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Community Update

From the Mayor

Thanks to all the volunteers who have stepped up to support the Friends of Stoneham Walk Group with the project for this reserve. This really shows the caring community we have in Kawerau.

It is great to have the Kawerau District Library open again and thanks to all the library users for putting up with the inconvenience of the temporary closure. We trust you enjoy the new equipment.

Welcome to our new Museum Curator Anastazja Harding – it will be good to get the Sir James Fletcher Kawerau Museum up and going.

The focus on economic development within the district and the region continues.

An area to take care is on the Kawerau straights where the slip road is still being worked on adjacent to Waiu Dairy.

Work continues by the Industrial Symbiosis Kawerau (ISK) group to progress the container terminal and off-road highway.

The government's Provincial Growth Funding (PGF) begins next month with the Kawerau Pathways to Work programme under the ISK umbrella and the Driver Operator Training Centre under Toi-EDA. Both these programmes will provide local support for youth and people to gain skills and training to assist their futures.

They will also provide employment with four roles needed to co-ordinate and oversee the programmes.

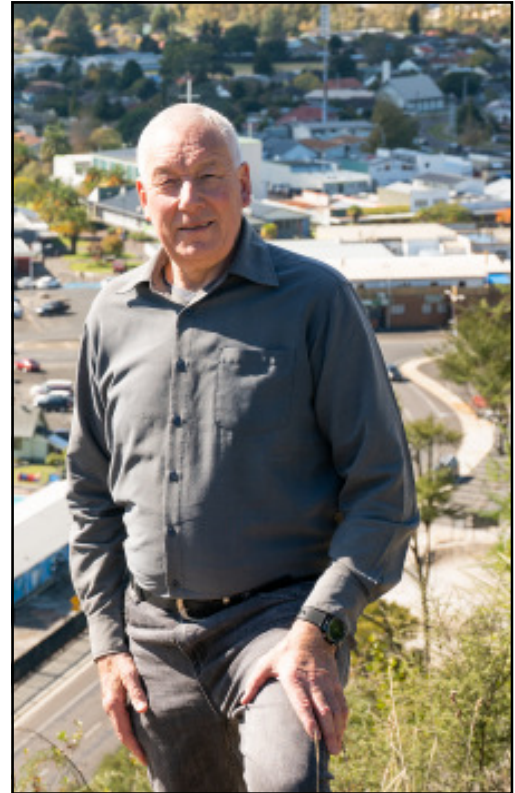
Encouraging further economic investment in the wider Eastern Bay and within the Kawerau District was the reason the Chief Executive Russell George and myself visited China last week.

We were part of an Eastern Bay delegation that included the Whakatane and Opotiki Mayors with the purpose of signing a friendship agreement with the Jiangxi Province. Kawerau also forged closer ties with Yingtan City.

Closer to home work continues on the two housing developments in Kawerau. Work has started on the Central Cove subdivision (by the former Central School and Bowen Street) which will be land and home packages that people purchase through Generation Homes and their agents.

The other development is Porritt Glade which is the retirement units that Council is constructing which people purchase a right to occupy. These will provide retirees with smaller homes and sections as part of a 'turn-key' package that includes garden, lawn and home maintenance.

The timeframe for this development has been frustrating, but we are nearing



the point where construction will start.

The Porritt Glade development provides independent living for retirees, it is not an aged care facility. However, Kawerau is fortunate to have another provider of that level of care.

This will be the last publication from myself until after the election period in October.

The next three issues of the Kawerau District Council newsletter will contain updates from Council's Chief Executive Russell George.

During this time, Councillors and myself will continue business as usual for the district and as always, welcome your feedback and discussion in our meetings, forums and personally (our contact details are listed in this newsletter).

Mayors sign friendship accord with Jiangxi Province



On behalf of the Eastern Bay, Mayors Malcolm Campbell, Tony Bonne and John Forbes jointly signed a friendship agreement with Jiangxi Province in China this week.

Pictured (left to right) Opotiki Chief

Executive Aileen Lawrie, Opotiki Mayor John Forbes, Whakatane Chief Executive Stephanie O'Sullivan, Whakatane Mayor Tony Bonne, Kawerau Mayor Malcolm Campbell and Chief Executive Russell George.



COUNCIL EVENTS

Bubble Blast 2.0

School students are invited to start the school holidays off with a bang at the second annual Bubble Blast 2.0 event.

Being held on Monday, 8 July at the Kawerau Ron Hardie Recreation Centre the event is organised by the Kawerau Youth Council with the aim to attract youth, celebrate diversity and raise awareness about disability.

Starting at 11am, the event includes laser tag, bubble soccer, an escape room and a wheelchair obstacle course. There will also be a consultation hui with youth who attend. For more information please contact John (JJ) Rika at the Council 07 306 9009.

Kawerau Young Achiever Awards

Nominations for the annual Kawerau Young Achievers Awards are open from Monday, 8 July until Wednesday, 31 July 2019.

The Kawerau Young Achievers Award ceremony will be held at the Kawerau Town Hall after school on Wednesday, 28 August.

