

2024 Autumn Newsletter

Have Your Say on Hurunui's direction for the next 10 years

Council is going out to everyone in the Hurunui to ask for their views on the direction for the district for the next 10 years.

The draft Long Term Plan 2024-2034 sets out the district's services that the Council will provide, what these cost and how this will be funded through rates or debt.

Hurunui has great open spaces, recreation reserves, farmland and beaches. This also means we have a large geographical area with fewer people to pay for what needs doing. Whether it's fixing roads, looking after water infrastructure or meeting new regulatory requirements,

such as how we manage our stormwater, it all needs to be funded.

Submitting to the draft Long Term Plan 2024-34 is your opportunity to tell Council the services you value. It's important that you get involved.

For more information on this or any of the other topics we are seeking the community's views on, or to make a submission, please go to Council's website at www.hurunui.govt.nz/have-your-say/consultations. You can also pop into one of Council's service centres or libraries for a physical submission form and further information.

HDC - Here to Listen



We encourage you to **'Have your say'** on any one, or all of these.

There's a lot happening in Hurunui!

Council is asking the Hurunui community for their views on a number of proposals: the 2024-34 draft Long Term Plan, draft Reserves Management Plan, draft Fees and Charges, Representation Review and the draft South Ward Spatial Plan. You can find all the details at www.hurunui.govt.nz/have-your-say/consultations

Vandalism of signs

Vandalism of signs seems to be on the rise in Hurunui District, increasing costs to the ratepayer. If you see anyone vandalising a sign, make a difference by reporting it on the Rural Lookout app.

Waste recycling

Thank you to everyone for helping to lower the district's recycling contamination rate. The Council's Waste team has reported a drop from 0.57% contamination in February to just 0.26% in March. With contaminated recycling having to be landfilled, we appreciate your care in ensuring items are clean when placed in recycling bags and at the transfer stations. Glass bottles shouldn't be placed in recycling bags but can be dropped off to any transfer station.



Payments to Council

Help us to match your payments to Council by providing your valuation number, invoice number, customer number, or other details on what is being paid. A name on its own is not sufficient. Thank you.

Resealing work has finished

With summer now over, the road resealing season is complete. Each year, Council applies a fresh seal coat (reseal) to approximately 36km of existing sealed roads. This retains the waterproof qualities and improves skid resistance. The identified roads are repaired ahead of the

resealing, sometimes a year in advance. Thank you everyone for your patience and cooperation when safely navigating the speed restrictions through these work sites. This plays a major role in successful resealing and creating minimal damage to vehicles.



Kowai water treatment plant

The Kowai Water Treatment Plant is in its final stage of completion.

The two new bores have been tested, the two largest reservoirs in the Hurunui District are now undergoing static head pressure testing, and the treatment shed upgrades, including ultra violet technology, are now complete.

This work was budgeted into the Long Term Plan.



Green waste disposal

Don't know what to do with your green waste? The Council's Waste team is here to help. Green waste is accepted at the Amberley, Cheviot and Hanmer Springs transfer stations, and is then shredded and sold at the Amberley transfer station.

When you drop off your green waste, please ensure:

- Tree branches are up to 100 mm thick and shorter than 2.4 m
- Shrub and hedge prunings are under 100 mm thick
- Green vegetative material, for example perennials, vegetable plants and annuals, have no soil attached.

For more details, please visit the Council's website at www.hurunui.govt.nz/property-rates/rubbish-recycling/recycling-in-hurunui/green-waste-recycling

In 2023, 235 tonnes of mulch was sold - there will be more later this year.

