Community Board Meeting

Buller District Council

Te Kaunihera O Kawatiri



BULLER
DISTRICT COUNCIL
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Agenda | Te rārangi take

Date: Tuesday 20 January 2026
Time: 5:00 pm
Location: Women's Institute Rooms, Buller Road,
Reefton

Chairperson Tony Fortune

**Deputy
Chairperson** Cr Linda Webb

Members Cr Dave Hawes
Allun Bollinger
Don Abbey
Gwen Gardner

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Inangahua Community Board

Reports to:	Council
Quorum:	A majority of members (including vacancies)
Meeting Frequency:	Bimonthly

Purpose:

1. The purpose of these delegations is to give effect to the local community empowerment model which is a partnership approach to the governance of the District that will primarily be delivered through the Inangahua community board.
2. The intent of these delegations is to delegate authority and, as far as possible, responsibility to the Inangahua community board to allow the community board to effectively govern and provide recommendations to the Buller District Council regarding local issues associated with their areas.
3. In making these delegations the Council recognises that it is responsible for the governance of the district and therefore retains the right to set minimum standards and to review community board recommendations associated with the exercise of these delegations.

In making these delegations the Council undertakes to:

- Provide for and consider community board input into significant governance decisions affecting the respective community board area.

The Inangahua Community Board is delegated the following Terms of Reference and Powers:

Terms of Reference:

Community Board Status

A community board (Local Government Act 2002, s.51) is:

1. An unincorporated body; and
2. Not a local authority; and
3. Not a committee of the Council.

Role

The legislative role of community boards (*Local Government Act 2002, s.52*) is to:

1. Represent, and function as an advocate for, the interests of its community, and
2. Consider and report on all matters referred to it by Council, or any matter of interest or concern to the community board: and

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3. Maintain an overview of services provided by the Council within the community: and
4. Prepare an annual submission to the Council for expenditure within the community: and
5. Communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community: and
6. Undertake any other responsibilities delegated to it by Council.

Delegations

In exercising the delegated powers, the community board will operate within:

1. Policies, plans, standards, or guidelines that have been established and approved by Council:
2. The approved Council budgets for the activity

In addition to the community board's legislative role the community board is responsible for and accountable to the Council for:

1. Providing local leadership and developing relationships with Council, the community, and community organisations in developing local solutions within the Community board area.
2. Assisting the organisation with consultation with local residents, ratepayers, Iwi, community groups, and other key stakeholders on local issues including input into the Long Term Plan and the Annual plan.
3. Making recommendations to Council on leases, licenses or concessions associated with all Council owned property included within the locally funded activities of the community board area, excluding Council administration land and buildings.
4. Making recommendations to council on property (including land & buildings) acquisitions and disposals in the local area.

Note:

- None of the delegations may be sub delegated
- Council retains decision making authority associated with new or existing maintenance contracts.

Additional financial delegations

Community Board has the authority to approve annual expenditure from a discretionary fund determined by Council on an annual basis, for local activities with the following parameters:

1. The decision meets relevant legislation and Council policy requirements including any controls on the use of funds from the respective accounts.

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2. The decision is made after considering a report from staff or community members.
3. This expenditure may be operating or capital in nature, or a mixture of the two.
4. This expenditure cannot fund the “additional capacity” component of capital projects. It can only fund renewal or increased level of service components of capital projects

Power to delegate

The Community Board may not delegate any of their responsibilities, duties or powers to a committee, subcommittee, or person

Matters which are not delegated.

