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Australasian bittern - *Matuku-hūrepo*
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Summer's coming

Time to check your swimming pool safety.



Gambling venues

As the weather warms up, Council is reminding everyone to make sure their swimming pool or spa pool barriers meet the New Zealand Building Code's clause F9.

A 'pool' is any structure or excavation used for swimming, with water more than 400 mm deep.

The goal of clause F9 is simple – to prevent young children from accessing pools unsupervised and keep them safe.

If you have a swimming pool or spa pool, you'll need to ensure it's:

- Registered with Council, unless it qualifies for a spa pool exemption under clause F9
- Compliant with the fencing or cover requirements

For detailed information about clause F9, visit: tinyurl.com/yc2hm2a4

Even temporary or pop-up pools over 400 mm deep need to comply and be registered if they don't meet the exemption rules. Please let us know if you have a pool that's not currently on our register.

Property owners on the pool register will be contacted to arrange a pool barrier inspection to confirm everything meets safety standards.

For guidelines about pool owners' responsibilities, visit:

bullerdc.govt.nz/residentialpools

Let's keep our kids swim-safe this summer.

Council is seeking feedback from the community on its Draft Gambling Venues Policy.

Following on from earlier community engagement and consideration of a Social Impact Assessment, the draft policy sets out where and how venues can operate electronic gaming machines (pokies) and where standalone TAB venues can be located.

The draft policy keeps the requirement for any future applications for new venues or additional pokie machines to be publicly notified, allowing the community to make submissions, which Council will consider before making a decision on the application.

How to join the conversation

Submit online via
Let's talk Buller
letstalk.bullerdc.govt.nz

Click here to do it online

OR view the Statement of proposal and collect a submission form from:

- **Buller District Council**
6-8 Brougham Street, Westport
- **Sue Thomson Casey Memorial Library**
87-89 Palmerston Street, Westport
- **Reefton Visitor Service Centre**
67-69 Broadway, Reefton

Submissions close 4:30 pm
Friday 19 December 2025.

Water supplies

Council would like to remind **all consumers** to flush their taps for 30 seconds in the morning, prior to use.

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/watersupplyupdate

SAVE THE DATE

Friday 21 November 2025

REEFTON VISITOR & SERVICE CENTRE OPEN DAY

Follow our new page to find out more:



[RVSCReefton](https://www.facebook.com/RVSCReefton)

Click here to visit



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

Come along to our Community Outreach Days in Ngakawau, Karamea, Ikamatua, Maruia, Charleston and Punakaiki.

These bimonthly drop-in sessions will provide an opportunity to meet council staff from different departments and seek advice on using our services.

Next drop-in session:



Tuesday 9 December

Ngakawau - Ngakawau Community Centre
9:00 am – 11:00 am

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

Click here to find out more

Meetings

November - December

The full meeting calendar can be found at:

bullerdc.govt.nz/meetings

Please check the calendar for any updates and additional meetings.

Workshop: Annual Plan

- 25 November, starting 1:00 pm
Clocktower Chambers

Ordinary Council Meeting

- 25 November, starting 3:30 pm
Clocktower Chambers

Public Excluded Workshop: Te Kuha Water Conservation Reserve Assessment

- 10 December, starting 12:45 pm
Clocktower Chambers

Workshop: Bathurst Fast Track Update

- 10 December, starting 2:15 pm
Clocktower Chambers

Risk and Audit Committee Meeting

- 10 December, starting 3:30 pm
Clocktower Chambers

Ordinary Council Meeting

- 17 December, starting 3:30 pm
Clocktower Chambers

All Council meetings will be livestreamed to Council's YouTube channel:



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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

Planning an event this summer?
Don't get caught out by alcohol licensing deadlines.

Click here to find out more



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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