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In touch with our Community

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BDC Rates Review Community Meeting Summary

By Dave Sanders



(Mayor Jamie Cleine listens to one of our locals with Cr Martin Hill to his left)

On Tuesday (2nd February) at our Karamea RSA Centre Mayor Jamie Cleine, Deputy Mayor Sharon Roche and Councillors Rosalie Sampson, Phil Rutherford, Martin Hill and Joanne Howard along with a couple of BDC staff arrived to host a community meeting with 42 locals who came along to voice their concerns over proposed BDC Rates Review. The Mayor and his team decided to go with a community meeting only when they arrived as their initial intention was to chat one on one or to small groups. Rosalie Sampson, myself and other locals requested meeting should be community based and it was only when BDC arrived they decided to go with this so was very much appreciated we ended up with this result.

Overall, I believe this was a good meeting as Mayor Jamie began with an outline of the BDC

Rates Review process (including the background given seven years in the making) and stated, "myself and councillors are not here to sell this model, instead we are here to listen to your feedback and encourage you all to submit formal submissions, we'd really like you to focus on solutions."

With this introduction which was well received as sincere and genuine around twelve (12) locals responded all with meaningful and constructive feedback.

Key Points Raised

- Local ratepayers mainly impacted from BDC Rates Review are small rural property owners up to 10 hectares as council propose to change their property category to "Residential".
- Suggestion was made BDC should change to Capital Value based rates not Land Value assessed and disagreed with land under 10 hectares being zoned as residential.
- Locals living rurally (lifestyle blocks) without council amenities, like footpaths, street lights and sealed roads have been reclassified as residential – this is not right. Council need to find some middle ground when deciding which properties were rural and which are residential.
- One local asked why would any council in NZ send out such a proposal when they clearly knew some of our local ratepayers would have to face significant rates increases ranging between 20% and 170% while others will stay the same or even reduce – how is this fair to all?

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- Two of our local farmers shared their observations and wanted to know why BDC is looking to reduce rates (one of them by 26%) to the farming sector at the expense of a small group of lifestyle block owners who do not generate a commercial income from their land.
- Another local expressed their concerns from a social and financial perspective and did so with dignity and sincerity.
- One local mentioned some ratepayers viewed BDC with little empathy for proposing rates hike during Covid-19 period greatly impacting business and tourism operators.

In summary our impromptu community meeting was calm, collective and constructive unlike Westport News headline of meeting being somewhat "Fiery". It was not like this.

Of course, there was further feedback from others so apologies for not covering off all points raised.

Meeting lasted for 70 minutes and one key closing comment from BDC came from Cr Phil Rutherford (supported by Mayor Jamie) who stated he has been a councillor since the rates review began some seven years ago. "We will have submissions, we will hear them out and take them into account not making any decision and please do not think for one minute that your submission is a waste of time".

So, I encourage those impacted to write up your submission and get this into BDC before 4.30pm on Friday 19th February 2021.

I have also completed our Community Submission for those impacted which can be viewed at the Info Centre, Four Square and Little Wanganui Hotel. If you are happy with this you will need to sign a signatory document. Also, if you would like a

copy please email me and I will send one out my email address is daves.lyttelton@xtra.co.nz.



(Left Councillors Joanne Howard, Phil Rutherford, Rosalie Sampson, Deputy Mayor Sharon Roche second on right of Rosalie.)

I will be attending the submission hearing on your behalf scheduled for the 10th March 2021.

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Salvage Sale	13 Feb	12 pm	Karamea Area School	Kate Grey	782 6717

MARCH 2021

Event	Date	Time	Venue	Contact	Phone
Buller Festival and Rafting Nationals	5 - 8 Mar		Murchison		
Cheese Competition	13 Mar	10am to late	Little Wanganui Community Hall/ Little Wanganui Hotel	Kathy Blumm	7826 646

