

Part 2 - Community Outcomes

Planning for our community together:

Introduction

"Community Outcomes have been defined as what the community sees as important for the whole community now and looking forward."

These outcomes have been defined by the community and are not specifically restricted to Council functions, as they include everything the community sees as precedence for identifying who we are, how we stand, how we grow, what we value, and how we look after each other now and in the future.

How will the Council contribute to furthering the Community Outcomes?

The Community Outcomes have been identified as the areas of priority to the Buller district community for the next ten years. These are the community's goals. Council is not solely responsible for the delivery of these outcomes. Rather, our role is to work with the community, other organisations and groups to help us achieve these outcomes as a community. Council's role is to look at these outcomes and identify how we can assist the community meet these goals. When we develop our Long Term Plan and identify areas for funding and development we have these community's goals in mind.

Council fund a range of services or activities and these are identified later in this plan. You will see that each activity statement identifies how the services we are providing is contributing towards furthering the community outcomes.

Council has many roles in assisting the community and have listed some of these below. We have identified how we see Council's role in assisting the community to further each of their outcomes.

| Outcome | Advocate | Funder | Service Provider | Regulator | Facilitator | Monitor |
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| 1. Well-being | ● | ● | ● | ● | | |
| 2. Learning | ● | | ● | | | |
| 3. Who we are | | ● | ● | ● | | |
| 4. Sustainable Environment | | ● | ● | ● | | |
| 5. Prosperity | ● | | | | ● | ● |

This is a change that has arisen under the Local Government Act 2002. The Local Government Act 2002 requires Council to not just undertake particular tasks or activities, but to promote community well-being and to take a lead role in promoting the social, economic, environmental and cultural aspects of our district.



Achieving the Community's Goals

Although we have a key role to play, Community Outcomes are not solely the responsibility of Councils. Council will ensure these Community Outcomes are considered in all decision making, this will include all reports to Council and resolutions actioned. Council will work now on making decisions that have a positive affect on these Community Outcomes and for the future benefit of the community.

1 ~ Well-being

Council is directly involved in:

- ▶ Provide access to quality amenities for physical activity
- ▶ Quality drinking water
- ▶ Number of traffic accidents
- ▶ Improved safety in public places (dog attacks, liquor bans, security cameras)
- ▶ Emergency Management Programmes and preparedness
- ▶ Number of consents being processed & signed off for completion

Council advocates:

- ▶ Life expectancy
- ▶ Access to health care (services & programmes)
- ▶ New health initiatives that have been introduced
- ▶ Crime prevention measures introduced
- ▶ Youth offending rates
- ▶ Crime and crime resolution rates
- ▶ Unemployment & beneficiary recipient numbers

2 ~ Learning

Council is directly involved in:

- ▶ Professional library services & a wide range of resources

Council advocates:

- ▶ School rolls & decile ratings
- ▶ Levels of qualifications
- ▶ Number of education institutions
- ▶ Number of community education programmes being offered

3 ~ Who we are

Council is directly involved in:

- ▶ Number & usage of community facilities
- ▶ Subsidies for hire of Council facilities for community based events
- ▶ Voter turnout

4 ~ Sustainable environment

Council is directly involved in:

- ▶ Water management & quality
- ▶ Visitor level of appreciation
- ▶ Waste minimisation

5 ~ Prosperity

Council is directly involved in:

- ▶ Employment levels & opportunities
- ▶ Innovation & excellence
- ▶ Regional growth trends

Council advocates:

- ▶ Number of community activities and district events
- ▶ Youth achievements - educational & recreational
- ▶ Number of people involved in sporting, cultural & recreational activities
- ▶ Number of new community groups introduced to community

Council advocates:

- ▶ Natural environment valued & protected
- ▶ Quality of natural environment improved & maintained
- ▶ Access to natural features

Council advocates:

- ▶ Average incomes - compared with national average
- ▶ Retail & investment growth

Along with relevant measures provided by other agencies we will be utilising data obtained from sources such as Statistics NZ, 2006 Census Reports, BERL Regional Performance Indicators and the Social Report Regional Indicators.