Council does not delegate:

1. The power to:
 - Make a rate or bylaw.
 - Borrow money, or purchase or dispose of assets.
 - Acquire, hold, or dispose of property.
 - Appoint, suspend, or remove staff.
 - Adopt a long term plan or annual plan or annual report.
 - Institute an action for the recovery of any amount.
 - Issue and police building consents, notices, authorisations, and requirements under any Acts, Statutes, Regulations, By –laws and the like.
 - Enter into contracts and agreements.
 - Incur expenditure in excess of the approved Community budget; or
 - The powers and duties conferred or imposed (on Council) by The Public Works Act 1981 or those powers listed in the Section34 (2) of The Resource Management Act 1991

Review of a Community Board decision

In recognition of Council’s ultimate responsibility for the governance of the District, that Council retains the right to review any decision of a community board where it believes:

1. The decision is not consistent with the Council’s vision, mission, values, and goals.
2. Where it believes the community board decision has contravened any relevant legislation.
3. The powers and functions of community boards as defined in the Local Government Act 2002 have been exceeded.
4. The delegations of the community board have been exceeded.
5. The decision will unduly impact on the ability of the Council to provide a district wide level of service where it believes it is necessary to do so.

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6. The decision is contrary to the Council's Ten Year Plan, adopted council policy, plan or strategy or any other authority, license, consent, or approval.

Decision review process

A decision to review and determine the associated course of action associated with a community board decision will be made jointly by the Mayor and Chief Executive. The relevant community board chairperson will be consulted in the process of the Council determining whether a community board decision will be reviewed. Generally, the course of action will include one of the following:

1. Refer the decision back to the community board for reconsideration; or
2. Refer the decision to the Council, one of its committees or its delegated representative for determination.

Community Board to Council decision referral process

In exceptional circumstances, community boards may refer any decision to Council or its delegated committee for determination subject to that referral including the reasons the decision has been referred to the Council for determination.

Membership

The membership of the community board (Local Government Act 2002, s.50) consists of:

1. Members elected under the Local Electoral Act 2001; and
2. Members appointed in accordance with the Local Electoral Act 2001 by the Buller District Council.

Chairperson

The community board must have a chairperson (Local Government Act 2002, Schedule 7, Clause 37), who shall be elected at the first meeting of the community board in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002, Schedule 7, Clause 25 or in accordance with any subsequent amendment to this Act.

The chairperson is responsible for:

1. The efficient functioning of the community board.
2. Setting the agenda for community board meetings.
3. Ensuring that all members of the community board receive sufficient timely information to enable them to be effective community board members.
4. Attending Council meetings to represent the interests of the Community Board.
5. Being the link between the community board and Council staff.

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Contacts with media and outside agencies

The Mayor acts as the official spokesperson for the Council with the media and may provide approval for elected members to function as an official spokesperson.

Community board members, including the chairperson, do not have delegated authority to speak to the media and/or outside agencies on behalf of the Council.

The Group Manager for the community board area, after consultation with the Community Board Chair, will manage formal communications between the community board and its constituents, and for the community board in the exercise of its business. Correspondence with central government, other local government agencies or other official agencies will only take place through Council staff.

Frequency of meetings

The community board shall meet at least every two months.

Conduct of affairs

The community board shall conduct its affairs in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2002*, the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*, the *Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968*, Councils Standing Orders and Code of Conduct.

Quorum

The quorum at a meeting of the community board shall consist of:

1. Half of the members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even;
or
2. A majority of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is odd.

Remuneration

Elected members will be reimbursed in accordance with the current Local Government Elected Members' Determination.

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Venue: Women's Institute Rooms

