

COMMUNITY UPDATE

18 MAY 2023



Guest Speaker, Chief Petty Officer Diver Raupatu Ormsby with Her Worship The Mayor, Faylene Tunui

Kahika | Mayor's' Message

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After weeks of nothing but rain, it is nice to see the sun and blue sky in Kawerau. The month of May marks the time in the Council calendar where we engage with you to consider the proposed Annual Plan for the coming 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 financial year.

When the 2021 to 2031 Long Term Plan was set, the forecast was for a rates' increase of 3.5% for the 2023-2024 year, and much has changed since 2021. Put simply, costs have gone up, the availability and supply of goods is more competitive and the ability to provide and deliver Council services without increasing costs is unrealistic.

A little further from home, we know that global issues such as international conflict and the pandemic are contributing to high inflation (a measure of how much more expensive a set of goods and services has become over a certain period) and high interest rates and is pushing up costs and prices for us all – be it households, business or Council.

With an inability to control the cost of goods and services, Council proposes to keep rates increases as low as we can. One of the few tools available to us is to lower the amount of depreciation (a reduction in the value of an asset over time, due in particular to wear and tear) from 67% to 53%. It is proposed that the lowering of depreciation be for this year only, with a further review of the cost of living environment, in a years' time. Council further

proposes an increase in the uniform annual general charge (essentially a general rate where every property pays the same amount regardless of its capital value) from \$750 to \$850. Again, it is proposed that this is for the coming year only and should both options be adopted, it will result in an overall rates increase of 8.2%, for Kawerau.

Also in this issue of our community pānui | update we discuss:

- The ANZAC Dawn Service and the unveiling of the new commemorative plaque at the Kawerau Cemetery.
- The blessing and karakia of the Rangī Delamere Pavillion.
- Assisting our rangatahi | youth with transition to mahi | work through the Mayors' Taskforce for Jobs and INZONE Careers Kiosks.
- The Hardie Avenue neighbourhood surface water issue.

We are also inviting your feedback about how well our Council is doing via the three yearly customer survey. SIL Research delivered the survey work for Whakatane and Opotiki Councils' and have been engaged to carry out the survey for Kawerau.

We are looking forward to this year's Matariki events in July, including hosting the second annual Matariki Morning Tea for Pakeke | Seniors with the Mayor on 13 July 2023.

Thank you for your feedback to date during our engagement for the Annual Plan and please do participate in the survey as a way of guiding the work we do for Kawerau.

**Ngā mihi nui,
Kawerau District Mayor Faylene Tunui**

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Mahere ā tau Proposed Annual Plan 2023-2024

Kōrero mai!
Talk to us

Next Public Meeting
Monday, 22 May 2023 at
Kawerau Pūtauaki School
5:30pm – 6:15pm Annual Plan
6:15pm – 7:00pm Hardie Ave Surface
Water Issue and Action



Submissions close 5pm Friday 26 May 2023

Council Health, Safety And Wellbeing Awards 2023

Recently, Council celebrated its annual health, safety and wellbeing awards for 2023. The aim is to recognise team members who provide a pathway to safer workplaces, better protections and continued improvements – as every employee has the right to go home safely. Council thanks the community for its support to close venues for a short time to enable all staff to attend.

Three awards were presented, which are:

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING CHAMPION

Sacha Matenga, Amenity and Gardens team

Sacha Matenga is recognised for actively promoting the organisations vision and charter and embracing continuous improvement in health, safety and wellbeing.

Amenity and Gardens Team Member, Sacha Matenga with Chief Executive, Russell George.

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING LEADER

Glen Penny, Team Leader Three Waters.

As a team leader, Glen actively prioritises the importance of his staff's health, safety and well-being. Glen leads through encouragement and positive engagement.

Team Leader Three Waters, Glen Penny with Mayor, Faylene Tunui.

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING CHAMPION TEAM

Gardens Team

Awarded to the Gardens Team comprising Team Leader Turf and Trees, Matt Brown, and Gardens Team members: Chontelle Polkinghorne, Steve Houia, Sacha Matenga and Leith Roberts. The team were recognised for demonstrating an exceptional "safety-first approach towards work" and showing an "ongoing commitment to health and safety".

Gardens Team Members (from left): Leith Roberts, Chontelle Polkinghorne, Sacha Matenga with Team Leader Turf and Trees, Matt Brown and Group Manager Regulatory Planning and Compliance, Michaela Glaspey.



FUTUREFIT

SIGN UP TO FUTUREFIT

FutureFit is a simple yet powerful way for you to engage with climate change.

FutureFit provides a snapshot of your impact on the planet, and helps you make positive changes in the way you live to help reduce your personal carbon footprint.

To find out what your impact is on the planet, sign up to FutureFit and complete the questionnaire. Just by doing this, you will go into the draw to win one of 10 \$200 Prezzy cards across the Bay of Plenty region.

Visit www.futurefit.nz/questionnaire for more information.



Draft Local Alcohol Policy

Submissions for the Local Alcohol Policy have now closed.

This policy was reviewed across the Eastern Bay, in conjunction with our neighbouring Councils; Whakatāne and Ōpōtiki District Councils. Council held three community drop-in sessions to engage with residents and to answer questions.

Council received over 25 submissions. Thank you to submitters for their feedback and insights. Submitters who wish to speak to their submission, will be invited to speak at the Hearing on 7 June 2023.

Anzac Day Dawn Parade and New Plaque Unveiling

On 25 April, Council, in conjunction with the RSA, Veteran's Affairs and Rautahi Marae held the annual ANZAC 2023 remembrance ceremony. The ceremony began at dawn with residents and distinguished guests gathering outside the Kawerau ex-Navalmen's Club and marching to Rautahi Marae for the memorial service.

