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Papatowai - Metrosideros umbellata

Credit: John Sawyer, New Zealand Plant Conservation Network

Mayor's Message



This has been a year of transition for the Council, and I want to sincerely acknowledge the commitment shown by both councillors and staff. A new Council must come up to speed quickly, and ours has worked hard to understand the issues, strengthen our foundations, and prepare for the work ahead.

With major Government changes proposed for local government and planning, there is a great deal of work ahead, and I'm confident in the way our district will meet these challenges. We will continue to ensure Buller's interests are clearly and confidently represented, and that the wellbeing of our communities remains at the centre of our decisions.

We have also seen encouraging progress across Buller this year, with strong turnout at local events, visitor activity beginning to lift, new

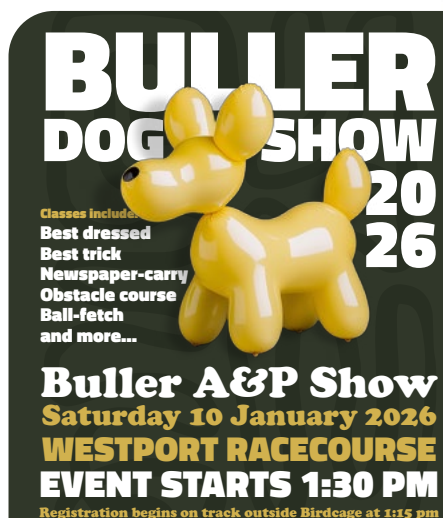
businesses on the horizon, and the steady effort of volunteers who keep our clubs, facilities, and community programmes thriving. A number of local projects are also moving forward, thanks to the dedication and goodwill of people right across the district.

Thank you for your support, your patience, and your belief in Buller.

I wish you and your families a safe and happy Christmas.

Chris Russell

Mayor, Buller District



BULLER DOG SHOW 2026

Classes include:
Best dressed
Best trick
Newspaper-carry
Obstacle course
Ball-fetch
and more...

Buller A&P Show
Saturday 10 January 2026
WESTPORT RACECOURSE
EVENT STARTS 1:30 PM
Registration begins on track outside Birdcage at 1:15 pm

Meetings December 2025

Please check the calendar for any updates and additional meetings:

bullerdc.govt.nz/meetings

Ordinary Council Meeting

- 17 December, starting 1:30 pm
Clocktower Chambers

There may be elements of the meeting that are public excluded. The meeting agenda will explain why the public is excluded under LGOIMA 1987.

If you have any questions about this meeting, please contact: governance.assistant@bdc.govt.nz

Christmas closure hours



Council's facilities in Westport and Reefton will have altered opening hours over the Christmas and New Year period.

Council's Westport offices at Brougham House will close for the Christmas/New Year break at 12 noon on Wednesday 24 December, and reopen at 8:30 am on Monday 5 January 2026.

The Reefton Visitor and Service Centre will close at 12 noon on Wednesday 24 December, reopening Friday 26 December, 10 am - 2 pm daily, with limited services. Normal opening hours and services resume on Monday 5 January 2026.

To notify urgent issues during this time, call **0800 807 239**. For water and roading matters, you will be directed to Council's contractor WestReef Services Ltd.

For urgent noise or animal complaints call the Animal Management Team on **0800 807 239**

To raise a non-urgent service request, go to Council's website and we will respond after 5 January 2026.



You can also find opening hours for Buller District Libraries, Reefton Visitor & Service Centre, NBS Theatre, Reefton Cinema and the Westport and Reefton Transfer Stations on Council's website: bullerdc.govt.nz

There will be no kerbside refuse or recycling collections on Thursday 25 December 2025 (Christmas Day) or Thursday 1 January 2026 (New Year's Day).

Thursday collections for affected properties will move to Friday, and Friday collections will move to Saturday in these weeks. See information below for the Westport and Reefton Transfer Station opening hours.

The Maruia Landfill and Recycling Facility will be closed on Thursday 25 December 2025 and Thursday 1 January 2026. The Karamea Landfill will be closed on Friday 26 December 2025 and Friday 2 January 2026.

Westport and Reefton Transfer Stations

Day	Date	Westport	Reefton
Wednesday	24 December	OPEN	CLOSED
Thursday	25 December	CLOSED	CLOSED
Friday	26 December	CLOSED	CLOSED
Saturday	27 December	OPEN	OPEN
Sunday	28 December	OPEN	OPEN
Monday	29 December	OPEN	CLOSED
Tuesday	30 December	CLOSED	OPEN
Wednesday	31 December	OPEN	CLOSED
Thursday	1 January	CLOSED	CLOSED
Friday	2 January	CLOSED	CLOSED
Saturday	3 January	OPEN	OPEN
Sunday	4 January	OPEN	OPEN



To find out your collection day and week, visit our waste and recycling collection calendar: bullerdc.govt.nz/wasterecyclingcollection

Water supplies

Council reminds **all consumers** to flush their taps for 30 seconds in the morning, prior to use.

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



You can sign up to Council's email list and receive key information about your local water supply by visiting: bullerdc.govt.nz/watersupplyupdate

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

