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Visitors and residents can now recycle along the West Coast

Recycling away from home will now be easier for visitors and residents of the West land and Buller districts, with the introduction of new *Love NZ* recycling pods.

The pods are funded by the Ministry for the Environment.

Pat McManus will launch the bins tomorrow at Punakaiki. “It is great to see Buller participating in this national recycling initiative. The funding will assist us in promoting our district as committed to sustainable waste management, and contribute to Council’s current waste minimisation services.”

Westland District Council mayor Maureen Pugh launched the bins in Fox Glacier on the 5th December.

“Recycling when out and about has always been challenging in these regions, due to the logistical requirements around servicing our spread out communities. These new pods give people an easy way to contribute to making the West Coast and Buller more sustainable regions.”

“With the large number of tourists visiting the West Coast and Buller regions, having the recycling pods will help improve visitor experiences and give more substance to New Zealand’s clean and green reputation,” Ms Pugh says.

The pods are recognisable by the distinctive green *Love NZ – Recycle with care* brand and are placed in:

Karamea	Punakaiki
Cape Foulwind/Tauranga Bay	Reefton
Westport (main street)	Kumara township
Hokitika township	Ross township
Whataroa township	Okarito

Franz Josef township
Haast township

Fox Glacier township

The recycling bins will collect aluminium (and tin cans in Buller) and plastics with recycling logos 1 & 2.

The launch of Buller's six *Love NZ* recycling pods will start at 10am on the 9 December 2008. Please meet outside the Punakaiki crafts shop, where Buller Mayor Pat McManus will cut the ribbon on this latest waste management initiative.

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