



# Nau mai Haere Mai ~ Welcome to The Catlins...

Toitū te whenua – leave the land undisturbed

EMERGENCY Call 111

For further information on all aspects of The Catlins, go to [www.catlins.org.nz](http://www.catlins.org.nz) or visit Information Centres at Ōwaka and Waikawa

For information on where to camp, visit [www.freedomcamping.org](http://www.freedomcamping.org)

## WILDLIFE & NATURE

For more information visit [www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz)



- Talk quietly and move slowly when near sea lions / whakahao or fur seals / kekeno – do not disturb them, give them space, stay at least 20m away.
- Yellow-eyed Penguins / Hoiho are shy and easily stressed – do not disturb them, give them space, stay at least 50m away.
- Do not remove plants, animals or fossils from the environment – treat New Zealand / Aotearoa forest and birds with respect, they are unique and often rare.
- Respect our cultural heritage, treat these places with consideration and care.
- Dogs can disturb and even kill wildlife, please look out for and respect signage regarding dogs.  
<https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/know-before-you-go/dog-access/>
- No drones at Nugget Point / Tokatā, Roaring Bay / Hakaparāoa, Curio Bay / Tumu Toka, Slope Point / Waipapa and Waipapa Point / Ōtara.



Use of drones is restricted – for further information on use of drones in public places, private land, around livestock, wildlife and wildlife habitats visit [www.airshare.co.nz](http://www.airshare.co.nz)