REGULAR EVENTS

Event	Day	Time	Venue	Contact	Phone
Craft Group	Tue	1-3.30pm	Last Resort	May Chalmers	7826 749
Mahjong (every second Tuesday)	Tue	12 - closing	Vinnie's Café	Anji Hamson	021-466426
Tennis Coaching (ages 8 - 18 yrs) (Bring racket, sports shoes, water)	Wed	3.15 - 4.30pm	Tennis Courts (No cost)	Paul Murray	027-2569967
Abundance Share Karamea	Thu	4 - 6 pm	23 Wharf Road	Shona Gibson	
Singing - informal and free, every voice welcome!	Thu	4pm	33 Wharf Road (opposite pub)	Liz Kerslake	
Anglican Church Service	Sun	11am	Holy Trinity Community Church, 87 Waverley Street		
Catholic Communion Service 2 nd & 4 th Sunday of month	Sun	11am	Holy Family Catholic Church, 7 Waverley Street		
Catholic Mass Service (1 st , 3 rd & 5 th Sunday of month)	Sun	12pm	Holy Family Catholic Church, 7 Waverley Street		
Soccer (all welcome)	Sun	10am	Domain	Deborah Wagner	

To add any community events to The Chronicle, please email info@karameainfo.co.nz or phone us on 7826 652 by the Chronicle deadline date

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Photo: Stephanie and Cash at the presentation for the WC series





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To collect your feedback, we have engaged Research First, Australasia's leading research consultancy, to run the survey on our behalf.

What's in it for me?

Everyone who completes the survey will have the opportunity to enter the draw for the chance to win one of a range of great prizes including:

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- One \$100 New World Voucher donated by Westport New World

To see the terms and conditions for the prize draw, go to: <https://bullerdc.govt.nz/customer-satisfaction-survey/>

How long will the survey take?

It should only take five to seven minutes to complete.

Is it anonymous?

Yes. None of your answers will be shared with Council in a way that could identify you.

How do I take part?

There are two ways to do the survey.

- 1) To answer online, go to <https://bullerdc.govt.nz/> and complete the survey hosted by Research First.
- 2) Or, if it's easier, complete the paper survey and drop it in one of our return boxes at any Council office or the NBS theatre, libraries, the Buller Bay Resource and Information Centre in Ngakawau, Punakaiki Department of Conservation Office or the Karamaea Information and Resource Centre by 19 February 2021.

What will happen next?

The survey closes on 19 February 2021. Once the results have been analysed, the results will be reported to Council and the community in April. The resulting report will help us to see where we are doing well and where we have opportunities to improve.

Any questions?

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact: shelley.jope@bdc.govt.nz

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Blueberry Muffins

Blueberries make good muffins because they are not sour when cooked. Use free-flow blueberries when fresh ones are not available. To stop blueberries staining the batter, use them before they thaw completely

Cinnamon Sugar Topping

1/4 Cup Soft Brown Sugar or Raw Sugar

2 tsp Cinnamon

Sprinkle over each muffin before baking.



Ingredients

2 Cups Flour

4 tsp Baking Powder

1 tsp Cinnamon

1/4 tsp Salt

1/2 Cup Raw Sugar

100 grams Butter

1 Cup Milk

1 Egg

1 Cup Blueberries

Method

Sieve dry ingredients into a fairly large bowl.

Melt butter in a pot, then add milk and egg, and beat to mix thoroughly.

Add wet mixture to dry ingredients.

Without over mixing, fold everything together, add blueberries last and fold into mixture.

Divide the mixture evenly between 12 medium-sized muffin pans that have been well greased and lightly floured. Top with Cinnamon and Sugar topping.

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By Donna Chambers

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2021 is here and it's that time of the year when we update the Karamea Phone Listing. Please let the Karamea Information & Resource Centre know of any additions or amendments to the current directory, either by email to info@karameainfo.co.nz or by phone on 7826 652, **by 15 February 2021**. The new telephone directory will be available from 22 February 2021:

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Our friendly staff can help you with your own devices (smartphone, tablet, laptop) or can offer training on one of our 4 laptops recently purchased through funding.

We have helped a few people already who have appreciated our 'one on one' approach, set at the individual's pace!

Also a reminder that we have free WIFI for public use at the Information Centre in Bridge Street.

