



APRIL 2019



## Community Update

# From the Mayor

On Thursday, April 25 we commemorate those who served our country in our annual ANZAC Day Dawn Service and Parade and I encourage you all to be part of this event.

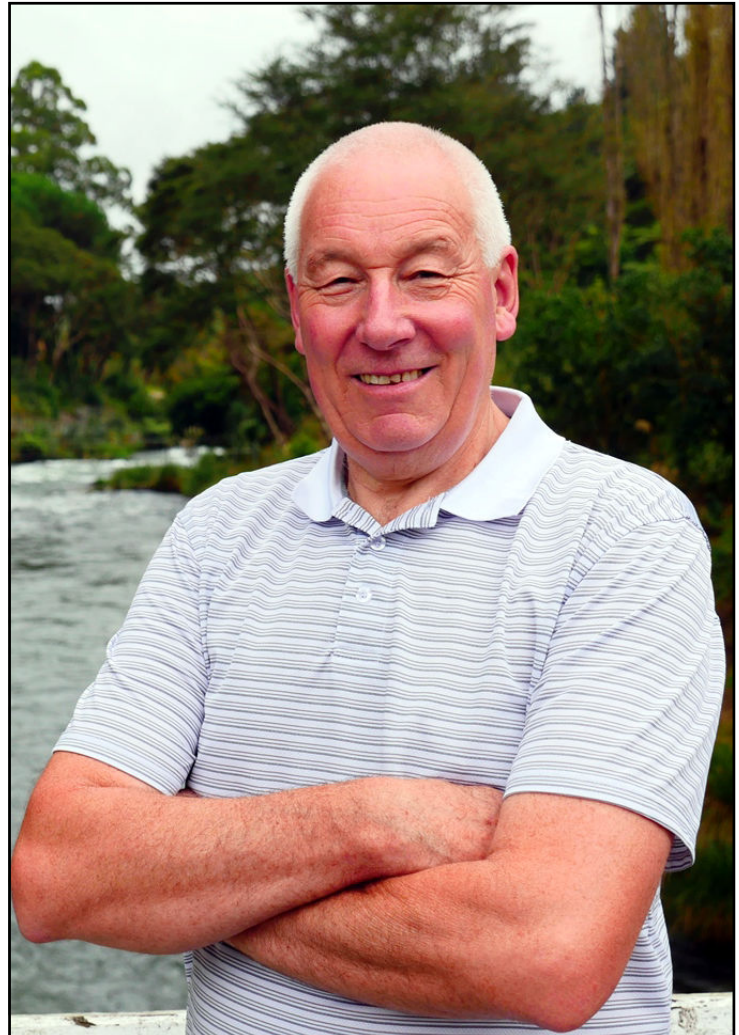
This month the Kawerau Youth Council hosted the Honourable Peeni Henare, Minister for Youth. I was proud to see the Youth Council present their work to the Minister - they held us all in good stead.

As part of the 2019/20 Annual Plan consultation process, myself and councillors recently had an open forum in Tarawera Court which was a good opportunity to talk to people about issues and ideas.

We continue to clean our water reticulation system by air-scouring the supply pipes. Good results have been achieved and the first streets have been successfully cleaned. The cleaning process will continue through April and May.

Kawerau continues to become increasingly popular for both sporting and tourism events such as the recent visit by a consulting company and their 130 staff for their annual conference which they enjoyed 'glamping' at Firmin Lodge. Plus, 140 motorhome owners set up for their association gathering, all supporting local businesses and giving back through raffles to local clubs and organisations during their stay.

Last week some 150 top notch paddlers competed in the NZ Canoe Slalom national and secondary school championships on the



Tarawera River.

Meanwhile, the Council continues to progress economic development and work with our neighbouring districts on regional growth synergies.

In our own backyard, work on the residential developments is moving forward with a prospectus about to be released for the Council's proposed retirement units on River Road named 'Porritt Glade' and marketing packages on the way soon for the Te Ariki Place Reserve and Bowen Street developments called 'Central Cove'.