In 2018, some 150 youth were recognised for their sporting, cultural and/or academic achievements at a district, regional and national level with bronze, silver and gold awards. Pictured is a few of those recipients.

This year nominations are to be made online via a digital form available at the Council's websites www.kaweraunz.com and www.kaweraudc.co.nz

Library PechaKucha Night a roaring success

Have you ever wondered how to tell the difference between a male and a female house fly? Or how many Facebook followers Grumpy Cat has? You would have found the answers to these questions and much more at the Kawerau Library's PechaKucha Night 20x20.

Held on Thursday, 13 June the library's fourth PechaKucha Night entertained an appreciative crowd with a variety of short, sharp presentations.

Master of ceremonies (MC) Ruth Plank's usual light touch controlled the evening and put presenters at ease.

Andrea Haylings started the evening with an array of unusual cat pictures as she posed the question, why do we love animals with special needs when we find it so hard to accept people with similar differences. Ruth Plank took off her MC hat to give an original description of the service offered by SeniorNet and we learnt about the Mighty 11s BMX team from their dedicated manager, Sharon Cheesman. (pictured right) and Susan Harris shared her love of all things Lego and Bill Turnbull showed that there's a lot you can learn about flying a small plane in 6 ½ minutes. The attributes of the common house fly were the focus of Grant Sutton's presentation and Vicky Richards (pictured far right) showed us how the community of Edgecumbe has rebuilt following the 2017 flood. May Te Pou's introduction to raranga harakeke or flax weaving was both fascinating and informative.

Matariki Turuwhenua from Tarawera High School outshone his teachers, Richard Browne and Matt Melvin (pictured) with his confidence and spot-on timing in



their talk about history we never learnt at school and Alan Blackburn brought the show to a close with his very witty routine about toilet paper.

A PechaKucha Night is only possible because of the willingness of people to stand up

and talk in front of a crowd which isn't easy. Each presenter gave a polished performance and the PechaKucha organiser Wendy Montrose, the Library's adult programmes and activities officer, is grateful for their courage and enthusiasm.

Friends of Stoneham Walk

There has been a great response to the request for volunteers to join the Friends of Stoneham Walk.

Ten residents attended the first get-together at Council recently to work out the next steps. Introductions confirmed that everyone shared a common love of Kawerau parks and of gardening. There were also apologies from people who were working or away.

An overview of Council's plans for Stoneham Walk was given by Council Parks and Reserves manager Bernie Tientjes and Council's Amenities and Gardens team leader Robyn Wilson.

Robyn said the first priority was to ensure the park was safe for the public. This requires the removal of some large trees below Fenton Mill Road which were left isolated after recent storms.

Planting of low-growing natives will be carried out to stabilise the bank, add protection to the remaining trees and stop weed explosions.

Another priority was to preserve the pristine Ruruanga stream by 'armouring' or planting alongside the stream edge to reduce subsidence.

The Friends group would look to design and

plant the first three metres of the garden bed along the walkway and an area beside the Bell Street entrance. Council would work with the group to complete the pre-work wherever necessary.

● Those present agreed the aims of the Friends of the Stoneham Walk were to:

● Share ideas for garden layout and planting schemes

● Grow-on baby trees such as rhododendrons for planting out

● Hands-on help with planting, weed control and pruning

Fundraise for specimen trees and garden furniture

As it is an informal group, people are welcome to come along to working bees or help in any way when they can.

The next step was a visit to Stoneham Walk to check out the area and to talk about possible planting schemes.

For more information please contact Friends of Stoneham Walk co-ordinator Sheryll Marshall on 07 323 6675 or 0274 920 999 or the Council on 07 306 9009.



New Curator of Sir James Fletcher Kawerau Museum

Welcome to Anastazja Harding who has joined the Council as the Sir James Fletcher Kawerau Museum Curator in June.

Having completed a six-year Masters of Cultural Material Conservation, Anastazja has always “loved everything about preserving history”. Anastazja has a Polish mother and a Kiwi father and the family has always celebrated its dual heritage.

Having grown up between New Zealand and England, Anastazja speaks, cooks and writes in Polish but equally values Kiwi heritage.

She believes her heritage has shaped her beliefs about the importance of values and traditions which also “help us all understand each other.”

Anastazja is looking forward to the opportunity to work in a local community with the Museum Curator role and to perpetuate knowledge and materials for future generations.

Library and Museum Manager Susan Harris said the appointment was an exciting next step in the life of the Kawerau Museum. “We’ve had some fabulous work done by our previous staff and now Anastazja is the ideal person to move all that forward.”

Having been constructed for industry, Kawerau district has unique origins, much of which had been saved. Now with a dedicated resource this material can be identified, catalogued and showcased through proposed programmes to engage school students and the community.



Community Awards

Nominations are now open for people or groups who give their time to benefit the Kawerau community.

The aim of the Kawerau District Council Community Awards is to recognise the significant contribution of individuals and community groups.

This 2019 Kawerau

Community Awards will be held on 27 August.

Kawerau residents can nominate a group or individuals for the following awards:

- Contribution by a Young Person
- Voluntary Work
- Community Impact
- Group Contribution

In 2018, Kawerau

Community awards were made to John and Margaret Brierly (Community Impact) and the late Tony Moller (Volunteer Work).