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AGENDA ITEM: 1.1 APOLOGIES

Prepared by: Krissy Trigg
Group Manager Community Services

REPORT PURPOSE

1. That the Inangahua Community Board receive any apologies from members.

DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

1. That there are no apologies to be received.

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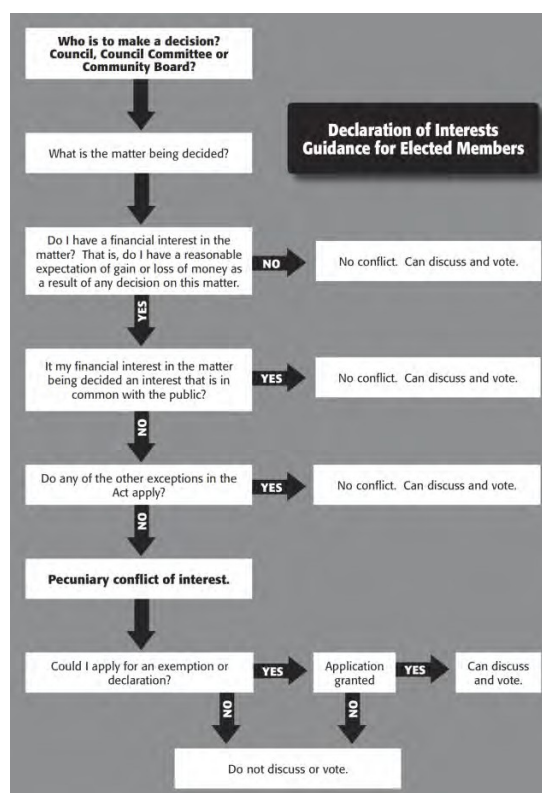
2. That the Inangahua Community Board receive apologies from (insert committee members name).

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AGENDA ITEM: 2.1 MEMBERS INTERESTS

Prepared by: Krissy Trigg
Group Manager Community Services

1. Members of the Inangahua Community Board are encouraged to consider the items on the agenda and disclose whether they believe they have a financial or non-financial interest in any of the items in terms of Council's Code of Conduct.
2. The attached flowchart may assist committee members in making that determination.



DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Inangahua Community Board members disclose any financial or non-financial interest in any of the agenda items.

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AGENDA ITEM: 3.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Prepared by: Krissy Trigg
 Group Manager Community Services

DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Inangahua Community Board receive and confirm the minutes of 11 November 2025**

Attachments

1. 2025-11-11 ICB Inaugural Minutes Unconfirmed [**3.1.1** – 4 pages]

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Minutes | Rārangi take

Date: Tuesday 11 November 2025
Time: 5:00 pm
Location: Women's Institute Rooms, Buller Road,
Reefton

Chairperson T Fortune

Deputy Chair Cr L Webb

Members Cr D Hawes
A Bollinger
D Abbey
G Gardner

Quorum (3)

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PRESENT: Cr D Hawes, Cr L Webb, D Abbey, A Bollinger, G Gardner, A Fortune

PRESENT VIA ELECTRONIC LINK: Nil.

IN ATTENDANCE: S Pickford (CEO), A Blom (Group Manager Infrastructure Services), C McDonald (Governance Secretary)

IN ATTENDANCE VIA ELECTRONIC LINK: Nil.

MEDIA: Lois Williams (Grey Star)

PUBLIC FORUM: As this is an Inaugural Meeting, Public Forum will be held after the close of meeting.

MEETING DECLARED OPEN AT: 5:02 pm

1 OFFICERS REPORTS

1.1 Declaration of Oath

Discussion:

The Inangahua Community Board Members were sworn in by the Mayor.

Meeting adjourned at 5:09pm

Meeting reconvened at 5:21pm

1.2 Election of Chairperson and Governance Structure

Discussion:

T Fortune was nominated as the Chair and Cr L Webb was nominated as the Deputy Chair.

Mayor C Russell stood down from Chairing the meeting at 5:25pm

T Fortune took his position as Chair at 5:25pm

An amendment was proposed to the Community Board Standing Orders that sought to strike from Standing Order 15 "In the case of a committee,

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subcommittee, local or community board, any issue, idea, or matter raised in a Public Forum, must fall within the terms of reference of that body."

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Moved: Cr L Webb

Seconded: A Bollinger

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLVED

- 1. That the Inangahua Community Board appoint Anthony Fortune as Chairperson in accordance with Local Government Act 2002, Schedule 7, clause 37.**
- 2. That the Inangahua Community Board appoint Councillor Linda Webb as Deputy Chairperson.**

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Moved: D Abbey

Seconded: G Gardner

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 3. Adopt the Standing Orders 2025– 2028, as per attachment 1, with the amendment listed as above.**

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Moved: Cr Linda Webb

Seconded: Alun Bollinger

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 4. Notes for information the Terms of Reference adopted by Council 29 October 2025.**

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Moved: Cr Linda Webb

Seconded: Cr D Hawes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**5. Notes for information the Code of Conduct adopted by Council 29
October 2025.**

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**Moved: Cr Linda Webb
Seconded: Alun Bollinger
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting was declared closed at 5:33pm

Public Forum:

Nick Hancock – Spoke on behalf of the Reefton Care Trust.

