



SEPTEMBER 2019



Community Update

Young Achievers Event

This year marked a shift of special acknowledgement for our Kawerau Young Achievers of which 104 young people from the Kawerau District were acknowledged for their hard work and achievements

The awards were made to young people for a range of sports to academic achievements representing Kawerau and the Bay of Plenty at national and international events.

The Kawerau Youth Council hosted the annual celebration at the Kawerau Town Hall and the guest speaker was Rotorua's youngest District Councillor Tania Tapsell (pictured with one of the 2019 Young Achievers) to offer words of inspiration to the audience.

Our young achievers to continue to strive for success as they go on in life.

"This year was the best Young Achievers to date, it was a proper awards ceremony, Kawerau Youth Council put in a lot



of effort this year to make it special for our rangatahi," Kawerau Youth Council member Iraia Nuku said.

This year included the start of Special Young Achiever Award trophies for Gold Recipients, and framed certificates for bronze and silver awards.

Master of Ceremonies Iraia Nuku and Courtney Cox

did an amazing job at keeping the audience entertained and laughing.

Kawerau Youth Council gave special acknowledgements for support of this event to the Kawerau District Council, Councillor Berice Julian, Pari Maxwell, Toa Te Poono, Nikki Nuku and Anahera Iopata who ensured the night was a huge success.

Community Awards

Congratulations to the two recipients of the 2019 Kawerau Community Awards:

- Kawerau Community Patrol for their group contribution, and
- Jocelyn Coburn for community impact.

The Kawerau Community Patrol (pictured) is the longest running voluntary night patrol organisation in the Eastern Bay celebrating 25 years in operation in 2019.

The group was initially set-up even before the Night Owls group by Kawerau Police Sergeant Tony Moller and after a brief absence re-started under the banner of Kawerau Community Patrol.

Kawerau Community Patrol chair Russ Torrie said the award meant a lot to the group who take pride in serving their community and providing security at Kawerau events such as the Christmas in the Park, Christmas Parade, King of the Mountain Race, WoodFest and the canoe racing



events. Patroller Lynn Neal is one of the founding members and has served 25 years.

Mrs Jocelyn Coburn (pictured below) centre with fellow Rotarians who nominated her) was the other Community Award recipient whose long-standing involvement with many groups and organisations in Kawerau was acknowledged.

Fellow Rotarian Margaret Brierley said, "Jocelyn epitomised the Kawerau spirit and had grown

with the town and the town has grown with you."

Mrs Coburn's involvement with the Kawerau community spans many generations from when her children began kindergarten and continued at primary and secondary school with many organisations.

For more than 20 years Mrs Coburn has been involved with Keep Kawerau Beautiful, planting at Monika Lanham Reserve and now with the Friends of Stoneham Walk group. She is a trust board member of Mountain View Rest Home and Hospital, a committee member of Rotary, Probus and the Inner Wheel. She is also involved with the weekly tramping club walks; assists with the Kawerau King of the Mountain, National Woodskills Competition, Hospice fundraiser, Sunshine on a Plate and with national collections for Daffidol Day, Pink Ribbon and the Blind Dog appeals.



COUNCIL UPDATES

Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village

Kawerau District Council has committed to the provision of high-quality housing for retirees with the development of the Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village.

The Council has applied and is currently waiting for the Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village to be legally registered as a retirement village. This registration is expected by the end of September 2019.

The Kawerau District Council and Generation Homes are working in partnership to market, build and sell the right to occupy the units within the Porritt Glade Retirement Village.

Once registration is received, the marketing and sale process will commence.

People purchase an Occupation Right

Agreement (ORA) to a unit and in addition they will pay an annual fee to cover rates, insurance, gardening and mowing, exterior maintenance and statutory supervision and administration.

It is expected that building will begin in late September for the first six units, stage one of the development.

An information pack is available from the Council offices in Ranfurly Court in Kawerau or phone the Council on (07) 306 9009.



King of the Mountain



Resident's discounted entries have been extended until 1 October 2019.

