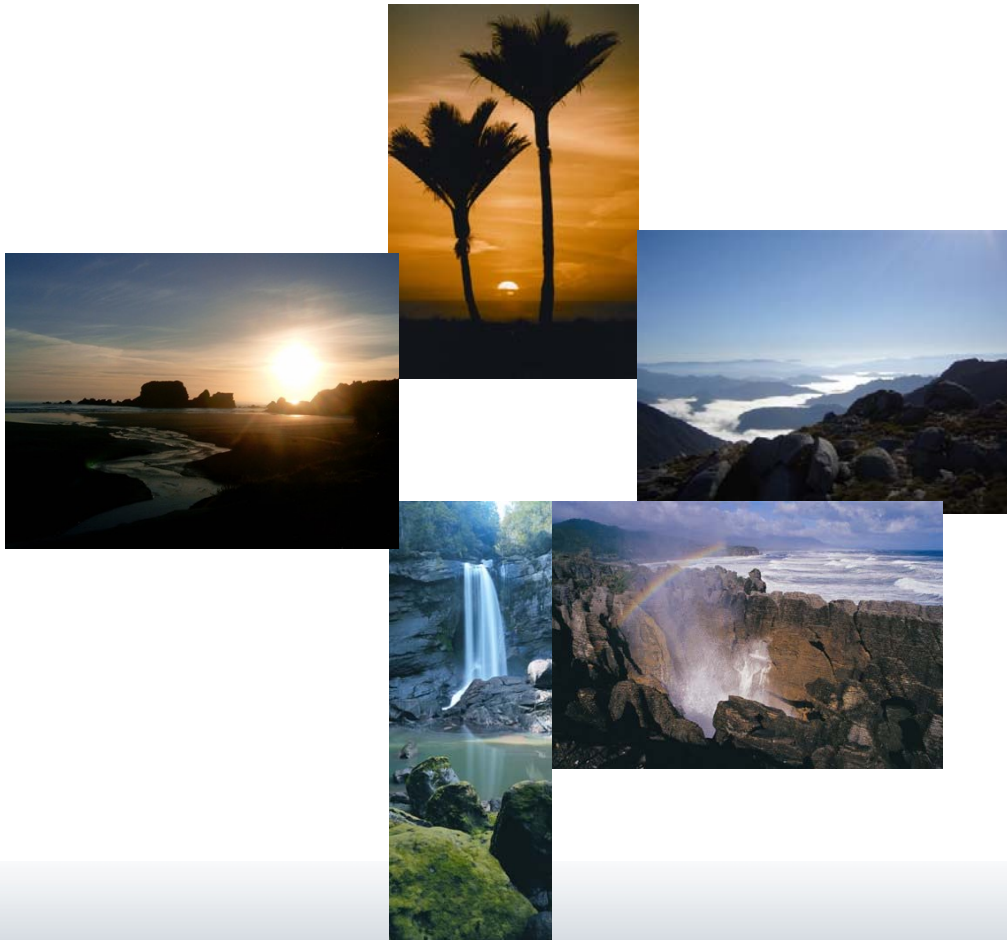


Media Information Pack

Buller - Kawatiri



About Buller

Westport, the port town situated at the mouth of the mighty Buller River is the largest town in the Buller District. The Buller region stretches from Karamea in the north, inland to Reefton and Springs Junction, with the most southern settlement being Punakaiki.

Buller is bordered by rugged mountains forming two of New Zealand's beautiful national parks. Kahurangi National Park in Northern Buller is the second largest of New Zealand's national parks. Kahurangi (treasured possession) is 452,002 hectares of wonderfully diverse natural and recreational values.

Paparoa National park in the south is most famous for the Pancake Rocks and blowholes of Dolomite Point, but includes coastal forest, limestone canyons, caves and underground streams and naturally spectacular coastline.

The west border of Buller follows the impressive coastline of the Tasman Sea. In between these rugged contrasts are temperate rainforests, towering limestone bluffs and caves, sweeping sandy estuaries, rivers and waterfalls able to tumble unhindered through craggy gorges, one of the few fur seal colonies in New Zealand and a diverse range of native flora and fauna.

Buller, along with the rest of the West Coast, takes pride in having a laid back lifestyle and a close community environment. It may be the closeness to nature, the tough work in the early settlements, or the need for a small population to look after its own, but the Coast has created its own character – a rugged individual, someone who will give anything a try, who is hospitable, modest, down to earth and knows how to have a good time.

Buller offers a world of film locations, be it for a film, TV show or commercial. The Buller District Council aims to make the process of gaining permits to film in the Buller district as smooth as possible.



Map of Buller



Location Permits

Permission to film is required from the landholders or managers of land in all locations.

Council Land

Generally, there is no charge for filming on areas of land owned or managed by Buller District Council. This includes;

- Council reserves & parks
- Council facilities & buildings
- Council owned land
- Council managed streets & roads

We do however require you to complete an 'application and conditions of filming' when requesting permission to film on council land. A copy is included in this pack.

Department of Conservation managed land

The Department has a code of practise for filming on public conservation lands which we have included in this pack. Film crews need to apply to the Department for consent to undertake their filming activities.



Filming on roads

Filming on or around roads will often require a temporary road closure. Approval is required from either the Council or Transit, and a traffic management plan will need to be submitted. Traffic management is required when the normal operating conditions of the roadway are altered. This stance is clear and strongly enforced throughout Transit, Council and OSH. Transit manage all the state highways in New Zealand. Opus International Consultants Limited is the consulting company for Transit on the West Coast. For approval to film on a state highway, application needs to be made to Opus.

