



COMMUNITY UPDATE

16 DECEMBER 2022



meri kirihimete Koromātua | Mayor's Message



Tēnā Tātou Katoa – warm greetings to you all, to us all, to everyone in our community of Kawerau and welcome to the Christmas issue of Council's Community Update.

We are nearing the festive season and the end of the year, and your Council events team are busily preparing for the return of our beloved 'Kawerau Christmas in the Park' event.

Our whānau-friendly event is set to be another fantastic show with the afternoon lineup showcasing our local talent and groups, and I look forward to joining you – our community – in showing our appreciation to our local entertainers alongside proud whānau and friends and their army of support crew.

We also look forward to welcoming our professional entertainers for the evening show. Having had the privilege to 'sit in' a recent rehearsal practice with show director Chris Powley and the high-calibre lineup of professional entertainers and musicians, I am confident that it will be a great event for both young and old to enjoy.

During November, Chief Executive Russell George and I had the pleasure of attending Horizon Energy's 100th centenary celebrations. This milestone in providing energy to our rohe and the wider region was made more special with Kawerau stalwart Whaea Rangi Delamere being recognised in the book produced to mark the occasion. Rangi Delamere, the matriarch of our soon to be rebuilt netball and tennis pavilion was honored for her service to the sports, and was a valued employee of Horizon for over three decades.

Closer to home, we recognised the support and service of our Te Kaunihera a rohe o Kawerau staff at the annual end of year function. Our Elected Members appreciate and value the service of our staff for you, our community and this year's Kāwanatanga

Mayoral Award recipient was Janice Tekii from the Kawerau District Library for outstanding service and efforts.

Earlier in December, Deputy Mayor Aaron Rangihika, Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau Kaumātua Te Haukākawa (Boycie) Te Rire and I attended the Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group hui hosted by Ngāti Rangitihia at Rangiaohia Marae. Deputy Mayor Rangihika and I also met with Kaumātua Te Haukākawa Te Rire and Whaea Dawn Hill with regards to improving the way in which we honor the records of our loved ones at our Kawerau Cemetery and we are grateful to be the beneficiaries of the wisdom and guidance of Ngati Tuwharetoa through our Cultural Advisor and Liaison partnership.

As the academic year draws to a close, can I congratulate all of our kura in Kawerau – Te Whata Tau o Putauaki, Kawerau Putauaki School, Kawerau South School and Tarawera High School (Junior Students) in each of your end of year prizegiving ceremonies. With an overwhelming amount of disruptions and challenges this year, our local educators have continued to deliver education for our tamariki of Kawerau and surrounding areas and we thank you koutou for seeing our learners and future leaders through to the end of 2022.

We have now held the last two formal hui for the end of the year and alongside staff, are planning for the coming year.

Please accept our thanks to you – our community – for your feedback, service requests, submissions, critique, public forum participation, guidance, support and in this year, participation in local body elections for 2022. Te Kaunihera a rohe o Kawerau wishes you all a safe festive season koutou and we look forwarding to see you all in 2023.

Ngā mihi nui
Her Worship the Mayor Faylene Tunui

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KAWERAU CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK 2022

Our flagship event Kawerau Christmas in the Park is this weekend!

This whānau-friendly event starts off with:

The Santa Parade at 11am!

Come on down and see all the awesome floats! (If you have been good this year, keep an eye out... Santa might be about).

Then the prize giving ceremony at 12:15pm on the main stage.

From 12:30 to 5.15pm The Radio 1XX Community Christmas Show line-up features:

- Kawerau's own Nikau Grace fresh from performing at Coca Cola Christmas in the Park!
- TOHU (Tamarakau Hiini)
- Kawerau band Mellow
- TJ Taotua and the Ministry of TONE
- Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora choir
- And many more talented locals!

From 7.15pm to 10.00pm the Evening Variety Show and fireworks display begins with a star-studded lineup:

- Dragon's Mark Williams as the main act
- Howie Morrison Jnr.
- Taisha Tari
- Rewa Ututaonga
- Jackson Owens
- And More!

One very special guest appearance is also promised - jetting in from a galaxy far, far away is a Kiwi stage and screen star with a universal reputation. This bounty is so global that his name will remain undisclosed until the big day. After such disruption to the world through the pandemic - Kawerau strikes back!

Rounding off this amazing evening show line-up will be the spectacular fireworks display delivered by Van Tiel pyrotechnics.

Throughout the event Prideaux Park will be packed full of food vendors, amusements and live entertainment for everyone to enjoy.