## CAMPING

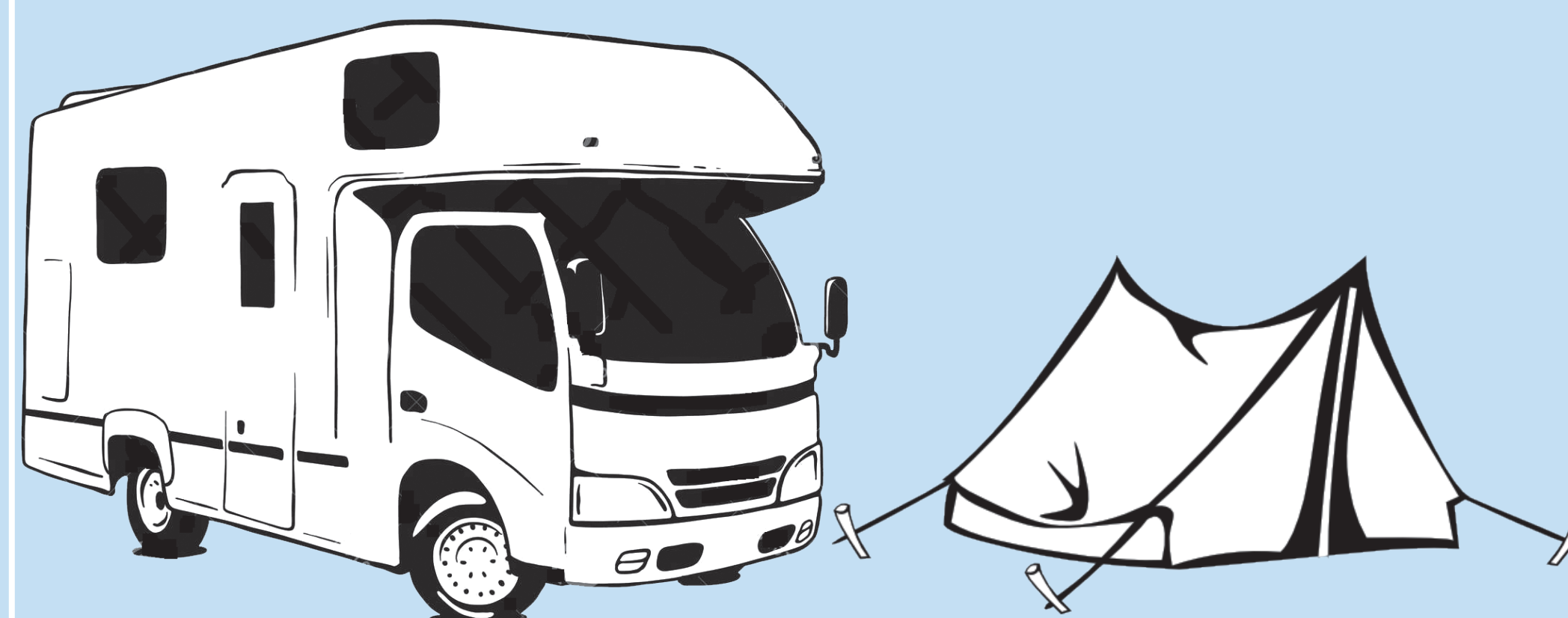
For more information visit



CDC  
(Clutha District Council)



SDC  
(Southland District Council)



- Please use official camping sites as they have toilets and waste disposals.
- No Roadside, Lookout or Beachside Camping.
- Permission must be obtained for camping, parking or walking on private land.
- Please leave areas clean and tidy.

## FIRES

Scan here for tips on how to reduce your own risk of wildfire and a three-step tool to let you know whether it's safe to light a fire, and if you'll need a fire permit. Or head to [checkitsalright.nz](http://checkitsalright.nz)



