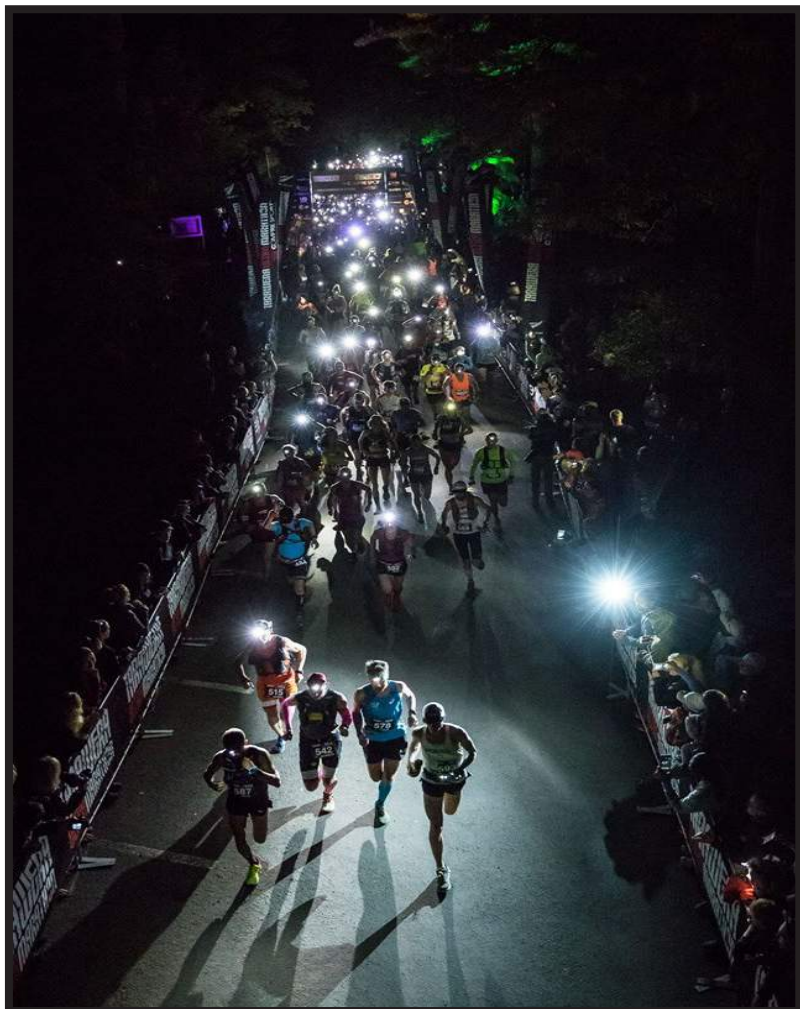


Kawerau District Council newsletter - February 2017



Tarawera Ultramarathon



Tarawera Ultramarathon organisers chalked up another successful event this month.

More than 1400 people took part in the February 11 event, which is now in its ninth year and is increasingly popular. This year all three distances finished at Firmin Field in Kawerau and runners had plenty of support as they crossed the line.

America's Jim Walmsley, Australian Benjamin Gerhady and Majell Backhausen, also from Australia, won the 102, 87 and 62km races respectively.

Plenty of projects planned for 2017

Welcome to another new year. I hope everyone had a good break.

Here at council we have plenty of projects and activities lined up. The new archive and museum collection building is under way - you may have seen the builders at work on Jellicoe Court - and our new youth council will be sworn in next month.

Plenty of progress is being made on the container

terminal project and things are looking positive.

Consultation for our annual plan is still 2-3 months away but we encourage you to start thinking about what you'd like to discuss during this period.

Finally, the school year is well under way now so keep an eye out for kids when you're driving, especially around school start and finish times.



Camp for 2016 youth council

Kawerau Youth Council had its end-of-year reflection camp last month.

The camp, from January 13-15, was the 2016 youth councillors' final activity as a team, and was designed to allow them to reflect, while enjoying each other's company and fun activities.

Kennedy Park Holiday Park was an ideal place to stay, with its fully enclosed and safe camp ground and many leisure activities for large groups. Good memories

were shared and goals were set for 2017. Some youth were sad about leaving Kawerau for university and expressed themselves accordingly.

The camp was a chance to listen to local youth and communicate with them effectively. Comments of encouragement and advice were expressed. Thanks to adult supervisors Berice Julian, Marlena Martin and John Rika, who volunteered to cook, clean and drive youth to their destinations.

