



REGISTER OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL RETURNS

TO 16 FEBRUARY 2026

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Register of Pecuniary and Other Specified Interests for Elected Members of Buller District Council.

The requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 (Subpart 3 of Part 4 – Register of members’ pecuniary interests) direct local authorities to keep a Register of pecuniary interests of elected members and to make a summary of this Register publicly available. These requirements came into effect on 20 November 2022.

The Register records Elected Member interests to provide transparency and to strengthen public trust and confidence in local government processes and decision-making.

Elected Members are required to provide this statutory pecuniary interest return annually and to update this return throughout the year as changes occur.

Under the Act, Buller District Council provides an overview of the Register's requirements (see below), followed by a summary of each Councillor's annual return for the relevant 12-month period:

1. Are you or your spouse/partner the director of a company? (section 54E(1)(a); CoC Cl 9(b)).
2. Do you hold or control more than 10% of the voting rights in a company? (section 54E(1)(a)).
3. Do you or your spouse/partner have a pecuniary interest in any other company or business entity (except as an investor in a managed investment scheme)? (sections 54E(1)(b) and (2)); CoC Cl 9(b).
4. Are you or your spouse/partner employed? (section 54E(1)(c)); CoC Cl 9(a).
5. Do you have a beneficial interest in a trust (section 54E(1)(d)).
6. Are you a member of an organisation, a member of the governing body of the organisation, or a trustee of the trust and that organisation or trust receives, or has applied to receive, funding from the Council, local board or community board to which you are elected? (section 54E(1)(e)).
7. Are you appointed to any organisation by virtue of being an elected member (section 54E(1)(f)).
8. Do you have a legal interest, other than as a trustee, in any real property within ORC's jurisdiction? (section 54E(1)(g)).
9. Are you the beneficiary of a trust that holds real property (but excluding a trust that is a unit trust you have already disclosed under question 5 or a trust that is a retirement scheme whose membership is open to the public)? (section 54E(1)(h)).
10. Have you received any gift (other than a gift from a family member, unless you consider that gift should be disclosed taking into account the purpose of the members' pecuniary interests register) that:
 - has an estimated market value in New Zealand of over \$500; or
 - when combined with all other gifts from the same donor, have a total estimated market value in New Zealand of over \$500? (section 54F(1)(b)); CoC Cl 10.

11. Have you received any payment for an activity in which you are involved, excluding:

- any salary or allowance paid to you under the Remuneration Authority Act 1977 or the Local Government Act 2002
- any payment received from an interest that has already been disclosed in this return; or
- any payment made in respect of an activity that you ceased to be involved in before becoming a member? (section 54F(1)(c)) (section 54F(1)(c)).

12. Are there any other matters which the public might reasonably regard as likely to influence

your actions during the course of your duties as a Councillor? CoC Cl 9(e).

Information is provided for each Elected Member only where there was a related return. The following summary is for the period to 16 February 2026.

Mayor Chris Russell

Buller District	
4	Employment Self: Buller District Council – Mayor
5	Beneficial interests in, and trusteeships of, trusts Russell Family Trust Chris Russell Business Trust Lady Bird Trust
6	Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding O'Connor Home Trust – Elderly Care Kawatiri Health Trust – Health Provider
7	Organisations appointed to by virtue of being an Elected Member O'Connor Home Trust – Trustee Kawatiri Health Trust – Trustee
8	Real property (legal interest other than as a trustee) Westport – Family Residence
10	Gifted Travel Business travel, coal business – Solid Energy: Japan, China, India, Korea, USA, Fiji, Chile, Norway, UK, South Africa, Canada, Argentina, Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Australia Business travel, fertilizer business – Global Shipping and Trading Ltd: China, Vietnam

Deputy Mayor Shayne Barry

Westport Ward	
4	Employment Buller High School
6	Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding Promoting Buller Incorporated Carters Beach Reserve Sub-Committee
8	Real property (legal interest other than as a trustee) Carters Beach – Family residence

Cr Dave Hawes

Inangahua Ward	
6	Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding Reefton Historic Trust Board – Committee Member. Maintains and operates Reefton Courthouse leased from Buller District Council. Owns and operates Odd Fellows Hall and Reefton Rail precinct. Reefton Care Trust – Acting Chair. Are at present developing possible lease/use of Buller District Council assets. Reefton Powerhouse Trust – Committee Member. All of the above are community owned Charitable Trusts.
8	Real property (legal interest other than as a trustee) Reefton – Family residence Reefton – Holiday home

