

# Did you know penguins live here on Carters Beach?



- Carters Beach is home for wildlife including penguins
- Dogs are the biggest threat to penguins at Carters Beach
- Little blue penguins/kororā are the smallest of all penguins – they're only 33cm tall and weigh around 1kg (just 2 packets of butter!)
- Being so small, all penguins are vulnerable
- These penguins nest among rocks and roots and in burrows or nest boxes, even under buildings within waddling distance of the sea
- Little blue penguins can be present all year
- Adults start nesting from June and chicks are reared between September and December
- Adults might travel up to 30km to fish to feed chicks, which are patiently waiting in their burrows.

# Happy dogs and thriving wildlife sharing the beach

- If you happen to be a dog owner, keeping your dog safe and secure at home will help keep your dog safely away from danger as well as keeping penguins and other wildlife safe
- If you know a dog owner who may not be aware that we share the beach with penguins, please discuss this with them
- When exercising your dog at the beach, your dog needs to be under your direct control at all times, i.e. close to you and under voice command
- Avoid vegetated areas and take special care at the beach between dusk and dawn
- With your help this special place can be even more amazing!
- For more information or to make a donation, go to the Trust's website - you can follow the Qr code
- To report loose dogs in confidence, phone Buller District Council dog control on 0800 807 239 or log a service request online.



*Thank you!*



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