The team at the Info Centre

Neighbours Days Aotearoa 20 - 30 March

Greetings from Buller District Council,

Neighbours Days Aotearoa is a national initiative aiming to encourage acts of kindness between neighbours strengthening communities in Aotearoa.

Neighbours Days focuses on 10 days where public and private organizations, groups and individuals get involved in acts of neighbourhood kindness - small to big to "turn your streets into neighbourhoods". (Neighbours Days Aotearoa, 2020).

This year Neighbours Days will run 20 - 30 March 2021 under the theme *The Great Plant Swap*, focusing on gardening, planting, cooking, preserving, sustainable living, swooping crops and growing together as a community.

This is an opportunity for Kawatiri to foster social and environmental wellbeing and is a chance to co-create 10 vibrant Neighbours Days in Kawatiri. The theme, *The Great Plant Swap*, offers plenty of room and thousand of options how we can turn Neighbours Days 2021 into a colorful community event in Kawatiri.

This survey is to provide you with information what Buller District Council has in the pipeline, what our ideas are, how YOU or your group, organization, club or school can get involved and to get a feel if you are keen to join in.

Mira Schwill
Communications & Community Services Officer
Buller District Council

Please share with your network and spread the message far and wide making Neighbours Days a true community event :)

S.M.A.S.H

(Smaller Milk and Supply Herds)

By Jennifer Hislop



Recently held on a lovely sunny west coast day at Darren and Jennifer Hislop farm in the Wangapeka Valley, saw people coming from as far as Canterbury, Nelson and lower West Coast. It was very well support having just over 50 people attending for the SMASH Field day.

Topics that were covered had guess speakers Paul Edwards from Dairy NZ talk about variable milking options the ins and outs. Megan Hardy from NRM talk about Supplement feeding

this summer and Darren and Jennifer talked about their new purchase for their new Effluent system with the 500,000 L Flexi Tank storage.



The day was finished off with a lovely lunch to let farmers catch up & talk about the information they received.



Funding round open

Community Grants Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund Facility Hire Fund

COMMUNITY GRANTS

This fund supports the work of community groups and volunteer organisations, which provide community and social projects and services within the Buller District. Funds are available to support projects that enhance the wellbeing of our communities.

SPORT NZ RURAL TRAVEL FUND

This fund is open to rural sports clubs and school teams with young people aged between 5 and 19 years for the purpose of travel to regular local sporting competitions.

FACILITY HIRE FUND

This fund is open to organizations and individuals to assist in subsidising hire costs of Council facilities for non-profit community events.

Application forms and information are available at www.bullerdc.govt.nz/funding, or can be collected from Council offices in Westport and Reefton.

Completed applications must be submitted no later than **4:30pm Friday 19 February 2021** for **Communities Grants and Rural Travel Fund. Facility Hire Fund applications can be received all year.** Late applications will not be accepted.

Bevan Langford : 25 years

United Fire Brigade Association

Gold Star Presentation



For those community members not on the official invitation list but who would like to come and celebrate with Bevan, we would like to welcome you to join us for a night of celebration.

When: Saturday 13th February, 2021

From 7.00 pm with presentations at 8.00 pm

Where: Last Resort Café Function Room

Cost: \$20 per person

- Live entertainment with dancing
- Refreshments provided
- Supper

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Property News Feb 2021

The sizzling property market has continued in 2021 as house prices maintain their upward march.

A shortage of stock continues to put upward pressure on prices while low interest rates and a recovering economy encourage buyers.

Provincial centres, South Island

In the South Island, Gore was top of the charts - the southern town's average property price surged 6.54 percent in a single month. Southland District followed close behind on 5.77 percent for the month. Buller rounds out our top three at 4.67 percent.

In terms of value growth over a 12-month period, Gore is once again at the top of the list at 20.06 percent. It's followed closely by Buller (19.82 percent), with Clutha in third place at 16.93 percent.

2 February 2021

Karamea road improvement projects – impact on journey times

Council is managing several road improvement projects along the Karamea Highway this summer season. These are directly funded by Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency as part of the Special Purposes Road programme.

