



**BULLER**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL  
Te Kaunihera O Kawatiri

# Connect

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

Pixie's parasol - *Mycena interrupta*  
Credit: JJ Harrison

Connect 133 June 2025

## Draft Dangerous, Affected, and Insanitary Buildings Policy Review

### Council is gathering feedback from the community on the Draft Dangerous, Affected, and Insanitary Buildings Policy.

The intent of the Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy is to reduce the risk of injury, death, ill health or damage that may occur as a result of dangerous, affected, and/or insanitary buildings.

Council has reviewed the current Policy and is proposing some changes to bring the Policy up to date and to make it clear how Council identifies, assesses and manages these buildings.

The Statement of Proposal summarises the proposed key changes in the Draft Policy and the two options out for public consideration. These are to either adopt the Draft Policy or to retain the current Policy.

The Statement of Proposal, Draft Policy, current Policy, and submission forms are available at Council's offices, libraries, the Ngakawau Community Centre, the Karamea Information Centre or on Council's community engagement hub Let's talk Buller.

The outcome of this consultation will guide Council in keeping our community safe from dangerous, affected, and insanitary buildings.

### How you can join the conversation

There are several ways that you can provide feedback. Choose the way that works best for you.

**Online:** Submit feedback via **Let's talk Buller**

**Paper form:** Pick one up at Council's offices, libraries, the Ngakawau Community Centre, or the Karamea Information Centre. Submission forms can be dropped off at the libraries and Council's offices.

**Email:** Send your submission to [submissions@bdc.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@bdc.govt.nz) with the subject line "DAIBP"

**Mail:** Post to Buller District Council, PO Box 21, Westport 7866

Submissions are open from Monday 9 June until 4:30 pm Friday 11 July 2025. Late submissions will not be accepted.

## Are you a SuperGold Card holder?

### Did you know that a number of Council facilities offer special pricing and discounts for SuperGold card holders?

Present your card at the following facilities and venues to benefit from the following special offers:

**Buller District Council** – Westport and Reefton offices

20% off dog registration fees from 1 July 2025.

### Pulse Energy Recreation Centre

Gym and pool multiple-concession memberships are discounted for over-65s.

Four classes during the week aimed at over-65s to help gain mobility, flexibility and strength for a gold coin donation, regardless of whether the participant is a gym member.

For more information, visit: [pulseenergyrec.co.nz/pricing/](http://pulseenergyrec.co.nz/pricing/)

### Museum of Kawatiri

Discounted entry fee for SuperGold card holders – \$20

For more information, visit: [pounamupathway.com/kawatiri/](http://pounamupathway.com/kawatiri/)

### NBS Theatre

Discounted admission for SuperGold card holders to movie screenings – \$10 per person, plus discounted admission to some shows.

Gold Card afternoon tea and movies approximately once per month – \$15 per ticket, which includes a cuppa and snack 30 minutes prior to the movie.

For more information, visit: [nbstheatre.co.nz/about-contact](http://nbstheatre.co.nz/about-contact)



## Thinking about standing for Council, but not sure what it involves?

**Book a slot with our CEO and a councillor not seeking re-election to join a relaxed conversation with people in the know. Ask questions, get advice, and see if standing is right for you.**

These face-to-face sessions are designed to help you decide if standing for Council is right for you – no pressure, just honest answers.

### Time slots available:




- Thursday 3 July: 5–6 pm & 6–7 pm
- Monday 7 July: 10–11 am & 11–12 noon
- Thursday 10 July: 2–3 pm & 3–4 pm

To secure your spot, email: [elections@bdc.govt.nz](mailto:elections@bdc.govt.nz) or phone: 0800 807 239


To access online resources about standing, visit: [bullerdc.govt.nz/your-council/council-elections/](http://bullerdc.govt.nz/your-council/council-elections/)

## Community Outreach days

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.

 **Thursday 19 June**  
**Ngakawau** – Ngakawau Hall  
9:00 am – 11:00 am

**Karamea** – Karamea RSA  
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

 **Tuesday 15 July**  
**Charleston** – Charleston Hall  
9:00 am – 11:00 am

**Punakaiki** – Pancake Rocks Cafe  
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

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

**Looking for advice and guidance on Council processes?**

[Click here to learn more](#)



# Dog registration is due 31 July 2025

## All dogs in Buller need to be registered

If you own and have registered your dog, you should receive your dog registration form at the end of June.

Once you have received your form, you can call into Council offices in Westport or Reefton to pay and pick up your red tag.

**Prices this year are:**  
**Desexed - \$69.50 | Entire - \$89.50**

If you use your dog principally for herding or droving stock your dog is eligible for our working dog rate.

**Desexed - \$52.50 | Entire - \$67.50**

Dogs that support a person with a disability or medical condition may not be subject to registration fees, at the discretion of the Compliance Manager.

