

COMMUNITY UPDATE

5 AUGUST 2022

TE KŌWHIRINGA PŌTI 2022 - LOCAL ELECTIONS 2022

Every three years elections are held for local government to elect a Mayor and Councillors. Nominations are now open for the Kawerau District Mayor and eight Councillors to represent the district. Nominations are open until 12 noon on 12 August 2022. To have your say on who represents the Kawerau District you need to be enrolled to vote. If you haven't received your voter enrolment pack, please visit vote.nz or phone **0800 ENROLNOW (0800 36 76 56)**. Enrolments close on 12 August.



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THREE WATERS REFORM UPDATE



Council maintains its stance against the government's Three Waters Reform and has recently submitted to the Water Entity Bill. The submission outlined how Three Waters model of 'mega entities' will severely disadvantage Kawerau residents.

This has been confirmed by independent experts, Council staff and the government's own modelling process. Council estimates that even after receiving the funding pledged by government, Kawerau will lose out on assets valued around \$70 million.

Kawerau District Council agrees that the status quo is not an option and confirms its obligations to provide quality drinking water that meets all requirements and to responsibly manage wastewater and storm water.

As a local government organisation, Council is continuing to work with the Three Waters Reform process, but continues to maintain its stance against the current reform model.

Kawerau joined Communities 4 Local Democracy with 30-plus other councils when it was formed in 2021 to ask the government to halt the process and to look at alternative reform models.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC FORUM

If you wish to raise an issue with the elected members, Council is offering a 'virtual public forum' – where residents can videoconference in either from your home or our Council Office (if you do not have online access at home).

The idea is that even at the orange setting, residents can talk directly to the Mayor and Councillors at their fortnightly meetings.

Let us know the Friday prior to a Council Meeting by phone, email or pop into the Council Office.
Please note, the usual meeting protocols apply.

KAWERAU DISTRICT COUNCIL RATES

This week you should have received your Kawerau District Council rates invoice (installment 1). The final date for payment is Friday, 26 August 2022. For those who have their rates payments set as a direct debit, this payment will be made automatically on Wednesday, 24 August. If you wish to receive your rates invoice via email, please contact us on 07 306 9009 or by email at kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz

You can now apply for your rates rebate.

Head to our website at kaweraudc.govt.nz/rates, phone 07 306 9009 or visit us at the Council offices.

IMPORTANT DATES – CONTACT COUNCIL FOR INFORMATION

EVENT	DATE/TIME
Kawerau Young Achievers Awards	
Nominations for the Kawerau Young Achievers Awards close	Friday 5, August
Kawerau District Council Meeting Dates – August	
Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	9 August 2022 at 1pm
Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting	16 August 2022 at 9am
Ordinary Council Meeting	30 August 2022 at 9am
Te Kōwhiringa Pōti 2022 / Local Elections 2022	
Resident Electoral Roll Enrolments Close	12 August
Candidate Nominations Close	12 August at 12 noon
Voting Opens	16 September to 8 October
Community Grant Scheme	
Applications for the Community Grant Scheme close	Thursday 18 August at 5.00pm
Alcohol Control Bylaw 2022	
Public Meetings	Thursday 4 August, 3pm to 5pm Concert Chambers Wednesday 10 August, 12noon to 2pm, Concert Chambers Friday 12 August, 9am to 11am, Concert Chambers
Consultation period closes	19 August at 5pm
Hearing for Submitters	30 August 2022 Kawerau Council Chambers
Kawerau District Council Rates	
Rates Instalment 1 Due	26 August 2022 at 5pm
Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC) Toi Moana - Rates Changes	
BOPRC Toi Moana rates invoice sent	August - September 2022
BOPRC Toi Moana rates invoice due	20 October 2022



DOG REGISTRATION RENEWALS WERE DUE ON 31 JULY 2022

Every dog must be registered before it is three (3) months of age, and from then on registration must be renewed each year.

Payment of dog registration was due on **31 July 2022**.

Payment after this date will have incurred a 50% penalty from **2 August 2022**.

Payments can be made online via kaweraudc.govt.nz or at the Council Offices or at the District Office on Islington Street between 8am and 5pm weekdays.

More information, including dog registration fees can be found on our website at kaweraudc.govt.nz/dog-registration

SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE PROCEDURE - KAWERAU DISTRICT COUNCIL ALCOHOL CONTROL BYLAW 2022

Kawerau District Council has reviewed its liquor bylaw and the newly proposed Alcohol Control Bylaw 2022 is now open for consultation.

Council has done this to help reduce alcohol related crime and disorder by controlling the possession and consumption of alcohol in public places.

The bylaw aims to establish alcohol-free areas, enabling Police and Council to better promote and maintain public health and safety within the central district.

Residents and ratepayers can get involved by sending in a submission and/or by attending one of the informal 'drop in' sessions at the Council Chambers. The drop-in sessions are a chance for attendees to be presented with more information and to talk to Council staff.

Make a submission:

- ▶ Online at kaweraudc.govt.nz
- ▶ Email submissions@kaweraudc.govt.nz
- ▶ At the Council Offices, 2 Ranfurly Court

Submissions close 19 August.



COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME - APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Applications for the Community Grant Scheme are open as of **Monday 18 July 2022** and will close on

Thursday 18 August at 5.00pm

The Scheme is available to any non-profit group that provides a service which enhances the quality of life of Kawerau residents.