Trainings for the Putauaki Prince and Princess of the Mountain Race are every Wednesday, meet at 4.00pm to register, at Firmin Lodge in Waterhouse Street Kawerau. Runners depart at 4.30pm sharp and will finish at 5.30pm. Parents, friends and caregivers are welcome to join in.

Election Update

The election of the Mayor and eight Councillors will take place on Saturday 12 October 2019.

Voting papers are being sent by post to people who are enrolled. Vote early - get your completed voting papers into the post by early October so there is ample time for them to be received before 12 October.

Special Voting started on Friday, 20 September 2019.

People can still enrol to vote right up until 5pm, Friday 11 October at the Council Offices in Ranfurly Court, Kawerau.

You can also drop your completed voting paper into the sealed ballot box at the Council Offices in Ranfurly Court in Kawerau up until



12 noon on Saturday, October 12.

Visit our website www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/ for more details.

Library celebrates 65 years



The Kawerau District Library celebrated 65 years of service from 1954 to 2019 recently. The event was marked with an exhibition in the foyer showing the origins of today's library.

The honour of cutting the 65th anniversary cake was given to the three longest-serving Library staff Erica Valk (31 years), Rowena Dowie (38 years) and Ramona Wood (29 years). *Pictured above left.*

There was also a special offer for anyone celebrating their 65th birthday on Friday 13 September to come and collect a small gift and one of those was Sandra Tanuvasa (pictured).

The town's original library was established in the Mill's cafeteria during the construction days, but a major fire destroyed the collection. With assistance from volunteers and the Country Library Service the Kawerau Public Library was opened in the Commissioner's Offices on Monday, 13 September 1954. It began



with 1,411 books and was open eight hours each week. The first paid librarian Mr A McKay began in February 1955 and was paid one pound a week. *Pictured below left.*

By 1962, the Library collection had grown to 20,000 volumes and books were stacked everywhere. Sir James Fletcher Jnr donated the town-site cafeteria to the community and the building was developed into the current library, restrooms and Plunket facilities. This library (pictured) opened on 10 April 1963 with 3006 members and remains the current premises. Flora Sutherland was employed as the Borough Librarian for the Kawerau Borough Council in 1962 and worked for 32 years in the position before retiring in 1995. This is when the current Library and Museum Manager Susan Harris joined.

Sir James Fletcher Kawerau Museum 2014.140



PARKS AND RESERVES - Tamarangi Drive planting

The Council's Parks and Reserves team finished replanting along Tamarangi Drive (from the mill corner to the traffic lights) where the main town electricity feeder line was put underground recently.

Pictured (L-R) Tania James, AJ Tipiwai, Leith Roberts and Bernie Tientjes.

The planting includes a mixture of trees, shrubs and grasses including Titoki, Pittosporum, Pseudowintera Colorata (Pepper) trees and Lomandra grasses.



Friends of Stoneham Walk

NEEDED: shrubs, clumping ground cover, small tree or trees.

The Friends of Stoneham Walk group would love to hear from you if you as they need more plants to carry on their wonderful work of replanting the bare sections of Stoneham Walk.

As seeds take some time to grow, Friends of Stoneham Walk co-ordinator Sheryll Marshall and the group are keen for larger more established plants, trees and shrubs for the area.

If you can assist please contact Sheryll on (07)323-6675 or 027 4920 999.

CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

The August citizenship ceremony was held and notable for the great number of family and friends supporting our newest New Zealand citizens.

Held in the Council Chamber on Thursday, 29 August the ceremony saw eight new citizens welcomed to the Kawerau District and Aotearoa. Our new citizens are Mrs Wilhelmina and Mr Schalk Le Roux, Mr Alan and Mrs Maria Carlson, Mr Robert and Mrs Frances Kuijpers, Ms Carole Hughes and Mr Timothy Sunga

Transfer Station

A reminder that the Transfer Station fees have increased to meet increasing operation costs. If the fees did not increase, ratepayers would have to subsidise those who use the Transfer Station. Please do not take your frustrations out on Transfer Station staff – abuse will not be tolerated. There are CCTV cameras on site.

If people see fly-tipping (dumping of rubbish) please contact the Police or the Council on (07) 306 9009.