Lest We Forget.



# Council welcomes four new Kiwis

Four people became New Zealand citizens at a ceremony held at the Kawerau District Council on Tuesday.

Conducted by Kawerau District Mayor Malcolm Campbell, the ceremony inducted Robert Kitchener from Australia, Jacobus (Hanno) van der Merwe of South Africa and husband and wife Vicente and Adelaida Sarmiento from the Philippines as New Zealand citizens.

Mayor Campbell said the ceremonies were special occasions where the journey for people to

become official New Zealanders was confirmed and recognised with the presentation of a citizenship certificate and a beautiful native Kowhai plant.

It was particularly special for Hanno van der Merwe who has lived in New Zealand for some seven years and works for the Council as the manager operations and services.

The citizenship ceremonies were attended by Kawerau District councillors Chris Marjoribanks, David Sparks, Berice Julian and Warwick Godfrey pictured with the new citizens along with friends and family members of those receiving their citizenship.

## ANZAC Day Dawn Service and Parade



ANZAC Day commemorations on Thursday, 25 April in Kawerau start from 0515 hours when all are welcome to assemble at the Ex Navalmen's Club in Onslow Street Kawerau.

The annual dawn parade will begin with the Parade Marshall calling for fall in at 0545 hours. The parade will then march on to Rautahi Marae for the memorial service followed by a complimentary breakfast in the wharekai, which all are welcome to attend.

This year's parade will have two new additions to the team with Trident High School's Courtney

Wilson making her debut as the bugler for the Kawerau ANZAC Day Parade; and Bevan George will step in for our long-time piper John McKay, whose service and support of the Kawerau ANZAC Parade has been much appreciated over many years.

Representatives from the New Zealand Air Force, Wing Commander (WGCDR) Rachel James and Warrant Officer (W/O) Grant Pringle will be this year's guest speaker and wreath layer.

For any further information please contact the Kawerau District Council, phone 07 306 9009.

# Annual Plan Consultation

Public submissions to the Annual Plan are open until 5.00pm on Friday, 3 May.

The submission process is an opportunity for the Kawerau community to give feedback on the proposals and also to submit any ideas that may require expenditure in the coming year.

Every Kawerau household should have received a copy of the 2019/20 Annual Plan consultation document in early April. Copies are also available at the Council customer services desk and the Council website.

As part of the consultation process, the Mayor and councillors conducted a Consult-a-Councillor session at the Tarawera



Mall on Friday, 12 April.

This enabled members of the public to talk with elected members on an informal basis about Council's proposals for the Annual Plan and any ideas or issues they wanted to raise.

This year the consultation included representatives of the Bay

of Plenty Regional Council, who also had its consultation document on hand.

For more information pick up a hard copy of the 2019/20 Annual Plan consultation document from the Council offices or visit [www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/contact-us/have-your-say-consultations](http://www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/contact-us/have-your-say-consultations)

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## Creative NZ Communities Scheme

Does your club or project have an arts focus that will benefit the community?

The Council is calling for applications from groups or clubs that are looking to

complete an arts' focused project within the next 12 months.

Application guidelines and forms are available from the Council or, the Library or visit [www.kaweraudc.govt.nz](http://www.kaweraudc.govt.nz)

For further information please contact the Council's administration officer on 07 306 9009 or email [maraea.faulkner@kaweraudc.govt.nz](mailto:maraea.faulkner@kaweraudc.govt.nz) Applications close 5.00pm on Friday May 17, 2019

# Minister of Youth meets Kawerau Youth Council



***The Kawerau Youth Council, Tarawera High School deputy head boy and girl with the Minister of Youth Honourable Peeni Henare (centre), Mayor Malcolm Campbell, deputy Mayor Faylene Tunui, Kaumatua Graham Te Rire and councillors Warwick Godfery and Berice Julian.***

The Kawerau Youth Council hosted the Minister for Youth the Hon. Peeni Henare on Thursday, March 28.