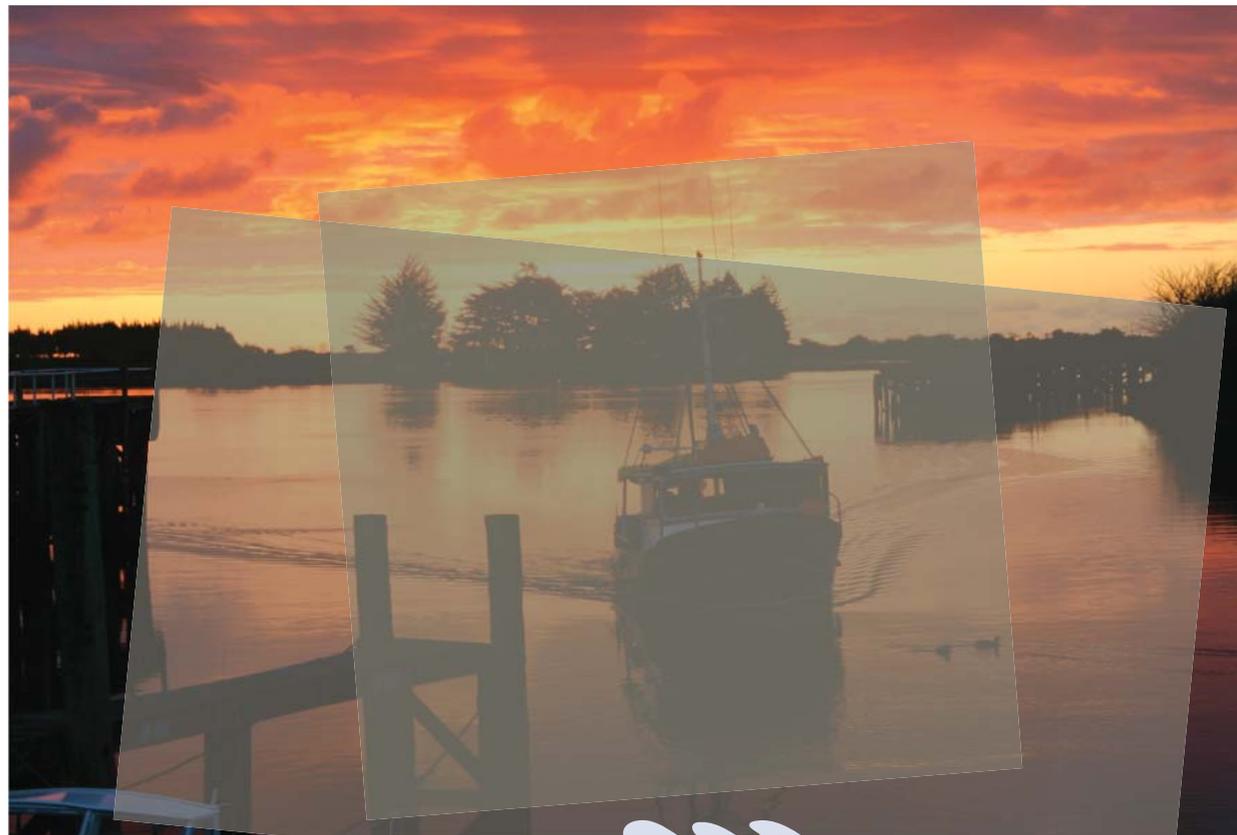
Maori Contribution to Decision Making

Under Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2002, Council must establish and maintain processes to provide opportunities for Maori to contribute to the decision making processes of the local authority. Council is also required to look at ways to foster the development of Maori capacity to have input into these processes.