For safety reasons, traffic management plans need to be complied by an authorised STMS (Site traffic management Supervisor). Traffic Management Plans will provide details on who will be implementing the traffic management plan for the event.

Plans are required to ensure that hazards to traffic, pedestrians and those working on the event are mitigated.



Events in Buller

Annual Events

January

- Buller A & P Show - C/- President Jan Brazil - 03 789 8860, Secretary Jenny Keenan - 03 789 8795
- Karamea Pub to Pub Triathlon - C/- Karamea Information Centre - 03 782 6652
- Reefton Sports Triathlon, Biathlon & Walkathon - C/- ITP Reefton Promotions 03 732 8489
- Screaming Eagle Mountain Bike Race - C/- Reefton Sports 03 732 8593
- Reefton Gallops - C/- Ken 03 732 8693
- Buller Beautification Awards - C/ BDC 03 788 9111
- Crazy Wheels - C/ Sport Buller 03 789 6779

February

- Buller Anniversary Day
- Buller Gorge Marathon - C/- Dennis Straker - 03 789 8010
- Westport RS Bowling Club - Black & White Classic Fours
- Inangahua A & P Show - C/- Dave 03 732 8025
- Reefton Rodeo - C/- Jackie 03 732 8990

April

- Buller Bowling Centre - Easter Bowls Tournament C/- Trevor Alty - 03 789 7339
- Westport Competition Society (2nd week of school holidays) C/- Beryl Collins 03 789 6596

May

- Best of the West Country Music Awards - <http://buller.countrymusic.net.nz>

June

- Best in the West Speedway - Queens Birthday Weekend - C/-Melissa Jimmink 789 5052



September

- Westport Spring Flower Show - C/- Betty Parkinson - 03 789 8273

October

- Cape Classic Surf Contest - Tauranga Bay - C/- Youngie 03 789 7656
- Westport Street Stalls - Saturday Labour Weekend - C/- Kathryn Bainbridge - 03 789 8630
- Westport Womens Triathlon C/- Carleen James 03 789 8293

December

- Westport Xmas Parade - C/- Westport Rotary. Contact Charles Brunning - 03 789 7980
- Westport Sparks in the Park
- Westport Trots - C/- John Reedy - 03 789 8173
- Buller River Tube Race - C/- Jim Fenn - 789 8909
- Reefton Trots
- Annual Toy Run - C/- Vince Hanna - 03 789 7104



Useful contacts

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Brougham Street

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Westport

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Greymouth

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Fax: 03 768 7498

Department of Conservation – Westport Kawatiri Office

John Green or Deborah Carden

72 Russell Street

PO Box 357

Westport

Westport

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For an STMS

- Buller Community Development Company

Geoff Pywell

0274 358 208

- Mike Gidney

03 547 8789

- Fulton Hogan

Frank Van Der Sluys

0274 422 286



Summary of Permissions

In all cases, your location manager, Film New Zealand or the relevant regional film office can assist you in contacting the relevant authority.

Activity	Permission / documentation that may be required	Contact
Filming on any part of a local public road where no road closure is required	Temporary traffic management plan Discontinuation of parking controls	Local council
Filming on a local road where stopping of traffic is required	Temporary road closure	Local council
Filming on a state highway involving either roadside filming or holding of traffic	Temporary traffic management plan or temporary road closure	Transit New Zealand
Crew filming from a moving vehicle on a road, and/or filming actors in a moving vehicle mounted on a towed low-loader	Health and safety plan	NZ Police (traffic safety)
Filming in municipal buildings	Film permit/permission	Local council
Filming in a local reserve	Film/temporary occupation permit	Local or regional council
Filming in a national park or other lands managed by DOC	Concession	Department of Conservation
Filming in forests	Consent/agreement	Check with the local authority or council for ownership details

Activity	Permission / documentation that may be required	Contact
Filming in or around power stations	Consent/agreement	The appropriate electricity-generating company (of which there are 5)
Filming on railway land or stations	Consent/agreement	Toll Rail
Filming on other Crown land	Film permit/location agreement	Relevant government department
Filming on Maori land	Iwi consent	Check with www.tekahuimangai.govt.nz for the appropriate iwi
Filming in beach areas	Compliance with council bylaws Permission from adjacent landowner if access required	Local council Landowner
Filming on private land	Consent/agreement Possible resource consent	Landowner Local or regional council
Filming a freehold property/dwelling	Consent/agreement	Landowner
Filming a government-owned property/dwelling	Consent/agreement	Local Housing New Zealand representative
Filming government buildings	Consent/agreement	The building's tenants



Activity	Permission / documentation that may be required	Contact
Filming on water - lakes, rivers, harbours	Landowner permission Alteration to navigation bylaws/rules Use of vessel Resource consent if structures or alteration to natural features involved	Landowner Harbour master Maritime New Zealand Regional council
Construction of sets / structures	Possible building consent/resource consent	Local council
Use of overweight or over-dimension vehicles	Permit	Local council
Use of firearms	Film armourer must have appropriate licence	NZ Police (arms officer)
Fire, fireworks, pyrotechnics, smoke effects	Fire permit Notification	Local council NZ Police & Fire Service