For an application form and more information, please head to our website at kaweraudc.govt.nz or collect from the Council Office.



Pictured are Blue Light Ventures on their trip up Mt. Tarawera, after successfully being awarded their community grant.

BAY OF PLENTY REGIONAL COUNCIL (BOPRC) TOI MOANA - RATES CHANGES

BOPRC Toi Moana will now be invoicing ratepayers directly for their rates, instead of including them with Kawerau District Council rates.

Why the change?

Bay of Plenty Regional Council want to be more transparent and accountable for the work they do by using your rates.

What happens next in 2022?

August - September 2022: BOPRC Toi Moana rates invoice is sent to ratepayers.

20 October 2022: BOPRC Toi Moana rates invoice due

Stay in the loop

You can keep updated about this change in rates collection by going to boprc.govt.nz/rates or call 0800 884 880

REPORT AN URGENT ISSUE - CONTACT US ANYTIME

In recent weeks, there have been continuous downpours, causing roading issues such as flooding, slips and potholes. If you have an urgent issue, please contact us anytime on **07 306 9009** and select the option to speak to our Duty Supervisor to report:

- ▶ Water Issues (toby replacements, dirty water, water pressure)
- ▶ Flooding
- ▶ Dangerous trees
- ▶ Dog Attacks
- ▶ Rubbish

For non-urgent issues - Please log them on our 'Fix It' page at kaweraudc.govt.nz/fix-it-and-report-problem or call us on 07 306 9009.

COUNCIL DIRECTED TO FLUORIDATE

Kawerau District Council confirms it has received a Manatū Hauora (Ministry of Health) directive to fluoridate the drinking water supply from 31 January 2023.

The directive from Director General of Health Dr Ashley Bloomfield outlined that in accordance with section 116I of the Act, Council is required to ensure that by 31 January 2023 the Kawerau water supply would be fluoridated at the optimal levels (between 0.7ppm to 1ppm, parts per million).

Dr Bloomfield's letter said that fluoridation of the Kawerau drinking water supply is an important step in improving the oral health of our communities.

The letter and associated health studies outlining how fluoridation significantly improves oral health, particularly of Māori and Pacific children can be found on the Ministry of Health website or via kaweraudc.govt.nz

KAWERAU YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARDS 2022

Kawerau Young Achievers are back.

Celebrate the success of our tamariki with the 2022 Kawerau Young Achievers Awards.

Nominations close Friday 5 August 2022.

The Kawerau Young Achievers Awards will be held on Friday 26 August 2022 at the Kawerau Town Hall.

TARAWERA FOREST REOPENED TO PUBLIC

Due to a slip earlier this month involving multiple trees, a road in the Tarawera Forest was blocked, causing all public to be temporarily closed. The road has now been cleared and public access has been restored. Tarawera Falls permits can be issued once again. Tarawera Falls Permits can be obtained in person from the Kawerau i-SITE, or online from the Maori Investments website at maoriinvestments.co.nz/access-permits. For further enquiries please call (07) 323 6300 or email infocentre@kaweraudc.govt.nz

'HOW WE USED TO LIVE' KAWERAU MUSEUM EXHIBITION

The Kawerau District Library and The Sir James Fletcher Kawerau Museum are pleased to present a new exhibition called 'How We used To Live.'

The exhibition looks at domestic life in Kawerau from the 1950's - 1965 and offers visitors the opportunity to see how the interior of an early home may have looked during this time.

The exhibition has been developed by the Museum Curator, Kerry Powell with support from the Museum Technical Assistant, Hally Barlow (pictured, from left) and the Museum Assistant, Huong Nguyen. The exhibition is open from 20 July 2022 to 31 January 2023.

Thank you to members of the local community who have provided support in the loaning of special objects that have helped create a unique and interesting exhibition for our visitors.

CREATIVE NZ COMMUNITY GRANTS

10 applications were received for the first round of funding in 2022. These are the eight that were approved:

- ▶ **Kawerau Cosmopolitan Club**
Amount received: \$1,500.00 (ex GST)
Purpose: Tiroiro Wheti o Matariki - Celebrating Matariki
- ▶ **Kawerau Arts Society**
Amount received: \$1,000.00 (ex GST)
Purpose: Kawerau Matariki Interactive Mural
- ▶ **Elizabeth (Hally) Barlow**
Amount received: \$1,777.00 (ex GST)
Purpose: Kawerau Matariki Art Exhibition
- ▶ **Patuhoe Whanau Trust**
Amount received: \$1,920.00 (ex GST)
Purpose: Tiroiro Whetu Matariki
- Amanda Louise Strutt**
Amount received: \$3,120.00 (ex GST)
Purpose: Kawerau Tamariki and Rangitahi Dance Classes
- ▶ **Dawn Hill**
Amount received: \$1,540.00 (ex GST)
Purpose: Nga Tapu o Te Tini o Kawerau - Walking in the footsteps of Te Tini o Kawerau
- ▶ **Cheryl Wilson**
Amount received: \$800.00 (ex GST)
Purpose: Wananga around ta moko / mataroa / moko kauae
- ▶ **Jacqueline Johnson and Kathy Whetu** - Ngā Onepu Aunties
Amount received: \$5,442.16 (ex GST)
Purpose: To operate 3 noho-wananga in the weekend for Rangitahi aged 18 and older

There is \$15,879 remaining in the Creative NZ Communities fund which will be available in the next round of funding later in 2022.