2019 Kawerau Woodfest

The 2019 Kawerau WoodFest and Generation Homes National Woodskills Competition celebrate Kawerau's forestry history.

The Generation Homes National Woodskills Competition, New Zealand's premier festival celebrating all things wood, started in 1989. This event kicks off with the prizegiving on Thursday, September 26 and the exhibition is open to the public from Friday to Sunday, September 27 to 29 in the Kawerau Town Hall.

WoodFest followed in 2007 to add entertainment value and boost spectator numbers. It is now one of Kawerau's iconic events, attracting more than 12,000 people last year, and gives the town a fantastic opportunity to promote itself and honour its history.

OPEN LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

from Senior Sergeant Al Fenwick:

To the Kawerau Community,

Team it is with regret that I inform you this will be my last article for the Echo as at the start of October I am being transferred to Whakatane to take over as Response Manager there. I just want to take this opportunity to reflect on my time here and give some final advice moving forward.

I remember my initial trepidation over being told that I would be moving to Kawerau. If filling the shoes of Sgt Jacko

Ta'ala wasn't daunting enough there was also the reputation Kawerau had as being a pretty tough place to Police. Upon arriving in Kawerau my fears were quickly put at ease. I found a great team of staff here that were dedicated to making Kawerau the best it could be and even more impressively I found so many positive people throughout the Kawerau community equally committed to the Kawerau cause.

The Council, Schools, Tuwharetoa, WINZ, Corrections,

Community Patrols, Neighbourhood Support and Church groups to name a few. I owe thanks to you all for your willingness to work in partnership with us for the good of the town.

I am happy that as I prepare to leave Kawerau it is in a pretty good shape and the envy of many similar small rural towns. Post Operation NOTUS, crime continues to be at historically low levels, people are feeling safer and talking to the community is that there is an underlying optimism for the town going forward. The town is in good hands with Senior Sergeant Yvonne Parker taking over from me and Sergeant Shane Tailby still doing the day to day running of the Police Station.

Lastly, I just want to reinforce to you all that the most important people in Kawerau for keeping it a town we can all be proud of is YOU. You are the eyes and ears of the town and the people who are ultimately responsible for deciding what is or isn't acceptable in Kawerau. If you see things or hear things you aren't happy about (drug dealing, family harm, suspicious stuff, gang activity etc.) you need to let us know. Our team are working 24/7 just waiting for your calls so don't think it isn't important enough as there is nothing worse as a police officer then finding out we could have made a difference but you weren't told about it until well after the fact...

*Senior Sergeant
Al Fenwick – Rural Response
Manager Kawerau*

Spring into Stories

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

KAWERAU DISTRICT LIBRARY
MON 30 SEP - FRI 11 OCT 2019
10.30AM - 12PM

ALL AGES

Mon 30 Sep, make an easy peasy puppet; Tue 1 Oct, make a birds nest collage;
Wed 2 Oct, imagine a day in the life of a bee; Thu 3 Oct, decorate bunting with pom poms;
Fri 4 Oct, get outdoors with nature bingo; Mon 7 Oct, make a catapult like an engineer;
Tue 8 Oct, experiment with chromatography; Wed 9 Oct, get to know Harry Potter trivia;
Thu 10 Oct, make music with nature; Fri 11 Oct, eat popcorn and watch a movie

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WELCOME TO THE COUNCIL

PARKS AND RESERVES TEAM LEADER



The role of Amenity and Gardens Team Leader for the Kawerau District Council Parks and Reserves is a dream role for Tania James.

Tania may already be familiar to the Kawerau District, having been involved with the Kawerau Urban Food Forest (KUUFF) for most of the year.

Tania has a background in horticulture, tutoring and hands-on landscape gardening. Originally from Taumarunui, Tania completed her training at the renowned Hamilton Gardens which she thoroughly enjoyed.

Formerly, Tania worked as the grounds person for a large retirement village and has also been self-employed maintaining private lifestyle blocks and gardens.

The role with the Council melds all those former work experiences together for this role of amenity gardening.

Having started earlier this month, Tania has been enjoying working with the Parks and Reserves team.