Former Kawerau Youth Councillor, Majeane Rogers was the master of ceremonies (MC) for the service, and welcomed guest speaker Chief Petty Officer Diver Raupatu Ormsby, representing the New Zealand Defence Force.

From Te Kuiti, Chief Petty Officer Diver Raupatu Ormsby descends from Ngāti Maniapoto Iwi.

He joined the Navy in 1995 as a Marine Engineer, serving on HMNZ Ships in Waikato, Canterbury and Te Kaha.

Operationally, he has deployed to Middle East and Israel/Lebanon;

He supported the National French Diving Team and also did multiple dive training exercises around the world including United States Rim of the Pacific and engagement exercises in Bahrain.

After several speeches from distinguished guests, the ceremony closed with the Ode of Remembrance.



Guest Speaker, Chief Petty Officer Diver Raupatu Ormsby addressing the attendees at the ANZAC ceremony.

Refreshments were served at Rautahi Marae after the ceremony. This then led on to the second ceremony of the day, which began at 10am to unveil a new commemorative plaque at the Kawerau Cemetery for fallen service men and women.

Council and the organisers would like to extend their appreciation and thanks to all the parties and individuals which helped plan and deliver the ANZAC Dawn Parade and Ceremony, and the community members which took the time to attend, on what was a very chilly start to the day.

Karakia Service at Rangi Delamere Pavillion

Earlier this month, despite the wet weather, Delamere Whānau Ringatu Tohunga Paora (Paul) Delamere, Larry Delamere, James Delamere, Katarina Delamere and Kyra Walker; and Kaumatua Te Haukākawa Te Rire, Her Worship the Mayor Faylene Tunui, Deputy Mayor Aaron Rangihika, Councillor Rex Savage and Council Staff were in attendance as the karakia ceremony took place to bless the site before work began.

Council has appreciated the patience and humility of the Delamere whānau we were privileged to host at this special ceremony and then afterwards for a cup of tea.

Rangi Delamere was a well-known netball and tennis stalwart and her whānau who were involved with many aspects of the building of the Kawerau township.

We also appreciate the patience of our netball community, who have gone for several seasons without a pavilion to call home, to store gear and to be their base for practices and tournaments.

Building work has now begun, and that Council has approved another \$450,000 on top of the \$550,000 insurance payout to rebuild the pavilion by Wren Building Company.

Sadly, the Rangi Delamere Pavilion was originally destroyed in early 2020 by arson.



**Dog Registrations
Due 1 July 2023**



Kawerau District Council Triennial Customer Survey is underway

Every three years Council asks the community how we're doing.

This year, the survey is being completed by SIL Research, a Hawkes Bay company that complete the customer surveys for Whakatāne and Ōpōtiki.

SIL Research will carry out the survey using various methods including:

- Postal surveys to 1,000 residences (delivered during the next 5 to 10 days)
- Survey available via Social Media (check the Council Website, FB or Insta for the link)
- Phone calls from SIL Research
- Also copies will be delivered to some schools, community agencies and organisations

The results will be shared with our community after June when it is completed and we also report on these results in our Long Term Plan.

[inzone] CAREERS KIOSKS

Now at the Kawerau District Library and Kawerau isite!

A new partnership between INZONE and the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ) provides Council with an exciting opportunity for 2023.

The INZONE careers kiosks are multimedia touch screen devices that provide the user with a wide range of employment and training opportunities in New Zealand. The user enters their mobile number and selects a career topic they are interested in. Then they are shown an informational video all about the chosen career. This includes how to get into the career, what the career is like, and where it can take you. After watching the video, if the user wants to find out more, they will be sent a text message with a link to more information.

The INZONE careers kiosks are a great tool for school leavers who are undecided on their next step.

Kawerau District Library Youth Librarian, Janice Tekii said: "The new INZONE Careers Kiosks are a great opportunity for our rangatahi to gain insight into potential future careers".

For more information, please visit www.inzone.co.nz or contact Mayor's TaskForce for Jobs Coordinator, Amy Hayes on 027 404 0550 or Amy.Hayes@kaweraudc.govt.nz



From Left: Library Assistant Anneke Waalwijk, Kawerau Youth Councillor Homer Abante and Senior Assistant Librarian Erica Valk

Citizenship Ceremonies

Participation in a public ceremony is an important step in the process of becoming a New Zealand citizen. It is a chance for people to publicly declare their allegiance to New Zealand and for the Kawerau community to welcome them on behalf of all New Zealanders.

Successful applicants for the New Zealand citizenship must attend a public citizenship ceremony at the council. At the ceremony, applicants stand before the Mayor, Faylene Tunui and take the oath or affirmation of allegiance, declaring that they will honour HM King Charles III, obey New Zealand laws and be a good citizen.

After the ceremony, the new citizens of Aotearoa | New Zealand enjoy some refreshments and a kōrero | chat with the Mayor and Councillors.

Welcome to Kisa Hall, Harry Sanerive (pictured with his moko) and Anna Glibbery with Her Worship The Mayor, Faylene Tunui.



Upcoming Events And Meetings

22 May 5:30pm Annual Plan Presentation;
6:15pm Hardie Avenue Surface Water Meeting, Kawerau Pūtauki School Hall

28 May Council Meeting

5 June King's Birthday Public Holiday

7 June Hearing for the Draft Local Alcohol Policy Review

14 June Regulatory and Services Committee

14 June Hearing for Annual Plan 2023-2024 Submitters

15 June Hearing of Submitters Stoneham Park District Plan Change 4

28 June Council Meeting

12 July Regulatory and Services Committee

13 July Matariki Morning Tea for Seniors with the Mayor

14 July Matariki Public holiday