Kawerau Christmas in the Park is the Eastern Bay of Plenty's showcase festive entertainment event and organisers encourage locals and visitors to come along. The event is whānau-friendly - drugs, alcohol and gang regalia not permitted. Bag searches may take place at the venue entrances. Prideaux Park is a smoke and alcohol-free venue.

The organisers kindly request that members of the public attending the event intending to put up gazebos for their whānau, are only permitted to do so from 7 am on Saturday 17 December and must stay behind the signed designated point on Prideaux Park, additionally members of the public will not be permitted to bring their own BBQ's on site - please support the local community fundraisers and food vendors on site.

Meri Kirihimete | Merry Christmas Whānau!



Council Briefs

RUBBISH BINS OUT BY 7:30AM

A reminder that kerbside refuse, recycling and green waste bins must be out ready for collection by 7.30am. All kerbside collections remain the same over the festive and holiday season.

COMMERCIAL FEES RISE AT THE TRANSFER STATION

Due to rising levies and costs to transport and dispose of our refuse at Tirohia (where we truck our rubbish to), the Council has raised the fees for commercial users. For trucks carrying loads over 2m², the rate will increase from \$260 to \$290 per tonne of rubbish.

BUILDING CONSENTS ISSUED

In November, Council issued four building consents valued at \$931,380. This was for one dwelling, two garages and another for internal alterations to an existing home.

SUBMISSIONS OPEN FOR LEGISLATION

Submissions are now open until January 30, 2023 for the Natural Build and Environmental Bill and Spatial Planning Bill. The Council will be working on reviewing the bills and making a submission.

FOR URGENT ISSUES 24/7

- Phone 07 306 9009

- ▶ Select 1 for Noise and Animal Issues
- ▶ Select 2 for Duty Supervisor (water, refuse, trees, etc.)

2023 CENSUS

Census | Stats

In Aotearoa New Zealand on 7 March 2023 everyone is encouraged to complete the 2023 Census.

Stats NZ aim to make doing the 2023 Census as easy as possible by doing some things differently.

There will be more census collectors and more assistance for people who want help to fill out their census forms. You will have more choice about how you take part too. You will be able to fill out census forms either online or on paper, there will be more alternate formats to support disabled people and an improved experience for Māori.

Stats NZ are looking to employ Kawerau workers to assist. Find out more and apply at www.census.govt.nz

Tatau tātou – All of us count!

FAREWELL PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER - BERNIE TIENTJES



Making a splash is our valued Bernie Tientjes who left Council earlier this month.

He is chopping his second stint with Council off at eight years.

Although renowned for his tree 'pruning' responsibilities, Bernie has also been responsible for the planting of many thousands of native trees and shrubs, some 12 thousand tulips each year, hundreds of garden beds, growing the parks and reserves, serving the Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village,

honouring those who have joined our rohe with Trees for Babies and respectfully settling those to rest who have passed on.

With his forestry hard hat on, Bernie sold the trees he could for Council revenue and the rest were made available to many of our whānau and the community.

It is not his first foray with the Council, as Bernie had earlier worked for Te Kaunihera a rohe o Kawerau as the engineering manager. He came back because of his love of serving our community. This time though, he took on the Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre, Parks and Reserves, Arborists and so much more!

On behalf of the Council and all the staff, we wish Bernie well for his next adventure and know that he'll be bringing his A game, huge experience, 'get it done' energy, wisdom, humour and his 'award winning' smoked trout to share.

Arohanui | Thank you Bernie with our hearts for your commitment to the Kawerau Rohe and your support of our Council whānau.

All the very best to you and the whānau for the Christmas and Holiday Season.

KAWERAU DISTRICT LIBRARY'S SUMMER READING PROGRAMME

The Summer Reading Programme is in full swing!

WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER

TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER 10.30AM – 12PM:

Decorate Christmas star baubles

THURSDAY 29TH DECEMBER 10.30AM – 12PM

Folding woodland animals

WHAT'S ON IN JANUARY

THURSDAY 5TH JANUARY 10.30AM – 12PM

Construct a sword

TUESDAY 10TH JANUARY 10.30AM – 12PM

Build a cardboard castle

THURSDAY 12TH JANUARY 10.30AM – 12PM

Build and decorate a fairy house

TUESDAY 17TH JANUARY 10.30AM – 12PM

Build and create a cardboard dragon

FRIDAY 20TH JANUARY 10.30AM – 12PM

Medieval Dress up day

COMPETITIONS

LEGO COMPETITION: Build your best medieval setup using your own Lego or come into the library to use ours. Opens Saturday 3rd December and closes Friday 20th January.

