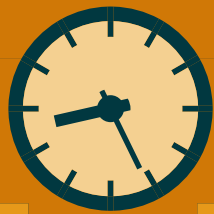


Kāmahi - *Pterophylla racemosa*
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Annual Plan 2026/27

Year 2 of Buller District Council's 2025-2034 Long-Term Plan



Learn more and have your say on our Draft Annual Plan 2026/27:



Online:

Visit: letstalk.bullerdc.govt.nz where you will find all the info on our Draft Annual Plan.



Printed copies:

Printed copies of all documents and submission forms are available from Council's offices in Westport or Reefton, Buller District Libraries, Ngakawau Community Centre, or Karamea Information Centre.



Got a burning question?

You can email your questions to: annualplan@bdc.govt.nz, send them our way via Let's talk, or drop your questions off by 19 April at one of the locations listed above.

We will collate these, and answer them in our Annual Plan Q&A session.



Information evenings:

Information evenings will be held at locations below, providing the community with an opportunity to speak with our team and ask questions about our Draft Annual Plan 2026/27.

Karamea Pulse Energy Centre
Thursday 16 April, 6 - 7 pm

Westport NBS Theatre
Tuesday 21 April, 6 - 7 pm

Reefton Cinema
Tuesday 28 April, 6 - 7 pm

**Submissions close
Tuesday 5 May 2026**

Meetings April 2026

The full meeting calendar can be found at: bullerdc.govt.nz/meetings

Please check the calendar for any updates and additional meetings.

Workshop: Karamea SPR
• 8 April, starting 1:00 pm
Clocktower Chambers

Workshops 15 April
Clocktower Chambers

Public Excluded - Dredge Options
• Starting 1:00 pm

Waste Services Contract Renewal
• Starting 2:00 pm

Low Pressure Sewer Policy

• Starting 3:00 pm

Submissions Policy

• Starting 4:00 pm

Reserves Management Plan

• Starting 5:00 pm

Regulatory Hearings Committee Meeting

• 22 April, starting 2:30 pm
Clocktower Chambers

Creative Communities Subcommittee Meeting

• 29 April, starting 10:30 am
Clocktower Chambers

Ordinary Council Meeting

• 29 April, starting 3:30 pm
Clocktower Chambers

All Council meetings will be livestreamed to Council's YouTube channel. 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 reminds consumers to flush their taps for 30 seconds in the morning, prior to use.

This applies to all supplies including rainwater. Visit bullerdc.govt.nz/plumbosolvency for details.

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

The Cape Foulwind stock water supply is not intended for human consumption.

Help us plan for the year ahead by providing feedback on our Draft Annual Plan 2026/27. This plan outlines next year's proposed rates, what we plan to deliver to our community, and how we intend to pay for it.

The key purpose of the Annual Plan is to identify any differences between what was proposed in the Long-Term Plan 2025-34 (LTP) and what is now planned for 2026/27.

A significant departure from the LTP 2025-2034 is that the integration of Westport's stormwater system with the floodwalls has to be co-funded by Council in order to proceed. A key assumption in the LTP was that the work would be funded solely externally through the Regional Infrastructure Fund.

Council now has two options: either co-fund 40% (\$3.49 m) of the costs to upgrade Westport's stormwater network, in line with the construction of the floodwalls, or not co-fund

and not upgrade the stormwater network prior to the floodwalls being constructed.

To assist Council in making this decision, the community is invited to give their feedback on these two options. We also encourage you to comment on any other part of the Draft Annual Plan 2026/27.

Our Consultation Document includes information on Westport's stormwater integration and the two options. It also outlines how Council plans to navigate the coming year, key infrastructure initiatives, our forecasted expenses, income, and the forecast rate increase for the next financial year (1 July 2026 - 30 June 2027).

Submissions are one of the most powerful ways communities in New Zealand can shape local government decision-making.
Your voice matters. Make it count.



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