Nominations must be made by two people on the official nomination form available from Council reception and also online at www.kaweraudc.govt.nz

Nominations are open until 5.00pm Friday, 27 July.

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COUNCIL NEWS

Building and Resource Consent fee reviews

Council has undertaken a major review of the building and resource consent fees as part of the 2019/20 Annual Plan process.

It is the first time in more than a decade that Council has increased the building fees. These now better reflect categories of work and the time it takes staff to process applications and carry out the required site inspections.

There has been a general increase in resource consent application deposit fees for land use and subdivisions. The way the fees are structured now means a larger upfront deposit with all applications that better reflects the final costs that will be charged. Council Manager Planning, Compliance and Capability Chris Jensen says the review better reflects a user-pays process for those who are building, renovating or subdividing.

From 1 July 2019 the new table of fees will be online at www.kaweraudc.govt.nz

Water Reticulation System cleaning

The air scouring project to clean the entire Kawerau water reticulation system is nearing completion. The final streets are being cleaned in the Valley Road area which has impacted on the water pressure in some areas.

Council appreciates the patience and support of residents throughout this project. The results appear to be successful and by the end of June the air scouring project will be completed.

After this Council Manager Operations and Services, Hanno van der Merwe said he would appreciate any reports of dirty water in the district in order to judge how successful the cleaning process had been.

The next phase in the water supply program is to evaluate water pressure throughout the district in order to upgrade old pipes and pumping stations.

Dog registrations

A reminder that dog registration fees need to be paid by 31 July. The new annual registration fee is \$35 for de-sexed dogs and \$70 for entire dogs.

There is an option to pay your dog registration online. For more information please visit www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/services/pay-it-online or call Council on 07 3069009.

Winter woolies needed for the pound

Winter is here and the dogs and pups are feeling the cold at the Kawerau District pound. If you have any jerseys, towels, sheets, blankets that you no longer need they'll be really appreciated. Please drop any clothing donations to the Council office in Ranfurly Court.

Are you enrolled to vote?

This year elections will be held to select the Kawerau District Councillors and Mayor.

People can check they are enrolled or enroll via the elections website www.elections.org.nz

Those who are considering standing for Council or Mayor can check out the Candidate Information Guide on the Kawerau District Council website www.kaweraudc.govt.nz



Celebrating our new Kiwi citizens

Congratulations to the five people who became New Zealand citizens at a ceremony at the Kawerau District Council recently.

The ceremony inducted (front row from left to right) Mr Daniel Borthwick (British), Mrs Ann Nowland-Walker

(American), Miss Mary Misola (Filipino), Miss Maria Camposano (Filipino) and Mrs Janis Kingi (Australian). Pictured in the back row is family and friends along with Mayor Malcolm Campbell, Councillors Warwick Godfrey and Berice Julian.

The citizens were given

one of the native plants (pictured) which they could plant in their backyard or in the Monika Lanham Reserve, which most opted to do. In addition, the citizens receive a framed certificate and book about New Zealand and a letter of congratulations from the Mayor.

New native gardens at i-Site

The Council's amenities and gardens team recently completed the new-look gardens by the Kawerau i-Site.

Feedback has been positive to the gardens and the arrangement of natural stones and carved wooden seat.

Pictured is the finished gardens and seat which make for a beautiful spot for photographs with Putauaki in the background.



EVENTS

Discounted entry for residents: Kawerau King of the Mountain

Entries are open for the Kawerau King of the Mountain Race which is on Saturday, 2 November.

As a special promotion, Kawerau residents can enter the race for the discounted price of \$20 for juniors and \$30 for seniors. This is limited to 50 competitors and closes on 31 August 2019 (or before if the 50 spots are filled).

Entry forms for residents are available at the Kawerau District Council reception.

People need to take their completed entry form and payment to the Council office with two forms of identification:

1. proof of identity with a photo such as a driver's licence, passport or student ID card; and
2. proof of address in Kawerau (electricity bill, rates assessment or proof of school if a junior).

Entry forms and payments for the resident's entry fee need to be made at the Kawerau District Council reception.

KAWERAU KING OF THE MOUNTAIN
Down Hill is Easy!
EST.1955

THE CHALLENGE
Race 7 km
up & down Putauaki
Mt. Edgecumbe...

Saturday
2nd Nov
2019

- School Relays – 8:30
- Prince & Princess Race – 11:00
- Main Race – 12:00

DISCOUNTED ENTRY
for Kawerau Residents
CLOSING 31st AUGUST
Entry Forms available at Kawerau District Council reception

www.kaweraukingofthemountain.co.nz

Be Quick Limited Entries

Winter Warmers reading programme

Winter Warmers is a reward-based reading programme run by the Kawerau District Library which runs for six weeks over the winter months to include the school holidays.

This year children can

read and review their way around Matariki – the Māori New Year.

Pre-school to pre-teen children receive a booklet containing 10 review forms. Once five reviews have been completed they are rewarded with a prize.

Those who want to continue to complete all ten reviews are rewarded with another prize!

Visit the Kawerau library to secure a spot on this six week programme, Reading under the Stars.