Claire Ward – Spoke to the street signs around the district that need cleaning.

Dave Hawes – Spoke to the potholes on Walsh Street

Gwen Gardner – Spoke about the flooding concern at the Cemetery.

There is a Workshop being held Tuesday 18th November 2025, 5pm, at the Women's Institute Rooms, Buller Road, Reefton.

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4 OFFICERS REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM: **4.1 INANGAHUA COMMUNITY BOARD UPDATE**

Prepared by: Shelley Jope
 Manager Customer Experience

Reviewed by: Krissy Trigg
 Group Manager Community Services

Public Excluded: **No**

REPORT PURPOSE

1. The report will provide an update on the positive and strategic aspects that are happening in the Inangahua District between the last Inangahua Community Board meeting to now and moving forward.
2. The Infrastructure Operations Report, **(Attachment 1)** has been developed following requests for updates on works in the Inangahua ward. This report updates the Community Board on the actions taken as a result of service requests and to show progress made as a result of works undertaken as part of Council's adopted works programme (and levels of service).
3. No decision is needed in relation to this information.

COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATES

Reefton Visitor and Service Centre

4. RVSC Anniversary celebration door count of 600 showed good attendance with opportunities identified to improve future event attendance.
5. Extension of NZTA service delivery to weekends is well received and immediately reduced complaints and negative interactions experienced by staff.
6. The key supplier stakeholder event was positively received by attendees, with several apologies noted. Further stakeholder engagement events will continue to strengthen relationships and

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networks across the wider community, with suppliers indicating support for ongoing participation.

7. The introduction of the new RVSC branding has been met with positive feedback. The rollout of building signage is underway, with remaining elements to be delivered within the allocated budget.

Inangahua County Library

8. Reefton Storywalk initiated through Broadway for December and January with 13 local businesses involved as checkpoints. Great feedback so far as the activity is open to locals and tourists as a family holiday activity.
9. Summer Reading Mission: record number of Reefton entries with 27 signed up.
10. There are four scheduled holiday programme events for January, plus the Reefton Story Walk.
11. Implementation of Bestsellers has proved very popular, with customers taking to the raised rental fee and shorter borrow times without any problems.

Reefton Cinema

12. The Cinema has continued to provide a range of movies to the community, with screenings generally well attended.
13. Discussions with AVE about an upgrade to the current projector are ongoing.

Reefton Pool

14. The tender for the Reefton Pool HVAC, released mid-2025, received no bids. BDC then contacted ESL for a direct award negotiation based on the design provided by BECA. ESL had concerns that the design and specification would not solve the issues, so an independent design review was commissioned.
15. The new design and scope were priced by ESL, but supply issues meant the equipment needed would not arrive before the Summer swim season started.

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16. ESL intend to do most of the external preparatory works, that won't disrupt pool use, during the summer months – before completing the HVAC install before 30-June-2026.
17. Internal repairs and maintenance on the interior can then be completed before the 2026-27 swim season.

Annual Reports Update

18. The 2022/23 Annual Report has now been formally adopted.
19. Work on the 2023/24 Annual Report is well advanced, with the document scheduled for adoption on 11 February.
20. Preparation for the 2024/25 Annual Report is also underway, with key elements now in progress and adoption planned for March.