Cr Linda Webb

Inangahua Ward	
4	Employment Sacred Heart School Reefton – Teacher
6	Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding Sacred Heart School PTA – Education West Coast PHO – Health
7	Organisations appointed to by virtue of being an Elected Member Buller District Licensing Committee – Chair TTPP Committee Inangahua Hall and Reserve Subcommittee Inangahua Community Board
8	Real property (legal interest other than as a trustee) Reefton – Family residence

Cr Toni O'Keefe

Seddon Ward	
1	Company directorship Westlock Concrete Solutions Ltd – Concrete block company that provides solutions for civil or marine environments
5	Beneficial interests in, and trusteeships of, trusts O'Keefe-Mulholland Family Trust

Cr Rosalie Sampson

Seddon Ward	
6	Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding Karamea Information and Resource Centre Karamea Historical Society Market Cross Community Group

Cr Dave Hingston

Westport Ward

1 Company directorship

HMD Buller Court Motel Ltd – Motel
HMD Westport Spa Motel Ltd – Motel
HMD (Westport Motels) Kawatiri Villas Ltd – Motel
HMD Ascot Motel Ltd – Motel
HMD (Hingston Masterton Developments) Ltd – Property Investment Development

2 Company membership with more than 10% of voting rights

As detailed question 1:
All motels (150% or more)
Less Property Investment Development (I only have 1% shareholding)

6 Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding

Advance Northern West Coast – Secretary

8 Real property (legal interest other than as a trustee)

Korori – Residence
Westport – Motel
Westport – Motel
Paraparaumu Beach – Section
Wainuiomata – Residence
Westport – Family residence

10 Gifted travel

In the military I travelled for my appointments around the world. NZDF paid for travel and accommodation: China, USA, East Timor, UK, Australia, Singapore, Malaysia, Syria, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Sweeden, Hong Kong.
From 1984 – 2021.

11 Payments for activities

Gifts to me from the Chinese PLA as the Defense Attache to China. All gifts recorded and held by NZ Embassy in Beijing.

Cr Colin Reidy

Westport Ward

12 **Payments from activities involved**

Any salary or allowance paid to you under the Remuneration Authority Act 1977 or the Local Government Act 2002 -yes

Any payment received from an interest that has already been disclosed in this return - yes

Any payment made in respect of an activity that you ceased to be involved in before becoming a member - yes

Cr Ray Curnow

Westport Ward

4 **Employment**

The News – daily newspaper

Buller Taxi's

6 **Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding**

Westport Contract Bridge Club

8 **Real property (legal interest other than as a trustee)**

Westport – family residence

Cr Paul Reynolds

Westport Ward

Cr Phil Rutherford

Westport Ward

4 **Organisations appointed to by virtue of being an Elected Member**

Westport Contract Bridge Club – President. Playing the game of bridge.

8 **Real property (legal interest other than as a trustee)**

Westport – Family residence

Alun Bollinger

Inangahua Community Board	
6	Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding Reefton Care Trust
8	Real property (legal interest other than as a trustee) Blacks Point – Family residence
10	Gifted Travel Travel to various parts of the world for work as a cinematographer but hasn't occurred for some time now.

Donald James Abbey

Inangahua Community Board	
5	Beneficial interests in, and trusteeships of, trusts D J + R F Abbey Family Trust
7	Organisations appointed to by virtue of being an Elected Member Chair – Reefton Search and Rescue = SAR Duties
8	Real property (legal interest other than as a trustee) Reefton – Rental Property Reefton – Storage and personal use
9	Beneficiary of a trust that holds real property Reefton – Personal residence

Gwen Gardner

Inangahua Community Board	
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Tony Fortune

Inangahua Community Board

4 Employment

Sacred Heart School Reefton – Relieving Teacher

NIWA – Mow the weather station lawns

6 Organisations and trusts seeking Council funding

St. Vincent de Paul – Visits, distribute food parcels, provide wood and coal

West Coast Justice of the Peace – Witnessing documents

West Coast Amateur Sport Trust – Distribute funds to sports people, travel etc.

Inangahua Silver Band – Provide music to the public

Buller + Inangahua Catholic Parish – Provide a Catholic presence

7 Organisations appointed to by virtue of being an Elected Member

St. Vincent de Paul – President

West Coast JP's Association – President

West Coast Amateur Sports Trust – Vice President

Inangahua Silver Band – President

Buller + Inangahua Catholic Parish – Post Chairman