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

Maud Island frog - *Leiopelma pakeka*
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Your local candidates



Council is going the extra mile to make sure voters in the Buller District know about the people standing for Council roles in the 2025 Local Elections.

Council invited all candidates to make short videos that sit alongside their personal information on Council's website.

We want people to see or hear candidates that resonate with them, and to encourage voter engagement.

Each candidate was offered the opportunity to answer these three questions:

- Of the challenges currently facing Council, which do you think is the most important?
- How would you approach this challenge collaboratively as a Council?
- Why do you think you are right for this role?

To learn more about who's standing for Buller District Council and Inangahua Community Board, please visit bullerdc.govt.nz/your-council/council-elections/your-local-candidates

Hear from your candidates – hosted by:

Rotary Club of Westport – NBS Theatre, Westport: Thurs 28 August, 7 pm
Reefton Inc – Dawson's Hotel, Reefton: Thurs 11 September, 7 pm

More improvements planned for Karamea Highway

Buller District Council has made a successful bid to NZTA – Waka Kotahi's Low Cost/Low Risk Targeted Fund and has been awarded \$3.4 million to continue safety and drainage improvements on the Karamea Highway.

The weather events of February 2022 highlighted the susceptibility of this key transport link during extreme weather conditions, given there is no alternative route.

A report evaluating the current capacity of drainage assets, such as culverts, along the Karamea Highway

was commissioned in 2023, with a strong focus on the area between the Mōkihinui River and Little Wanganui River bridges.

This report, combined with a detailed hydrological assessment conducted with input from local contractors will be used to determine the final sites that will receive drainage upgrades.


Council expects to install approximately 30 new or upgraded culverts, along with headwalls and concrete dish channels.

Council will also continue corner widening safety improvements resulting from a 2022 survey of the

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 web page 'water – plumbosolvency' for details. There are different levels of water treatment in Buller.


 **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/**

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:

 **Thursday 18 September**

Karamea – Karamea RSA
10:00 am – 12:00 noon

Ngakawau – Ngakawau Hall
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Meetings

August – September

The full meeting calendar can be found at

bullerdc.govt.nz/your-council/meetings/

Please check the calendar for any updates and additional meetings.

Ordinary Council Meeting

• 27 August, starting 3:30 pm
Clocktower Chambers

Extraordinary Council Meeting: Adoption of Water Services Delivery Plan

• 29 August, starting 1:00 pm
Clocktower Chambers

Inangahua Community Board Meeting

• 9 September, starting 5:00 pm
Women's Institute Rooms, Reefton

Public Excluded Workshop: Te Kuha Water Supply Update

• 17 September, starting 1:00 pm
Clocktower Chambers

Risk and Audit Committee Meeting

• 17 September, starting 3:30 pm
Clocktower Chambers

Ordinary Council Meeting

• 24 September, starting 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:

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