The Buller District Council recognises and acknowledges that Ngai Tahu is the tangata whenua of Te Tai Poutini. The papatipu runanga for the Buller District is Te Runanga O Ngati Waewae. A relationship has been established with Te Runanga O Ngati Waewae and is continuing to strengthen as time progresses.

Council provides updates on Council projects to Te Runanga O Ngati Waewae and other local Maori organisations, to ensure that they are aware of current projects, issues and consultation opportunities. We also work with other service providers who have networks that can assist us in this role.

We are working on strengthening relationships with Maori through the establishment of a stakeholder database, regular updates, and invitations to participate in consultation processes. Feedback from these organisations is assisting Council to look at ways to ensure that the views of Maori that reside in Buller but are not tangata whenua, can be included in decision making.



1 ~ Well-being:

A vibrant, healthy & safe community with access to quality facilities & services

What does Council want to achieve?

- ▶ A healthy environment with services & infrastructure to support community health
- ▶ A place where people feel welcome & have a sense of belonging
- ▶ Increased community awareness & involvement in health issues
- ▶ Safer environments for residents, businesses & visitors to enjoy

How will Council contribute to achieving these objectives?

- ▶ Provide essential services to residents & businesses to support a healthy environment
- ▶ Provide & develop safe public places
- ▶ Promote opportunities for community access to health information & participation
- ▶ Advocate for the local community
- ▶ Establish an environment of support & assistance to health providers
- ▶ Recognise & support those with special needs & requirements
- ▶ Utilise Health Impact Assessments from Community & Public Health
- ▶ Provide library services which are safe & pleasant environments for the community to interact



What programmes & projects do we have or plan to have that will contribute to the achievement of this outcome?

- ▶ Food premises inspections
- ▶ Building Consent inspections & sign-offs
- ▶ Sewage disposal services
- ▶ Waste management
- ▶ Water supply
- ▶ Support alcohol & drug education initiatives
- ▶ Support for community health initiatives
- ▶ Sports & recreation facilities
- ▶ Cemetery management
- ▶ Animal control activities
- ▶ Liquor licensing & bans
- ▶ Enforcement & monitoring
- ▶ Health information provided at all libraries
- ▶ Work closely with West Coast District Health Board & Community & Public Health Nurse
- ▶ Elderly housing
- ▶ Council policies
- ▶ By-laws
- ▶ Emergency management
- ▶ Safety initiatives & projects
- ▶ Security cameras, street lighting, road cleaning & vegetation control
- ▶ Consultation policies & practices
- ▶ Disabled access, building control/priority paths
- ▶ Timely & positive decisions for new development

2 ~ Learning:

A district that values & supports learning with accessible, relevant education & training opportunities

What does Council want to achieve?

- ▶ Support for a community that values education
- ▶ An increase in knowledge & understanding of Local Government & Democracy
- ▶ Professional library services & a wide range of resources available

How will Council contribute to achieving these objectives?

- ▶ Provide a supportive environment for education providers
- ▶ Recognise & support education excellence & opportunity in the district
- ▶ Support the implementation of employment & training initiatives that offer improved employment, skill and income opportunities
- ▶ Make information easily available about Council, its functions & services

What programmes & projects do we have or plan to have that will contribute to the achievement of this outcome?

- ▶ Library services
 - ▶ Relationships with education providers
 - ▶ Support for literacy programmes
 - ▶ Education Programmes (Learn to Swim)
 - ▶ Provision of pool facilities & sports grounds
 - ▶ Outward Bound Scholarship
 - ▶ Youth voice development
 - ▶ Support for learning & education initiatives & competitions
 - ▶ Support for school programmes & curriculum
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3 ~ Who we are

A 'happening' region with a strong community spirit & distinctive lifestyle

What does Council want to achieve?

- ▶ An increased awareness of & participation in cultural, social, recreational, sporting & community activities
 - ▶ Provision of high quality community spaces & facilities
 - ▶ Promotion of Buller, history, environment & cultural heritage
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How will Council contribute to achieving these objectives?