Annual Plan 26/27

21. Work is underway on the development of the 2026/27 Annual Plan, with a series of councillor workshops scheduled over the coming months to work through key priorities, assumptions, and key projects.
22. Staff are currently finalising the initial budget, which will be presented to Council in early February as the basis for further discussion and refinement. This process will support timely decision making and ensure the draft Annual Plan is well informed ahead of formal consultation.
23. The draft is due for adoption at the end of March.

Local Water done Well Update

24. The transition will be a substantial programme of work for Council this year, requiring coordinated governance, resourcing, and stakeholder engagement across multiple teams.
25. Over the coming months staff will finalise the business cases in terms of systems, I.T etc and supporting analysis for presentation to Council
26. The standard considerations have been thoroughly evaluated, and there are no additional comments at this time.

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DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Inangahua Community Board Update dated 20 January 2025 be received.**

ATTACHMENTS

1. Infrastructure Operations Report January 2026 [**4.1.1** – 1 page]

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	Task Completed
	Task Underway
	Awaiting Outside Assistance

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Inangahua Community Board (ICB) Action Sheet

Item	Year	Responsibility Area	Issues/Projects	Actions	ICB Contact	Timeframe
PROPERTY - PARKS & RESERVES						
3	2024	Infrastructure Services	Reefton Swimming Pool Upgrades	ESL have concerns over the HVAC design and are unwilling to quote as they believe there will be performance issues. They have offered an alternative design and we are working through that proposal. Now unlikely that the installation can be completed before the swimming season starts UPDATE: ESL Design and quote has been accepted. Installation will be starting soon, concentrating on exterior work that will not interfere with the swim season. Inside work scheduled to start after the pool closes.	Anthony Blom	30-Jun-26
3	2024	Infrastructure Services	Reefton Service Centre Rear Entrance	Wheelchair access to The Strand toilet: existing gravel will be levelled and ashphalted by WestReef. RVC wheelchair access. WestReef price to install an asphalt path from Broadway to the rear entrance, between the building and propoerty boundary \$12k UPDATE: Toilet area resealing completed December-2025. Price and design for new entrance door to RVC has been requested, but not yet received.	Anthony Blom	30-Jun-26
4	2024	Infrastructure Sevices	Waste Management Services	Council has endorsed an additional extension of the waste management contract with Smart Environmental (SEL) after the current end date of 30 June 2026. SEL has delivered rubbish and recycling collection services in Buller since 2014. Proposals have been assessed and tenderers were notified of their ranking in December 2025. Further clarifications are currently underway with the first ranked supplier. There will be a further update to Council in March 2025.	Anthony Blom	
5	2025	Infrastructure Sevices	Reefton Skate Park	Retail Solutions to undertake the recommended safety improvements and trial a resurfacing product (to be applied when air temp is warmer). Update: Safety Barriers installed and bench seating removed. Waiting for finer weather to trial re-surfacing material	Anthony Blom	31-Mar-26
6	2025	Infrastructure Sevices	Reefton Community Centre	BDC Staff have undertaken site visits, initially in response to complaints about facilities and cleanliness from hirers. There is some work required to bring it up to a better standard and processes needed around pre and post hire inspecations. BDC staff working out likley costs for improvements to the toilets and kitchen and will incorporate these into the Property Asset Management Plan - due for compleiteon by 30-Jun-26. This is a ten year schedule and forecast of expenditure for all BDC owned property and will give some certainty about what will be done and when.	Anthony Blom	31-Oct-25
7	2025	Infrastructure Sevices	Reefton Senior Housing	The three housing units from 123-133 Broadway will have the roofs and exteriors repaired, prepped and repainted. The work has been awarded and due for completion by 31-October-2025. Work Completed Dec-26	Anthony Blom	31-Oct-25
8	2025	Infrastructure Sevices	Playground Upgrade	3-on-3 Basketball Court installed and marking completed, Frisbee Golf course installed, Picnic tables also installed. All three are being heavily used. Basketball hoop needed to be locked to its current height, as children were loweing it and sitting in the basket! Reports are that the entire Strand are is now being heavily used. Sport Tasman and BDC planning a "activation event" on 8-Feb with Nelson Giants attending for asketball skills sessions and a competition.	Anthony Blom	08-Feb-26