COLOURING COMPETITION: Saturday 3rd December until Friday 20th January.

DRESS UP COMPETITION: Friday 20th January. Medieval themed dress up to end our Summer Reading Programme.

FAREWELL ENGINEERING MANAGER - ANDRE ERASMUS



Also leaving us last month was Engineering Manager Andre Erasmus.

If there was a project to do in the district, Andre was probably involved somewhere along the line! One project that Andre was heavily involved in was coordinating the recent upgrades to the Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre, which has now gone through its facelift and is an amazing facility for people to enjoy.

After just over three years at Council, Andre and his whānau are making the move back to Auckland to be closer to family, as he takes on a new role as an Engineering Manager for the Ministry of Education.

All the best to you Andre and family!

RECYCLING AND GREENWASTE CHECKLIST

Put out by 7:30am



Recycling Crate What and How to Recycle



Glass

Glass bottles and Jars only (all colours)



Plastic

Grade 1-2 only
Please remove caps, wash and squash



Cans

Rinse all food cans
Remove lids & place inside of cans (flattened preferred - no need to remove labels)



Paper

All paper and cardboard
Please flatten and tie together



Greenwaste

80kg Weight limit

240 litre Greenwaste bin



Lawn Clippings
Weeds
Leaves (no flax)
Old plants
Soft prunings



No soil/concrete / bricks food waste or contaminants

STAND FOR KAWERAU YOUTH COUNCIL 2023

"Kawerau is where young people are optimistic, supported and encouraged to take up challenges to contribute to a growing, vibrant community"

Applications are now open to run for the 2023 Kawerau Youth Council (KYC).

Approximately 40% of Kawerau's residents are under the age of 24 and Council wants to make sure that young people have a chance to participate in their community.

KYC comprises young people aged between 12 and 24 and is designed to encourage youth participation in civic affairs and provide a voice and direction on youth issues to the Kawerau District Council, community groups and organisations.

KYC will advocate for and support youth events, activities and facility provisions within the District. This will include working with Kawerau and Districts Ageing in Place (KADAP) where KYC can give a helping hand to those in need.

Apply on our website at kaweraudc.govt.nz/youth-council

Applications close 11 February 2023.

We also give our thanks to the outgoing Kawerau Youth Council. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the youth of Kawerau. We hope this has been an awesome experience and continue being a great leader for your community!

Ka mau te wehi! | That's outstanding!

Christmas and New Year Closing Dates 2022-2023

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KAWERAU DISTRICT OFFICE AND AA SERVICES

- ▶ Closing 12noon Friday 23 December 2022
- ▶ Re-opening 8.30am Wednesday, 4 January 2023

TRANSFER STATION

- ▶ Open: 8am to 12 noon Friday, 23 December 2022
- ▶ Closed: Saturday, 24 December Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Sunday, 25 December
- ▶ Refuse and Recycling collections will NOT be affected over the Christmas and Holiday period (collections continue as usual)

KAWERAU DISTRICT LIBRARY

- ▶ Open: Friday 23 December 2022 10am to 12.00 noon
- ▶ Closed: 24, 25, 26 and 27 December 2022
- ▶ Open: 28, 29 and 30 December 2022 10am to 5pm
- ▶ Open: 31 December 2022 10am to 1pm
- ▶ Closed: 1, 2 and 3 January 2023
- ▶ Normal hours resume Wednesday, 4 January 2023 (Monday to Friday 10am - 5pm, Saturday 10am - 1pm. Closed Sundays).

MAURIE KJAR AQUATIC CENTRE

- ▶ Open: Friday, 23 December 2022 8am to 12 noon
- ▶ Open: Saturday, 24 December 2022 8am to 3pm
- ▶ Closed: Christmas Day 25 December - No private hires on Christmas Day
- ▶ From Monday, 26 December 2022 - open Monday to Sunday 8am to 6pm)

KAWERAU I-SITE

- ▶ Open: 23 December 2022 9am - 12 noon
- ▶ Open: 24 December 2022 10am - 2pm
- ▶ Closed: Christmas Day
- ▶ Open: 26, 27 December 2022 10am - 2pm
- ▶ Open: 28, 29 and 30 December 2022 9am - 4pm
- ▶ Open: 31 December 2022 10am - 2pm
- ▶ Open: 1, 2 and 3 January 2023 10am - 2pm
- ▶ Open: 4, 5 and 6 January 2023 9am - 4pm
- ▶ Open: 7 and 8 January 2023 10am - 2pm
- ▶ For enquiries phone 07 323 6300 during opening hours.

Happy Holidays 