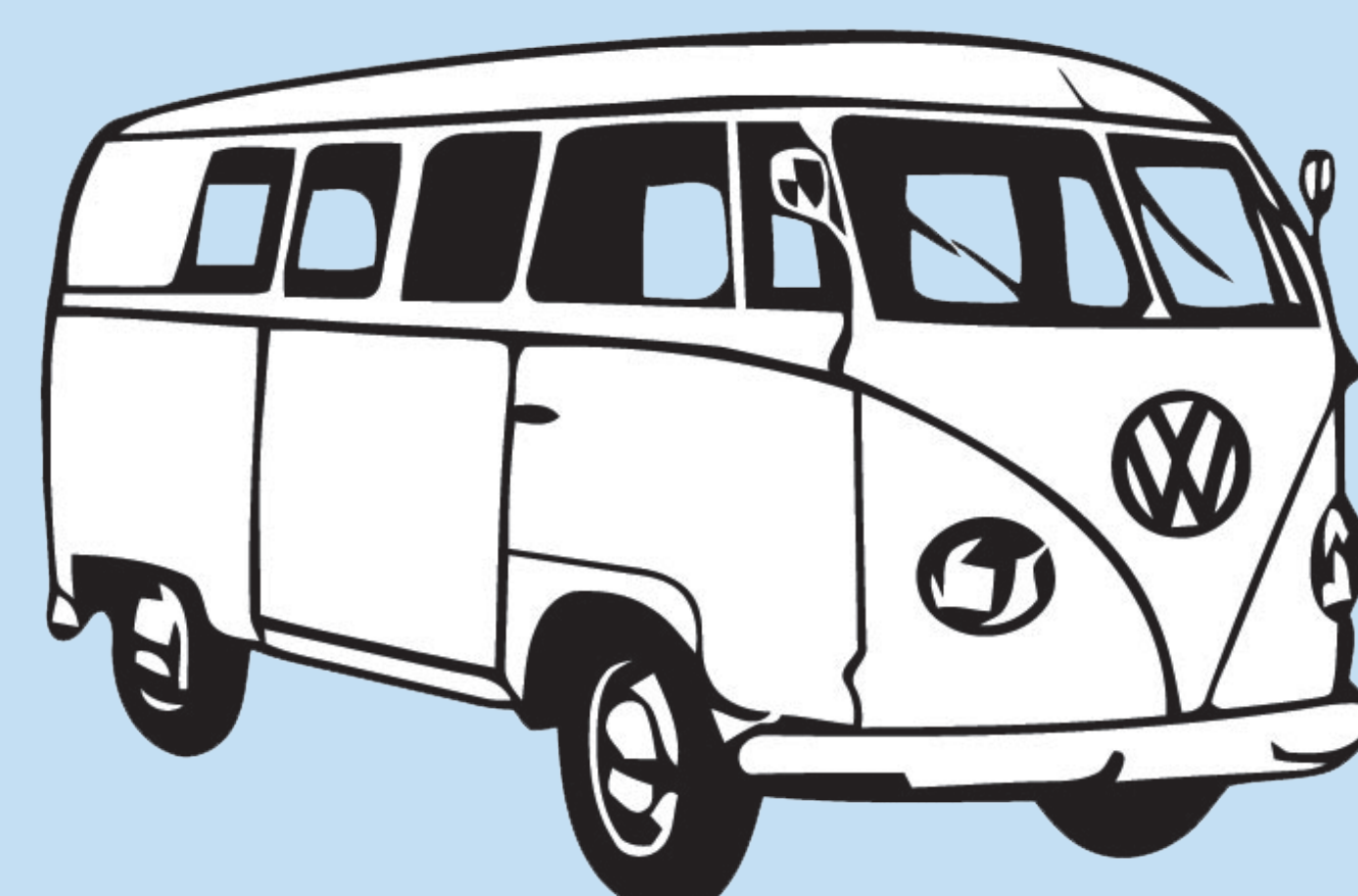
Fire and Emergency NZ



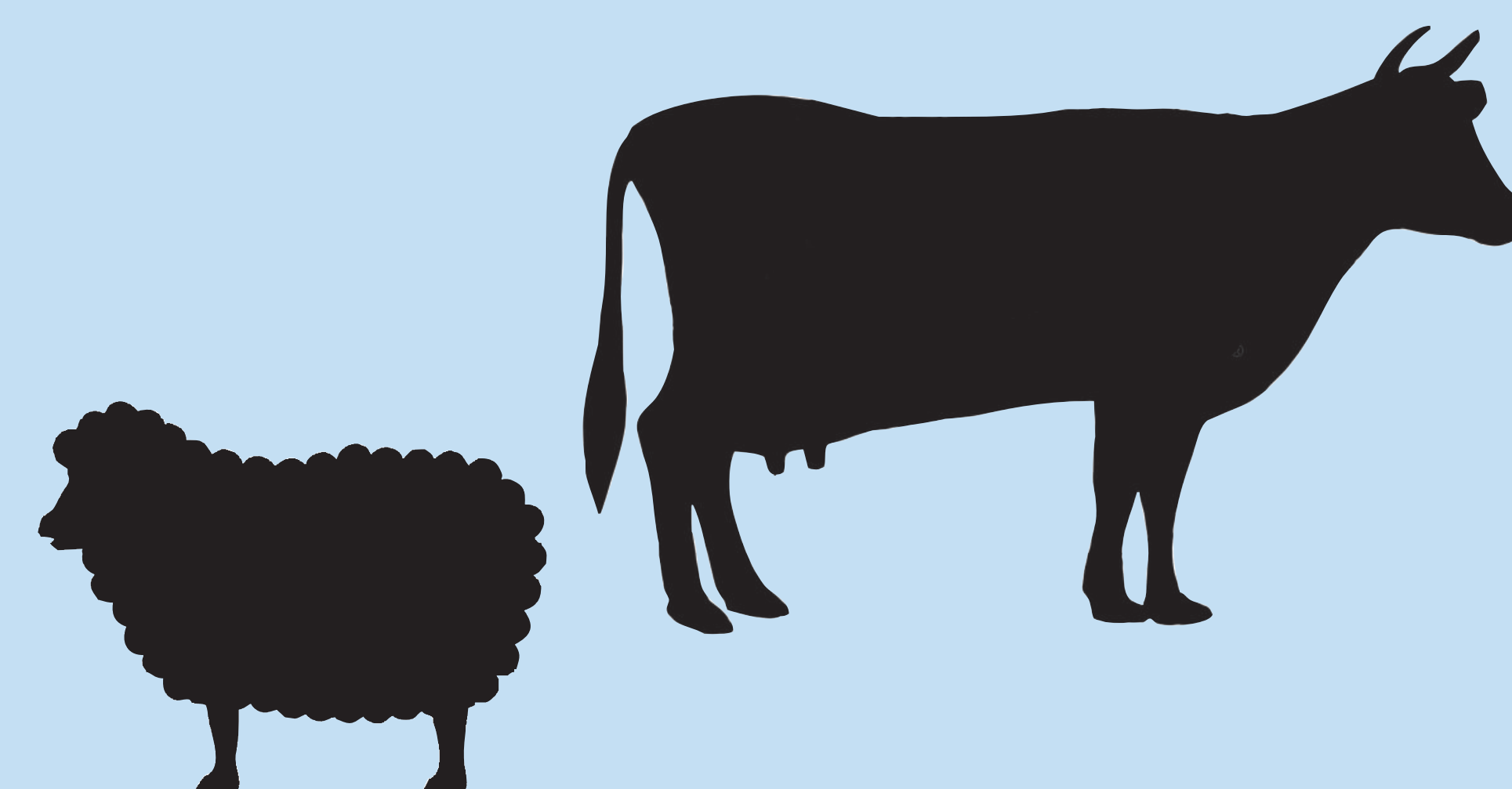
**Fires can destroy the Forest**

## DRIVING

Visit [www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/visiting-new-zealand](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/visiting-new-zealand)



- Keep left, observe all road signs. Pass school bus at less than 20km/hr.
- Reduce speed when driving on 'unsealed' roads.
- Limit vehicle use on beaches, respect other beach users, the road rules apply. For latest beach access information refer to CDC website.
- Indicate and pull over to the left-hand side of the road to take photographs, read road signs and to allow vehicles behind you to pass safely.
- If you see sheep and cattle on the roads, drive slowly and stay in your vehicle.



## WASTE DISPOSAL



- Please take all rubbish away with you, carry out what you carry in. Rubbish disposal points are at Kākā Point / Rakitāmau, Ōwaka, Papatowai and Tokanui. Recycling is also available at Ōwaka and Tokanui
- Use public toilets provided, please do not pollute the environment
- Use Campervan waste disposals which are located in Ōwaka (Inn Street) and Tokanui.



The Catlins Care Code revised by Catlins Coast Inc for The Catlins Community (2023)  