This important work will improve road safety and strengthen the resilience of the vital access route in and out of the Karamea Basin.

Work is continuing on slump repairs at Tobins Site No.1 and Site No.2. This has been underway since December 2020.

Karamea Road users are advised they should anticipate 15-minute delays at the Tobins work site beginning Thursday 4 February.

The contractor WestReef had hoped to keep delays at that site to five minutes but further slumping at site during the works has meant there is no passing room for traffic while machinery is working to rebuild the extended slump area.

Council's infrastructure delivery manager, Eric de Boer said, "The new subsidence the contractors have found shows how important it is that these roadworks are being done now. The road is a vital link for residents and businesses in the Karamea basin. We are committed to completing this resilience and improvement work on the Karamea Special Purposes Road."

"Council very much appreciates the patience of road users while this essential work is being done."

From Thursday there will be 15-minute delays for road users between 7am and 5pm. The work may take up to three-weeks to be completed but could be finished earlier if site conditions remain good.

WestReef is also working on two nearby sites - Hells Gate and Siberia Corner. These works are nearing completion. There may be an additional five-minute journey delay at these sites while the works are finished. The contractor will endeavour to manage all sites with each other to lessen the impact upon overall journey time.

Two electronic roadside noticeboards, advising delay times, will be put in place at either end of the Karamea Bluff later this week.

For more information please contact: eric.deboer@bdc.govt.nz

Gardening Tips

By Donna Chambers

Plant main crop potatoes. If conditions remain dry water veggies and fruit trees well. Drip irrigation is one of the most efficient of all systems, it's water-wise and works best for plants.

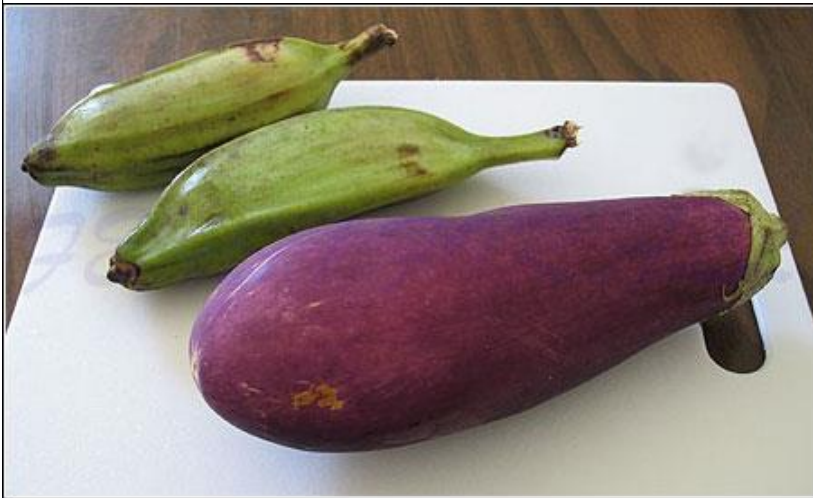
Pick fruits & veggies every day to encourage late fruiting (especially peas, beans, eggplant, cucumbers and courgettes).

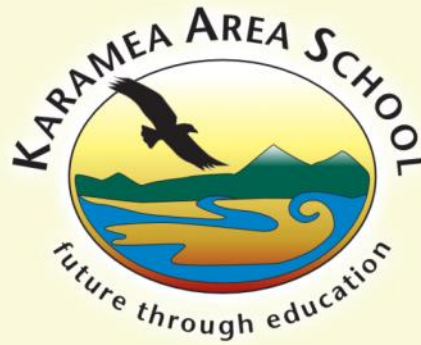
Keep planting late summer crops of new lettuce and herbs.

You can grow salad greens in containers which can be moved out of the sun.

It's too late to plant tomatoes, eggplant, cucumbers and peppers unless you have a plastic/glass or tunnel house.

Happy Gardening!





FUNDRAISING SALVAGE SALE!

12pm - 3pm

Furniture Items = Hall

Doors, Sinks, Building
Materials = Front Lawn

SATURDAY

13th
Feb