- ▶ Support & encourage community groups & organisations providing events within the region
 - ▶ Provide opportunities for the community to work in partnership with Council
 - ▶ Provide a range of arts, cultural, recreation, sporting & social facilities throughout the district
 - ▶ Encourage & support other organisations in providing arts, cultural, sporting, recreational & social facilities throughout the district
 - ▶ Celebrate community & individual's achievements
 - ▶ Provision of appropriate infrastructure to support a vibrant community
 - ▶ Facilitate community grants process to assist in the provision of events & services that support a vibrant community
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What programmes
& projects do
we have or plan
to have that will
contribute to
the achievement
of this outcome?

- ▶ Libraries, theatres, archives & heritage resources
- ▶ Sports facilities & community halls
- ▶ Community grants
- ▶ Administer Sport New Zealand grants
- ▶ Administer Creative New Zealand grants
- ▶ Support to cultural organisations, such as museums
- ▶ On-going support for events
- ▶ Provision of public toilets/facilities
- ▶ Maintenance of parks & reserves
- ▶ Roads & signage
- ▶ Urban design
- ▶ Cultural hub development
- ▶ Visitor information
- ▶ Camping ground
- ▶ Vision 2010
- ▶ Buller 2050



4 ~ Sustainable Environment

The distinctive character of the environment appreciated & retained

What does Council want to achieve?

- ▶ An appropriate balance between development & protection that promotes the diversity & sustainability of our natural environment
- ▶ The provision of services and infrastructure that support the district's environmental goals
- ▶ A built environment considered to be attractive, sustainable & healthy

How will Council contribute to achieving these objectives?

- ▶ Develop policies and implement practices that enhance our environmental sustainability & natural diversity
- ▶ Recognise & preserve the essential elements of the district's landscape that contribute to Buller's unique natural identity
- ▶ Ensure that planning processes enable effective public consultation over an appropriate balance between the natural & built environment
- ▶ Develop practices that help to improve the cleanliness & sustainability of the district's infrastructure
- ▶ Access central Government funds to support infrastructure development and improvement

What programmes & projects do we have or plan to have that will contribute to the achievement of this outcome?

- ▶ District Plan & view thereof
- ▶ Resource Consent process
- ▶ Monitoring & enforcement
- ▶ Waste management
- ▶ Tourism planning
- ▶ Road upgrade improvements
- ▶ Wastewater/sewerage projects
- ▶ Parks & reserves maintenance
- ▶ Maintenance & development of walkways
- ▶ Support/implement community projects, ie, beach clean-ups
- ▶ Town planning/urban design

5 ~ Prosperity:

A thriving, resilient and innovative economy creating opportunities for growth & employment

What does Council want to achieve?

- ▶ Provide an environment that supports the retention of current businesses & attracts new business & investment to the region
- ▶ Provide support for attracting & developing an available skilled workforce
- ▶ Support sustainable, responsible development, innovation & excellence
- ▶ Encourage economic growth

How will Council contribute to achieving these objectives?

- ▶ Improve communications between the Council & the business community
- ▶ Continue to develop & advocate for district-wide infrastructure that supports business & tourism growth
- ▶ Access central Government funds & programmes that can support development of infrastructure, tourism, employment, business & training
- ▶ Assist in strengthening links between schools, training opportunities & the business community
- ▶ Develop within a regulatory framework that supports sustainable economic growth without compromising the environment

What programmes & projects do we have or plan to have that will contribute to the achievement of this outcome?

- ▶ Support of Business Association & Buller Promotions Association & Inangahua Tourism Promotions
- ▶ Resource Consent & Building Consent liaison with businesses/developers
- ▶ Road improvements to support industry
- ▶ Relationships with key industries
- ▶ Film & business friendly strategies
- ▶ Street enhancements & urban design
- ▶ District Plan reviews
- ▶ Transport infrastructure: airport/harbour/roading & active transport
- ▶ Support to health & education providers