8	2025	Infrastructure Sevices	Reefton Powerhouse Swingbridge	Issues picked up from WSP safety audit in late 2024. WestReef completed most urgent repairs in November 2025 and were due to install rock protection under the eastern abutment in early 2026. CGW engineers re-inspected the work done on 1-Dec and noticed scouring under eastern abutment. BDC followed CGW recommendation to reduce bridge capacity to 5 people, monitor the abutment and be prepared to close the bridge if conditons worsened. WestReef poured a supporting concrete abutment immediately in the new year and will extend the existing rock protection in the coming weeks.	Anthony Blom	31-Jan-26
WASTEWATER AND STORMWATER						
1	2024	Infrastructure Services	Herald Street Drainage Reserve	Final Easements have been sent to the property owner before being filed with LINZ. All other processes completed. Full closure by 30-Sep-25 UPDATE: All work completed, but LINZ rejeceted the title changes. Sub division now required. LINZ will waive fees, but access way needs to be upgraded. This will finally be resolved by 31-Mar-26.	Anthony Blom	Sep-25
2	2024	Infrastructure Services	Potter Street Wastewater	Completed, moderate bump in road needs work	Anthony Blom	Mar-26
3	2024	Infrastructure Services	WWTP	Upgrade of monitoring and electrical control investigations continuing - incorporates Aerdisc control - on hold due tourgent pipe replacements	Anthony Blom	Sep-26
4	2024	Infrastructure Services	Wastewater Modelling	Modelling of Reefton Wastewater/Stormwater Stage 1 complete rain concentration model, moving to stage 2 modeling including pipes and stormwater disposal options	Anthony Blom	Mar-26
5	2024	Infrastructure Services	The Strand- Part Main Replacement	Strand replacement works planned start FY 2025-2026 - on hold due to other more urgent works	Anthony Blom	Mar-27
6	2025	Infrastructure Services	Pipe Inspection	CCTV - inspection and cleaning works are planned around the Strand and the Service line behind 60 Broadway - Timing TBC - May or June Completed follow	Anthony Blom	Jun-25
7	2025	Infrastructure Services	Pipe Inspection	New Manhole to be installed at the corner of Capels And Dick St to enable line assesment wastewater flow and line cleaning	Anthony Blom	May-25
8	2026	Infrastructure Services	Pipe Replacement	83 Shiel St WW Reactive Renewal SID2744	Anthony Blom	Jun-26
9	2026	Infrastructure Services	Pipe Replacement	120 Broadway WW Reactive Renewal SID 482 - tidy up of roading to complete	Anthony Blom	Feb-26
10	2026	Infrastructure Services	Pipe Replacement	Brick Arch near treatment plant CCTV to assess pipe condition - inspection needed but requires excavation - may be fragile so needs repair crew on standby	Anthony Blom	Feb-26
11	2026	Infrastructure Services	Pipe Replacement	70 Broadway Emergency WW Kelly St Laneway -Dip in laneway to tidy up	Anthony Blom	Feb-26
12	2026	Infrastructure Services	Pipe Replacement	11 Walsh St WW Emergency Renewal SID 509	Anthony Blom	Apr-26
13	2026	Infrastructure Services	Pipe Replacement	Wastewater level monitoring LORAWAN coms set up for Reefton. Sensors installed Kelly, Capels and Potter now live. Next is Brick Arch near the treatment plant	Anthony Blom	Feb-26
DRINKING WATER						
2	2024	Infrastructure Services	Inangahua DW Mains Upgrade	Construction works, testing, disinfection, commissioning and livening works are complete on this project and the new rising and falling mains are now in service. Funded by the DIA	Anthony Blom	Jul-25
3	2026	Infrastructure Services	Inangahua DW Mains Upgrade	Urgent water main replacement on Crampton Road (Buller Road to Chattockville Road) is required due to frequent blowouts. Procurement documentation has been completed, and the project has been committed to the appointed contractor. Works will commence once the project value is accepted, tentatively scheduled for February 2026.	Anthony Blom	Jul-26
ROADING						
2	2024	Infrastructure Services	Inangahua Footpath	Funding is confrimed for the resealing of the inangahua footpath exact date isn't confirmed but we will update once confirmed, will likely be early 2026. Work out to tender shortly with work anticipated for this summer, however it will be aligned with water pipe replacement works. DELAYED UNTIL WATER UPGRADE PROJECTS COMPLETED	Anthony Blom	Late 2025
3	2024	Infrastructure Services	Railcrossing – Rail Bypass Road	This site has experienced high gravel migration from the top of the curve into the roadway and suffered damage as a result. Kiwirail have completed their repairs to the level crossing and a repair has been made to the road. Council roading staff will now monitor this section of road under business as usual..	Anthony Blom	Ongoing
5	2024	Infrastructure Services	Ikamatua Footpaths	Upgrades to sections of the footpath (including concreteing the area infront of the service station) are planned to be undertaken early 2026, We will work with Westreef to plan the works and provide more inforamtion when dates are confrimed	Anthony Blom	Q1 - 2 2026

