



BULLER
DISTRICT COUNCIL
Te Kaunihera O Kawatiri

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

Tauranga Bay

Affordable home internet with Skinny Jump

Did you know our libraries can help you access affordable broadband? Through Skinny Jump, a programme by Digital Inclusion Alliance Aotearoa, Buller District Libraries offer subsidised 4G wireless internet for eligible households.

With no contracts, credit checks, or installation costs, Skinny Jump is perfect for families, job seekers, seniors, people with disabilities, and others at risk of digital exclusion.

You just need to live in an area covered by Skinny's network. See www.skinny.co.nz/coverage/

Sign up at the Sue Thompson Casey Memorial Library, Westport on Wednesdays from 10 am to 12 pm.

Bring a smartphone if you have one, and our team will assist with eligibility checks, setup, and providing a modem.



Summer Snaps

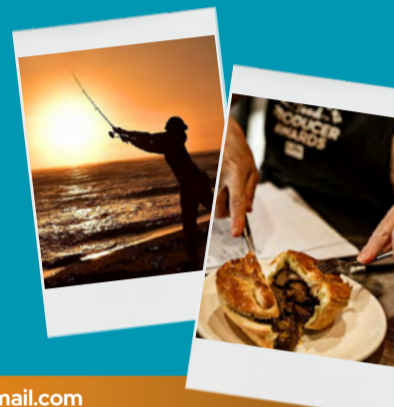
COMPETITION

SHARE YOUR PICS AND BE IN TO WIN!



Enter the Summer Snaps Competition:

- Share your photo of 'people or nature' around Buller on social media. Raw and candid, versus staged.
- Set your post to public, like and tag @Buller NZ, use hashtag #bullernz to enter.
- No social media? No problem! Email your photo to us at bullersnaps@gmail.com and we'll share it for you.
- Dates: January 7 - February 28, 2025.
- Open to all ages. For prizes and T&C's please visit the [Buller NZ](#) facebook page.



Contact us for more information: bullersnaps@gmail.com

Weeds to watch out for this summer



Wild cherry (*Prunus avium*) has become a significant problem in the Buller region, with several areas experiencing serious infestations. Many will notice how widespread it has become each spring when its flowers appear, particularly where it has spread from gardens into natural ecosystems.

When wild cherry thickets take over wetland or estuarine areas like those in the Orowaiti, native biodiversity declines dramatically. This impacts whitebait breeding habitats and disrupts the natural hydrology and drainage of these systems. Additionally, as wild cherry spreads through regenerating native bush it slows and alters the process of natural regeneration, creating conditions that allow other exotic weeds to thrive.

The West Coast Regional Council, Department of Conservation, and Buller District Council are committed to protecting our natural environment and are actively working to control the spread of wilding cherry trees, particularly in sensitive areas like estuaries.

While we've made progress, cherry trees remain widespread throughout



the Buller District, and we need your help to prevent them from spreading further.

Wild cherries reproduce prolifically, with their seeds often dispersed by birds and river systems. To prevent these invasive trees from overtaking native ecosystems, we're encouraging all Buller landowners to remove wild cherries from their properties. Consider repurposing the wood by using it for firewood, furniture or woodchips, and replanting the cleared areas with native species like kōwhai.

For landowners removing wild cherries, the West Coast Regional Council can provide a stump gel to ensure that cut trees do not resprout.



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

Looking for advice and guidance on Council processes?

Come along to our Community Outreach days held throughout the Buller District.

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

[Click here to learn more](#)



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Grants funding dates closing soon

Community Grants

Round 2 of 2 (FY 24/25)

💰 **\$50,000 available**

📅 **Closes 22/02/2025**

Rural Travel Fund

Round 1 of 1 (FY 24/25)

💰 **\$9,500 available**

📅 **Closes 22/02/2025**

[Click here to learn more](#)

NZ Creative Communities Scheme Funding round dates 2025



The full meeting calendar can be found at bullerdc.govt.nz/your-council/meetings/

Please check the calendar for any updates and additional meetings.

Long Term Plan Strategy Workshop

- 12 February 2025 1:00 pm
Clocktower Chambers

Risk & Audit Committee Meeting

- 12 February 2025 3:30 pm
Clocktower Chambers

Communications Workshop

- 26 February 2025 1:00 pm
Clocktower Chambers

Ordinary Council Meeting

- 26 February 2025 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 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/

Funding from the Creative Communities Scheme is available for community-based arts activities in the Buller District.

The Scheme aims to increase participation in the arts at a local level and increase the range and diversity of arts available to communities.

The Scheme is a partnership between Creative New Zealand and local authorities. Each local authority is responsible for delivering the Scheme in its area.

Local decision-making is the key to the Scheme, and applications are considered by a subcommittee, which consists of two Councillors, one representative from the local lwi, one representative from each of the three Community Arts Councils (Karamea, Buller, and Inangahua), and two community members.

There are three funding rounds for each financial year (1 July—30 June), and \$19,000 is available.

Please note that groups or organisations must provide a copy of their latest financial statement.

Closing dates for 2025



Round 3 of 3 (FY 24/25)
Closes 10/03/2025



Round 1 of 3 (FY 25/26)
Closes 09/06/2025



Round 2 of 3 (FY 25/26)
Closes 06/10/2025



For further information
<https://bullerdc.govt.nz/your-council/community-funding/nz-creative-communities>

[Click here to learn more](#)

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