[www.catlins.org.nz](http://www.catlins.org.nz)



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE:  
Tui Photo: Fergus Sutherland  
Sea Lions/Whakahao Photo: Fergus Sutherland  
Southern Black-Backed Gull / Karoro Photo: Tony Somerville  
Fantail / Piwakawaka / Tiwakawaka / Piwaiwaka (Photo: Andrea EL Photography)  
Royal Spoonbill / Kotuku Ngutupapa Photo: Tony Somerville



**THE Catlins**  
**Te Akau Tai Toka**  
NEW ZEALAND - AOTEAROA

Please help us to protect the nature and wildlife of **The Catlins** – Only leave your footprints; only take photographs and memories...

Check out the Tiaki Promise – [www.tiakinewzealand.com](http://www.tiakinewzealand.com)

For fire or accident emergency – ph. **111**  
For conservation/wildlife emergency – ph. **0800 362 468**

NOTE: There is minimal cell phone coverage in much of The Catlins. Public phones are located at Ōwaka, Papatowai, Kākā Point and Tokanui.



TIAKI MEANS TO CARE FOR PEOPLE AND PLACE.

THE TIAKI PROMISE IS A COMMITMENT TO CARE FOR NEW ZEALAND, FOR NOW AND FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

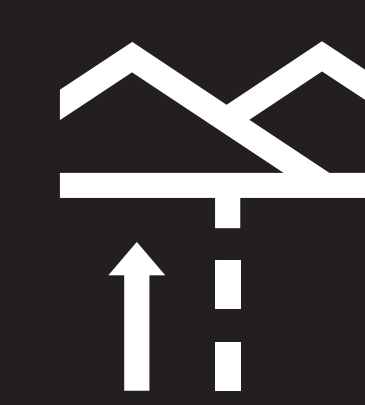
HOW TO CARE FOR NEW ZEALAND

[TIAKINEWZEALAND.COM](http://TIAKINEWZEALAND.COM)

#TIAKIPROMISE



BE PREPARED



DRIVE CAREFULLY



KEEP NZ CLEAN



PROTECT NATURE



SHOW RESPECT