It's been great to start working with the other members of the team – we all have complementary experience.

In her spare time, Tania loves spending time with her children aged 8, 10 and 15. Fishing is another passion, particularly off the beach, white baiting in season and also ocean fishing.

THERESA JOINS CUSTOMER SERVICES TEAM

Theresa Barnett has joined the Kawerau District Council in the Customer Services team on Thursdays and Fridays.

As a member of the Customer Services Officers team Theresa is looking forward to assisting people with their enquiries at the Council offices or when they phone.

Having moved to Kawerau last year, Theresa and her family are especially enjoying a quieter pace of life and the ease of travel to work.

Theresa previously worked for a finance broker in Tauranga for many years and lived in Papamoa. Her partner is a logging truck driver and the couple's daughter is at intermediate.

Having more of a life-work balance was the reason behind the shift that also allowed them to move a home onto the land they already owned in Kawerau.



KAWERAU WOODFEST ATTRACTIONS



NATIONAL WOODSKILLS COMPETITION



27 to 29 September (Fri, Sat, Sun)
Prizegiving (Thurs 26), Kawerau Town Hall
Fri/Sat: 9am-4.30pm, Sun 9am-3.30pm
Adults: \$10, Child: U12s Free, Seniors: \$5 (Fri only)

HUBBARD CONTRACTING FMX PROS



28,29 September (Sat, Sun)
Prideaux Park
11.30am, 1.00pm and 2.30pm
Spectators: Free

FREESTYLE LIFESTYLE BMX



28,29 September (Sat, Sun)
Prideaux Park
11.30am, 1.00pm and 2.30pm
Spectators: Free

AXEMEN FT NZ STIHL TIMBERSPORTS TEAM MEMBERS



28 September (Sat)
Prideaux Park
10am-2.30pm
Spectators: Free

THE 'PACIFIC TOYOTA' DIDDY DIG



28 September (Sat)
9am
Spectators: Free

BIKE TRIALS DEMO + COMP



28,29 September (Sat, Sun)
Prideaux Park
All day
Spectators: Free

SIDESHOWS, ATTRACTIONS & ENTERTAINMENT



28,29 September (Sat, Sun)
Prideaux Park
All day
Live Music, Rides, Food & Circus

EMERGENCY SERVICES DEMO



28 September (Sat)
Plunket Street
12pm
Free

ULTIMATE CANINE TRICK DOG TEAM



28,29 September (Sat, Sun)
Prideaux Park
11am & 1.30pm
Spectators: Free

INDUSTRIAL SITE TOURS



Bookings essential, phone 323 6300
28 September (Sat)
i-SITE
11am, 1pm, & 3pm Cost: \$2

HUSQVARNA POLE CLIMBING COMPETITION



28 September (Sat)
Prideaux Park
12.30pm
Spectators: Free

WOODBUGS (Blind Auction Sunday)



20 to 29 September (Fri - Sun)
Prideaux Park
9am-3pm
Spectators: Free

KAWERAU TRUCK PULL



28 September (Sat)
Prideaux Park, 10AM
\$40 Team of 8
Supporting the Dream Chaser Foundation

THE PACIFIC TOYOTA 8TH BIG DIG WORLD CHAMPS



28 September (Sat)
Dig Zone from 2pm
Spectators: Free

ASH & OAK PRO LOGGER CHAINSAW RACES



28 September (Sat)
Prideaux Park
9am
Competitors: \$25 Spectators: Free

THE COMMUNITY MARKET



28 September (Sat)
Town Centre, All day
Stall Holders: \$10 per site (1day)
SHOP & SPEND

THE WATERWHEEL ZONE



28,29 September (Sat, Sun)
Prideaux Park
All day
Free

COTTAGE CRAFT CLUB, ART SOCIETY & MENS SHED



27-29 September (Fri, Sat, Sun)
Concert Chambers
9am-3pm

PUREX RECORD SETTER WORLD RECORD GAMES



28 September (Sat)
Prideaux Park
10am-3pm
Free

SIR JAMES FLETCHER MUSEUM



28 September (Sat)
Woodfest special opening hours: 10am-3pm