Kawerau Youth Council members Courtney Cox, Heidi Parks, Majeane Rogers, Destiny Maxwell and Iraia Nuku spoke to the minister about the projects they've been working on which include:

*'The Melting Pot'* – An activity where young people in the community are invited to engage in a different culture.

*'Our stories'* – Unscripted interviews from local youth to raise awareness of the social, cultural, economic contexts, social pressures and trends that young people face. The interviews will be edited and

shared as a resource for the wider youth spectrum, in the hope to generate positive discussion and possible idea solutions within the Kawerau community.

*'Ko au kokoe, kokoeko au, I am you You are me'* – Collaboration with local youth agencies to deliver an activity to raise awareness of young people with a disability.

Also present at the meeting were Tarawera High School deputy head boy Aitutaki Boden and deputy head girl Rhea Richardson who spoke about the Tuakana/Teina programme they are running in the school to encourage mentorship opportunities for young people in Kawerau.

# LOCAL EVENTS

## New Zealand Canoe Slalom events

The Tarawera River canoe slalom course has hosted both the New Zealand Secondary School Championships and the New Zealand Canoe Slalom Championships last week. Some of the country's best up and coming canoe slalom competitors were involved in the events that spanned 10 days and involved more than 150 paddlers.

## Outdoor Movie Night

An outdoor movie night was held recently organised by the Kawerau Youth Council at the Kawerau Putauaki School field with two movies showing. Despite some rain, movie-goers still enjoyed the pictures from their cars and could listen to the sound via their radios by tuning into the frequency.

## Championship Agility and Jumpers Event

The Eastern Bay Dog Obedience Club held the Championship Agility and Jumpers Event on the weekend of 13 – 14 April in Kawerau. The event is one of three run by the



Eastern Bay Dog Obedience Club each year and had good numbers taking part.

## Civil Defence Exercise

This month a combined exercise was held with the Civil Defence Emergency Management group that included Kawerau, Whakatane, Opotiki, Tauranga and Rotorua. This training is treated as a 'live exercise' and was modelled on an earthquake. This sort of exercise puts the Civil Defence team into real-life situations.

## Upcoming Events

Organisers will celebrate the 10th annual event when the Kawerau Gravity 6-Hour Adventure race is run on Saturday, June 8, 2019.

The event is a teams race and is ideal for beginner adventure racers.

Teams are made up of mixed, open male, open female, secondary schools male/female year 9 and 10, year 11-13.

Any queries please email [kaweraugravitysports@gmail.com](mailto:kaweraugravitysports@gmail.com)

You can also visit the website [www.kawerau.nz.com/events](http://www.kawerau.nz.com/events)

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# COUNCIL UPDATES

## Residential Developments

Costs are being finalised after which a prospectus will be forwarded to the 25-plus people who have registered their interest in the Council's proposed retirement units on River Road named 'Porritt Glade'.

The Te Ariki Place Reserve and Bowen Street developments called 'Central Cove' are on a similar timeline with costs to be finalised before marketing packages are released.

To find out more information or to register your interest please call into the Council offices or phone 07 306 9009.

## Water Reticulation System Cleaning

Work continues cleaning the Kawerau water reticulation system by air-scouring the supply pipes. Good results have been achieved and the first streets have been successfully cleaned. The cleaning process will continue through April and May.

## Parks and Reserves

Preparation work is now underway at the Tamarangi Drive and River Road corner for a new raised bed garden. Curb and channel work will also be completed in this area.

The preparation for winter planting is occurring in Islington Street.

The removal of the circus paddock gardens has been completed and will be replaced with lawn.

## Dog Waste Dispensers

A trial of dog waste bag dispensers in Prideaux Park and Stoneham Walk are underway with six dispensers installed. The aim is to ensure Kawerau's parks and reserves areas, where people often exercise their dogs, are kept clean and safe.

