

## Strong partnerships enrich Hurunui communities

Council's Community Partnerships team is creative and dedicated when it comes to making a difference in the lives of Hurunui residents without impacting rates levels.

Through Council's strong community partnerships, a wealth of programmes are delivered over the year through external funding. These programmes strengthen Hurunui communities and provide valuable support and opportunities for residents.

The team recently reported to Council on some of these programmes:

- 120 'Slice of Wellbeing' mental-health support packs have been made available to the district's area schools, local Police, and North Canterbury Vet Clinics in Culverden, Waikari, Cheviot and Amberley for distribution to communities as needed.
- The Snacks in Schools lunchbox top-up programme, which is available in seven of the district's schools.
- The MainPower Community Pantry, which is available



*Young people enjoy a Hurunui Youth Programme outing to Willowbank, where they learnt first-hand about beekeeping, thanks to external funding.*

at Cheviot Area School and Amuri Area School.

- 20 young people have passed their Learner Driver theory test, a 100% success rate, and 18 completed Defensive Driving courses.
- Migrant adults have been supported to pass their Learner Driver theory test in Culverden.
- 152 young people to date have been placed with local businesses through the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs programme, a nationwide partnership between Local Government New Zealand and the Ministry of Social Development.
- The Hurunui Youth Programme's school holiday programme continues to deliver recreational experiences to young people, with 179 enjoying a holiday activity over the April and July holidays.

Council is grateful to a range of external funders and sponsors, including The Rātā Foundation, MainPower, Ministry for Youth Development, Ministry of Social Development, Sport Canterbury, Satisfy Food Rescue, the Department of Internal Affairs, Mayors Taskforce for Jobs, Lotteries NZ, and others.

## New requirements around waste

### Did you know...

From 1 July, new legislation has required Council to record the source of all waste dropped off at the district's transfer stations and report it to the Ministry for the Environment.

At Amberley and Hanmer Springs, this is done via the transfer station's weighbridge, and at Cheviot, Culverden and Waiau, the site operator records it. The waste categories include construction and demolition, commercial, industrial, residential drop offs, and more.

If you're asked about the type of waste you're dropping off, this is why. Thanks for helping Council meet these new requirements.

## Drinking water upgrade for Cheviot township



*Cheviot township is celebrating a drinking water upgrade that includes a new treatment building, UV and chlorine disinfection, filtration, a new bore and 1000kl reservoir. These upgrades comply with national drinking water standards.*

## Roadside drainage maintenance

Roadside drainage maintenance works completed in July - August included 46 culverts being cleared by hand and 76 by digger. Five sumps were cleared and 23.1 kilometres of high shoulder removal works were undertaken. This enables water to flow off roads for reseal sites. Several culverts have also been replaced: in Christians Road, Dalmeny Road and Terrace Road.

Roadside drainage maintenance is important because removing water from the roads prevents flooding and other erosion that can damage infrastructure. Keeping the roads clear of debris ensures there is proper drainage and this reduces the risk of road washouts, edgebreak and helps to protect the surrounding environment.

## MainPower Amberley Pool's new season

The MainPower Amberley Pool re-opens to the public for the 2024/25 summer season at 1pm on 26 October 2024.

Admission fees have been kept at last year's prices and all the popular programmes offered in the last season are being brought back, Council's Customer Services Manager Naomi Woodham says.

A new addition to the pool's many programmes is the expansion of the Learn to Swim Programme to include babies and toddlers aged six months to four years.

Woodham says this new initiative follows the successful introduction last year of the Toddler Sing and Splash classes, which were very popular.

## Thank you to our older residents

Thank you to all our older residents who participated in the Age Friendly Survey to give their views on what an Age Friendly Hurunui could look like. A total of 210 returned surveys were received! If you'd like to connect with Council's Community Development Facilitator Vanessa, please phone 03 314 8816 or email [community@hurunui.govt.nz](mailto:community@hurunui.govt.nz)

## Planting in full swing for spring

Council's crews are out and about tidying and improving Hurunui's many wonderful reserves. Roses on various reserves have been pruned and the team has made good use of the bark mulch from recent tree removals, laying this down to suppress weeds and retain moisture.

Plants have been replaced where needed, hedges trimmed, and limechip has been used to resurface Homeview Cemetery Pathway and Waiau Memorial Pathway.

Hurunui's many reserves are enjoyed by both locals and those visiting our district, and they really come into their own in spring. Pop down and visit your local reserve.



*High shoulder removal at Mt Palm Road.*



*Learn to Swim teachers for the new 6 months - 4 years programme: Maxine Bennett (left) and Serina Linton.*

A lovely bouquet for Council's Amenities team from a visitor to the district:

✔ "Thanks for the beautifully clean public toilets – 'Best in the country!'"