If your dog is not registered with us you will not receive a form. Dogs can be registered at Council Offices during normal office hours: Westport 8.30 am - 4.30 pm and Reefton 9.00 am to 4.30 pm Monday to Friday. If your details, or your dog's details have changed, don't forget to update them when you pay your dog registration fee.

**For more information go to:**

**[bullerdc.govt.nz/dogs-and-animal-control/dog-registration](http://bullerdc.govt.nz/dogs-and-animal-control/dog-registration)**



### Email

info@bdc.govt.nz with the subject line 'Dog registration'



### Call

Call the Animal Management team on 03 788 9647



### Talk to us

Drop in to the BDC Customer Services desk in Westport or Reefton.



20% discount for SuperGold Card holders. Card must be presented at the time of payment.

## Meetings June - July 2025

The full meeting calendar can be found at [bullerdc.govt.nz/your-council/meetings/](http://bullerdc.govt.nz/your-council/meetings/)

Please check the calendar for any updates and additional meetings.

### Ordinary Council Meeting

- 25 June, starting 3:30 pm  
Clocktower Chambers

### Extraordinary Council Meeting – Local Water Done Well hearings and deliberations

- 30 June – 3 July, starting 9:00 am  
Clocktower Chambers

### Extraordinary Council Meeting – Final Long-Term Plan adoption

- 30 June, starting 3:30 pm  
Clocktower Chambers

### Inangahua Community Board Meeting

- 8 July 2025, starting 5:00 pm  
Women's Institute Rooms, Reefton

### Creative Communities Subcommittee Meeting

- 28 July 2025, starting 2:30 pm  
Clocktower Chambers

### Ordinary Council Meeting

- 30 July, 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:

Governance Assistant, phone **0800 807 239** or email **[governance.assistant@bdc.govt.nz](mailto:governance.assistant@bdc.govt.nz)**

## Water supplies

Council would like to remind consumers to flush their taps by letting about a mugful of water run through in the morning, prior to use.

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

# Buller's popular polystyrene recycling programme to expand



**Mitre 10, EXPOL, Smart Environmental and Buller District Council's free polystyrene recycling initiative has grown to include two new collection points, located at the Westport and Reefton Transfer Stations from 9 June 2025.**

The project, which began in September 2023, now enables all Buller residents to recycle their polystyrene for free, meaning people no longer have to pay to dispose of bulky polystyrene as refuse, and preventing it from going to landfill.

A collection cube is available in Mitre 10's trade drive-through, and the programme has now been extended to include additional collection cubes located at the Westport Transfer Station and Reefton Transfer Station and managed by operator Smart Environmental.

Buller residents who want to recycle their polystyrene are reminded they can drop off up to 240 litres of polystyrene at a time (a standard wheelie bin full). It must be free of dirt, food waste or residue, stickers and tape. Please note, this is a domestic waste recycling initiative, commercial waste cannot be accepted.

Buller District Council funds the transportation costs for sending the collected polystyrene from Westport to Christchurch for recycling, using Waste Minimisation Funds received from the Ministry for the Environment's Waste Levy Fund, meaning there is no cost to ratepayers.

Mitre 10 will continue to coordinate the programme and store the returned polystyrene prior to it being transported to Canterbury for reprocessing.

The polystyrene waste is recycled in Christchurch by EXPOL and is used in a variety of products such as EXPOL Timber UnderFloor Insulation, EXPOL Earth Green Beans Bean Bag Fill and EXPOL Tuff PODs.



**Westport office**  
6-8 Brougham Street, PO Box 21,  
Westport 7866, New Zealand  
**Freephone 0800 807 239**  
**Phone 03 788 9111**

**Reefton Visitor & Service Centre**  
67-69 Broadway, PO Box 75,  
Reefton 7851, New Zealand  
**Phone 03 732 8821**  
**Phone 03 732 8391**

**24 hr Noise & Animal Control Services**  
**Phone 03 788 9115**  
**After hours Operations emergencies**  
**Phone 03 788 9119 Westport,**  
**or 03 732 8821 Reefton**



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# NZ Creative Communities Scheme Funding round 1 of 3 open now

## 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 Iwi, 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).

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

## Closing dates for 2025/26

Round 1 of 3 (FY 25/26)

**Closes 07/07/2025**

Round 2 of 3 (FY 25/26)

**Closes 06/10/2025**

Round 3 of 3 (FY 25/26)

**Closes 09/03/2026**



**For further information**

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

[Click here to learn more](#)

## Need funding but don't meet criteria for Council-administered funds? Looking for additional support? Look no further!

Buller District Council has partnered with GrantGuru, New Zealand and Australia's leading grant search engine, to bring you the Buller Funding Finder—a powerful, free tool to help community groups and organisations discover and apply for grants.

The Buller Funding Finder is designed to streamline your search for funding opportunities. This one-stop-shop grants portal is tailored specifically for local organisations and community groups in the Buller District and features all available government and private sector grants.



**For further information:**  
[grantguru.com/nz/buller](https://grantguru.com/nz/buller)

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