There are currently 1,496 dogs registered in Kawerau to 1,100 owners.

The six dispensers are located beside or nearby bins so dog owners can clean up their dog's waste and then dispose of the bag.

## Dog Registration and Control

There is an increase in the annual registration fee to \$35 for de-sexed dogs and \$70 for entire dogs.

Council will also introduce a new seizure fee of \$80 for dogs that are removed from a property and impounded.

## Capital Works

Footpath repairs continue around the town.

Cemetery expansion work is underway with the removal of trees.

Work will start soon on the replacement of stormwater drains by the Council building in Ranfurly Court. Please keep watch for signs advising of hazards and any alternative foot traffic routes that may be necessary as the work is being carried out..



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OR UPDATE**



**DO IT ONLINE**

# 2019 Elections

The triennial elections for Mayor and Councillors for Kawerau will take place on Saturday, 12 October 2019.

Electors will be able to vote for the Mayor and eight Councillors that make up the Kawerau District Council.

You will also vote for the Bay of Plenty Regional Council, either two members from the Eastern Bay of Plenty General Constituency or one member from the Kohi Maori Constituency, and seven members for the Bay of Plenty District Health Board.

## **To Vote**

The first step to having your say is to make sure you are on the electoral roll. If you don't know if you are on the roll, or want to check:

Visit <https://enrol.elections.org.nz/app/enrol/#/check> which requires your name, address and date of birth.

Phone the Electoral Commission on 0800 36 76 56.

Freetext 3676 with your name and address.

Check whether your name is listed on one of the hard copies kept at Council's District Office or the District Library.

If you are on the parliamentary electoral roll at your current address, you will automatically be on the Kawerau electoral

roll and will receive election updates by mail including the voting papers.

If you do not receive notification that you are on the roll, then it will pay to check that your name and address details are correct (by one of the methods above).

Friday, 16 August is the last day you can still enrol online or by phone. However, there is a special voting process available to enrol after this date or if you are going to be away during the voting period. .

Votes can be cast from Friday 20 September and close on Saturday, 12 October at 12 noon. You will have received the voting papers in the mail and can either post these back or drop them into a ballot box at Council's District Office.

## **Standing as a Candidate**

Friday, 19 July – nominations open if you are considering standing as a candidate to become a Councillor or the Mayor. A nomination pack and information will soon be available from the District Office or visit [www.kaweraudc.govt.nz](http://www.kaweraudc.govt.nz)

Tuesday, 23 July – a Candidate Information session will be held for anyone considering standing in the elections.

Details will be published sooner to the time.

Friday, 16 August – Candidate nominations close at 12 noon.



# Library News

## Did you know?

If you or your youngster or teenager are interested in books, or want to be, there are the following book clubs:

**Tween Book Club** – help your tween discover the wonderful world of literature. Tween Book Club meets on the first Monday of each month, 5.30pm – 6.30pm ideal for youngsters aged 8 – 12 years.

**Teen Book Club** – meets on the last Monday of each month, 5.30pm – 6.30pm. Join the Facebook Teen Book Club.

**Adult Book Discussion Group** – now meets on the second Thursday of the month at 10.30am in the library. Come and enjoy a cuppa and a chat about your latest read. Next meeting, Thursday 9 May at 10.30am.

**WoK (Write on Kawerau)**, the writers' group meets every Wednesday in the library at 11am and there is always room for new writers to join in.

## Free Computer Classes

The library offers free basic 2-hour computer classes. Check out the Library website or Facebook page or pop in and see what's coming up. Register at the library or online at <https://2020.arlo.co/upcoming-courses> Registration is essential as numbers are limited.

## Email Training

**Thursday, 2 May 10am – 12noon.**

You will learn how to set up and use an email account. For people who don't already have an email account, if you have a mobile phone please bring this to the class in order to receive a text verification code to set up your email account.