

# 2025 Autumn Newsletter

## Community consulted on delivery of water services

Consultation on the governance and management of water services delivery has opened and we invite you to have your say on this important topic.

Local Water Done Well is the government's new policy for Three Waters reform. It allows councils to choose the best option for how they deliver drinking water, wastewater and stormwater (the three waters) for their communities.

The three North Canterbury councils of Hurunui, Kaikoura and Waimakariri have worked closely together to look at the best possible options for their communities.

Each council considered the best option for their respective communities with a particular focus on efficiency to ensure water charges would be affordable and to ensure each council had sufficient financial headroom for further investment over the next decade or so.

After considering the financial, and other, implications of various models, from an internal business unit to a variety of Council Controlled Organisation structures and Trust models, we are presenting our community with two proposals:

1. establish a joint Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) which would be 100% owned by the Hurunui District Council and the Kaikōura District Council; or

2. provide services through an in-house business unit.

The proposed model considers water charges over the long term, as well as potential borrowing that could be accessed in the future, to ensure our district's infrastructure continues to be robust, fit for purpose and sustainable. The proposed model also offers more scope to work together with other councils in the future, with cost efficiencies and other benefits.

We will continue to welcome opportunities to work closely with our neighbours, with examples of current shared services with Waimakariri District Council including the provision of water to households on the Ashley water scheme and the contracting of water services modelling.

### KEY DATES:

- Consultation closes on 21 April 2025.
- Submissions will be heard on 29 April, with 30 April being held as a reserve day.
- A decision will be made at the Council meeting on 13 May 2025.

For more information, please go to Council's website at [www.hurunui.govt.nz](http://www.hurunui.govt.nz), or ring the council at 03 314 8816; Cheviot Freephone: 03 319 8812; Amuri & Hanmer Springs Freephone: 03 315 8400.

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## Did you know?

### Reminder about batteries

Our Waste team are putting out a reminder not to place batteries in rubbish or recycling - and they have a free solution for you.

Disaster was averted recently when a motorcycle battery was placed in a rubbish bag. Fortunately, the bag split open and the battery was spotted. Hazardous waste of this nature is a fire risk. All batteries can be recycled for free via any transfer station during opening hours.

## WASTE: Positive feedback for Agrecovery pilot

The Agrecovery drop-off pilot programme has been a resounding success.

The pilot accepted a range of farm plastics for recycling - instead of these being buried or burnt on farms.

Over 60 tonnes of farm plastics were dropped off and sent to Christchurch for recycling in empty trucks returning from Kate Valley.

Thank you to the Amberley Lions for their support in manning the drop off, to Waipara Wine House for providing the location, and Agrecovery for choosing to run the pilot in the Hurunui. The pilot was funded via the Waste Minimisation Fund through funding obtained by Agrecovery.



*Above:  
Utilising the  
Agrecovery  
drop-off.*

## LIBRARIES

### Library services well utilised across the district

Library services across the district continue to be well-utilised. An average of over 10,000 books are issued every month and over 14,000 electronic items have been issued so far this year. These are for items ranging from audio books to online newspapers and magazines, to movies. For the full range of what's on offer, please go to [www.hurunui.govt.nz/community/library](http://www.hurunui.govt.nz/community/library)

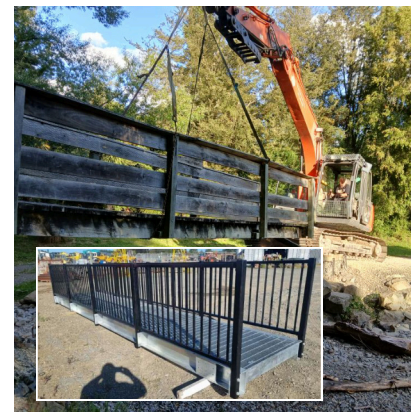
## RESERVES: New footbridge for Brooke Dawson Reserve

Our Hanmer Springs community welcomed works to replace the aging footbridge at the Brooke Dawson Reserve in March.

The old wooden bridge was lifted out and a new steel bridge, which had been specifically constructed for this

project, was installed. Not only has this improved the appearance of this part of the reserve, it has also made it safer. This work was budgeted for in the Long Term Plan.

*Right: The old footbridge comes out.  
Inset: the new bridge.*



## STORMWATER: Motanau Beach stormwater upgrade

Motanau Beach village is benefiting from a stormwater upgrade to improve the stormwater system. These works included five new sumps; pipe replaced with larger capacity on Lindsay Terrace from Hall Street to Caverhill Crescent; a new, stormwater main on Caverhill Crescent; and the installation of a catch pit and a new concrete swale to divert water from homes on Beach Road.

Rock has been placed at high flow points to slow down water in flood situations as an added precaution. The works were planned in the Long Term Plan and came in within budget.



*Above and right: The stormwater upgrade works at Motanau Beach Village.*