Swearing-in date set for young leaders

Applications are now closed for the 2017 youth council, and interviews were held last Thursday (February 23).

The swearing-in of the elected councillors will be on March 16 and a training weekend will be held from March 31 - April 2.



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Good turn-out for Food Forest launch

The Kawerau Urban Food Forest project launched on February 17.

The project was introduced and Kawerau residents invited to get involved in whatever areas interest them. Project co-ordinator Hannah Edwardson says there was a fantastic turn-out, especially given the weather.

“More than 50 residents turned up with their gloves ready. Everyone was excited about being involved with the project, and all put their name down for one or more of the jobs.

The project aims to establish a two-hectare forest of food-bearing trees and shrubs on Monika Lanham Reserve.

A community garden and nursery will also be established on a smaller site belonging to Kawerau Life Kōnnect. The council is donating compost, mulch and expert knowledge.

Trees planted as part of the project will provide fruit year-round, including berries, nuts and herbs.

There will also be fresh vegetables year-round for anyone in the community to use.

The nursery will host workshops on seed gathering, sowing and other aspects of gardening.

Dec 2016 / Jan 2017 stats

- Three energy and maintenance checks
- 11 follow-up visits
- One curtain bank referral

Total numbers to date:

- 461 first visits
- 414 second visits
- 123 electrical referrals
- 255 insulation referrals
- 30 curtain bank referrals



ADULT PROGRAMMES & ACTIVITIES OFFICER (PART-TIME)

Do you love libraries/museums and working with adults from all walks of life? Are you up with the play with digital technology and have the skills to pass these onto others? We are seeking for the Kawerau District Library and the Sir James Fletcher Kawerau Museum an organised & I.T. literate person with good communication skills to organise and deliver our adult programming and activities.

This is a part-time (8 hours per week) position responsible for providing a diverse range of adult programmes, events and activities based around the Library and Museum services. The ideal person we are looking for will have:

- Experience and/or qualifications in adult education and/or event management
- Demonstrated computer literacy with competency and teaching skills in the use of Microsoft Office, internet, social media and electronic databases
- Excellent customer service and communication skills
- Flexibility to work a variety of hours including weekends and evenings

The position description and application form are available on our website: www.kaweraudc.govt.nz (vacancies) or contact:

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Applications close 5.00 pm on Friday, 3 March 2017



R B George
Chief Executive Officer

Neighbourhoods of Healthy Homes winds down

All Kawerau homes have had the chance to get involved in the Neighbourhoods of Healthy Homes (NoHH) project since it started five years ago, and the energy and maintenance checks consequently ends in March.

NoHH started in 2012 with a three-year planned timeframe. It was initially a pilot approach for creating healthy homes by ensuring Kawerau people were taking advantage of the government's Warm Up NZ funding, and by building robust communities. The project exceeded expectations and came in under budget after three years. Funders agreed to leave the unspent funds in the project and Council supported NoHH for another two years. The final five neighbourhoods were welcomed into the project this month.

The community activities - cooking classes, DIY workshops and Kawerau Urban Food Forest (KUFF) project - will continue. Hannah Edwardson will still be the contact person for these. People are welcome to visit her at the Kawerau i-SITE. Phil Richards has left to start a new role. Phil was with NoHH for many years and was instrumental in its success. The team thanks Phil for his contribution and wishes him the best for the future.

Any requested energy and maintenance checks will now likely be done by an on-call contractor until the programme ends. From March 31 residents with insulation enquiries need to contact Lisa Chatar at Smart Energy Solutions, Whakatane, phone (07) 308 9126. Cooking and DIY classes for 2017 start in March.

NoHH is completing final insulation referrals with Sustainable Energy Solutions (SES). There is 90 percent funding available for low-income home owners and 65 percent funding for rentals with a Community Services Card (CSC) tenant. This funding ends after this financial year.

Work under way on new archives building

If you've been wandering through the Kawerau town centre lately, you may have noticed builders at work at 16-18 Jellicoe Court.

This is the site of the new museum collections and council archives building.

The contract for this work was awarded to Wren Builders, which is refitting the building for its future use as a storage and workroom space. The completion date for this work is end of March 2017 with the builder having two teams, one working the interior, and one on the exterior of the building.

The museum galleries and staff assistance will remain at the Kawerau District Library and staff can still be contacted in the museum office for requests and assistance.