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5 CHAIRPERSON REPORT

AGENDA ITEM: **5.1 CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

Prepared by: Tony Fortune
Chair

Public Excluded: **No**

REPORT PURPOSE

1. This report is to provide commentary on significant events and meetings attended by the Chair. The report also provides information on advocacy or political matters relevant to the Inangahua ward currently before Council.
2. No decision is needed in relation to this information.

GENERAL ITEMS

New Chair Welcome

3. Welcome to the first report from me as Chairman of the ICB. 2025 has come and gone and at the end of last year a new Buller District Mayor, Mr Chris Russell was elected to lead his Council toward better things for the Buller District during the next three or so years.
4. New faces were voted in as members of the Inangahua Community Board, namely Don Abby, Gwen Gardiner and Tony Fortune who accepted the challenge of becoming the new Chairman of the Board. Alun Bollinger will continue to be a member along with Councillor guidance of Cr Linda Webb and Cr Dave Hawes.

Service Requests

5. Since the Inaugural meeting last year there have been several service requests to the Council.
 - a. A loose rail which was nearly falling off at the Strand toilets near the town bridge was repaired.
 - b. Loose fencing at the Skate Park was tightened as was the sharp piece of post next to some wires coming out of the

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ground at the same venue. These service requests were acted on almost at once.

- c. The flooding problem at the Burkes Creek Cemetery which occurs during heavy rain was brought to the attention of the service request manager. This was going to be addressed before the New Year but has yet to be.
- d. The sewerage overflow problem at the Don Street pensioner flats has been fixed.

Strand Recreation Area

- 6. Funding for the Strand Recreation Area has come through from Reefton Inc, Sport Buller and Sport Tasman. An activity day will be held on Sunday February 8th which will be well received by all sectors of the community. This will involve a basketball skills session demonstrated by members of the Nelson Giants, a 3x3 competition at the new hoop and pad. Disc golf at the newly made circuit on the Strand, a pool party at the local pool accompanied by a sausage sizzle. The above sports event should attract many of our young residents and adults alike. There will be plenty of opportunities for locals to participate.

Who Cares House

- 7. The public have been informed of the dilemma the Who Cares House organisation is in at the moment with the funding crisis. After some donations from the public, 'Who Cares' still has a shortfall of around \$30,000.

St John Youth Division

- 8. It is heartening to know that there will be a St John Youth Division starting up in Reefton after several years of absence. The first meeting will be on Monday February 16th. It is hoped that a good number of youths in the Inangahua District will become members. Thanks go out to the St John tutors who are prepared to put the time and effort into this venture.
- 9. The standard considerations have been thoroughly evaluated, and there are no additional comments at this time.

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DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Chairperson Report dated 20 January 2025 be received.**