Top: Wren Builders' workers arrive on site to begin the job. Above: The floor in the new storage and workroom space is prepared.

Easter Sunday shop trading approved

Retailers in Kawerau will now be able to open on Easter Sunday after council adopted a new policy earlier this month.

The Easter Sunday Shop

Trading policy has been adopted following a public consultation process that began in December 13 last year.

It allows shops to open on

Easter Sunday.

Liquor stores are not covered by the policy and must not open.

This year Easter Sunday falls on April 16.



Summer reading success

The Kawerau District Library had fantastic school holiday fun with the 70 children who enrolled in the Sail into Summer Reading programme.

Many books were read over the holidays, with Syrahn Ratana and Katelyn Bach-Christensen reading an impressive 50 books each. At the finale party children dressed up as pirates and enjoyed an enchanting performance by The Travelling Tuataras.

Competition winners were: Heaven-Leigh Taylor-Paul (junior colouring), Nathan Reihana-Asquith (senior colouring), Taryn van der Werf (junior Design a Sail), Cameron Bhashkar (senior Design a Sail), the Brierley family (best-dressed) and Zephyra McKeown (Read for an iPad).

For details about holiday programmes at the library, see our Facebook page @ kaweraulibraryandmuseum.



New plans to manage high-risk dogs

Council has received funding to de-sex 31 menacing dogs in the district thanks to central government's new strategy to better manage high-risk dogs.

Under the plan, announced last September, Council has received more than \$8000 from central government to fund de-sexing all menacing dogs in the Kawerau district.

The Department of Internal Affairs has provided funding for de-sexing a further six

dogs as part of Kawerau's annual Welfare Clinic Community Day, which Council plans to hold during the next few months.

Mandatory de-sexing of all menacing dogs will stop such animals breeding,

Funding has been provided in part by central government as part of its national strategy to reduce the risk and harm of dog attacks. This strategy will give animal control officers better tools for dealing

with high-risk dogs and will mean owners of menacing dogs will need to do more to control them, such as having the animals wear collars that identify them as high-risk.

Central government expects other measures such as fencing, muzzles, and banning the re-homing of classified dogs should help reduce the number of attacks.

The legislation was scheduled to be introduced this month.



Dog exercise area etiquette

How much control do you have over your dog? Can you get it to stop in mid-flight and sit or lie down? Can you get it to run past another dog and ignore it?

All dog owners should be able to do both things with his or her animal. This is what the words 'under control' mean in all Council literature.

Always clean up your dog's poop in the dog park. You should always take a poop bag, a leash and water. If you take treats, keep them hidden from other dogs.

Make sure your dog is not playing or loitering around the entrance or exit to the park. Dogs and owners should be able to enter and exit without being swamped by boisterous dogs. If you see a dog on a leash, it could mean the dog is fearful and is being introduced into the park slowly or the owner is not sure of this park and is checking things out with the dog on a lead. Whatever the reason, ensure your dog never ventures near this dog unless the owner agrees. Stay connected to your dog and be prepared to stop inappropriate play.



New defibrillator in place thanks to Freemasons

A big thanks to the Freemasons Lodge in Kawerau for generously donating an automated external defibrillator (AED) to Council.

This vital piece of medical equipment will be kept at Council and is available for use should anyone in the community need it. When someone has a heart attack, an AED can increase their chances of survival from 5-8 percent to 40 percent.

An AED delivers a short, powerful electric shock to the heart, helping it regain its natural rhythm. Modern AEDs aren't complicated or difficult to use – anyone can learn to operate one.

The new AED is in addition to the defibrillator already in use at the Maurie Kjar pool complex.

To find other AEDs in Kawerau visit <https://aed-locations.co.nz/> and enter Kawerau in the search field.



On the events calendar

The Championship Obedience Trials, March 4-5

Kawerau has the perfect venue for the annual dog obedience shows and, with each event, spectators can expect displays of amazing canine skills.

Head down to Prideaux Park for this amazing dog display of competitive dog obedience.

Canoe Slalom NZ - North Island Champs, March 19

The best North Island canoe slalom paddlers will be in Kawerau once again for this championship event. Plenty of amazing whitewater action will be on display so it's worth coming down to watch.

For more on the sport www.slalomnz.org.nz

Upcoming meetings

Regulatory and Services Committee: Tuesday, March 14, 9am

Council: Tuesday, March 28, 9am



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