

COMMUNITY UPDATE

4 NOVEMBER 2022

TE KAUNIHERA A ROHE O KAWERAU | KAWERAU DISTRICT COUNCIL POWHIRI | INAUGURATION 'SWEARING IN' | CEREMONY

Ka Rawe! Thank you to our whānau, the community, our neighbours and manuhiri for supporting Tuesday 25 October's Powhiri and Swearing-In Ceremony.

Ngā mihi nui - our sincere appreciation to our Kaumātua and Kuia for supporting this kaupapa at Rautahi Marae in Kawerau.

Some 250 people supported the occasion, including kapa haka groups from the kura | schools. What a turnout!

CONGRATULATIONS

Her worship the Mayor of Kawerau | Koromatua
Faylene Tunui.

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Cr Aaron Rangihika who was appointed as Kawerau District's Deputy Mayor at the inaugural Council Hui.

CONGRATULATIONS

to our newly elected members

- ▶ Her Worship the Mayor of Kawerau Faylene Tunui
- ▶ Councillor Rowena Brooking
- ▶ Councillor Warwick Godfery
- ▶ Councillor Carolyn Ion
- ▶ Councillor Berice Julian
- ▶ Councillor Sela Kingi
- ▶ Councillor Aaron Rangihika
- ▶ Councillor Justin Ross
- ▶ Councillor Rex Savage

Arohanui to our Tangata Whenua, Mana Whenua, Rautahi Marae Committee, our kaimahi and all the supporters for your mahi to honour the Kawerau rohe and those who have stepped up to serve our community.



Her Worship the Mayor of Kawerau Faylene Tunui gives her first address as Koromatua, before swearing in the Councillors (pictured).



1 Kawerau Rautahi Marae Chair Kaumātua Te Waraki Te Ruki. 2 Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau Kaumātua Te Amorangi Graham Kahu Te Rire. 3 Kaumātua Alfie Morrison. 4 Kaumātua Reremoana Pitau. 5 Kaumātua John Paitai. 6 Faylene Tunui receiving the Koromatua korowai. 7 Manuhiri welcomed onto Rautahi Marae. 8 Newly sworn in elected members of Te Kaunihera a Rohe o Kawerau. 9 Her Worship the Mayor | Koromatua Faylene Tunui's first address.



10 Kaumātua John Paitai. 11 Former Kawerau Mayor Malcolm Campbell, now a Regional Councillor, with Her Worship the Mayor of Kawerau Faylene Tunui and Councillors. 12 Kaumātua enjoy the ceremony. 13 Cr Rowena Brooking. 14 Cr Berice Julian. 15 Cr Justin Ross. 16 Cr Aaron Rangihika. 17 Cr Rex Savage. 18 Cr Sela Kingi. 19 Cr Carolyn Ion. 20 Cr Warwick Godfery.



**Tell us What
you think.**

PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGES BETWEEN KAWERAU AND WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT

After requests and consultation with Iwi and hapū, Kawerau District Council is proposing changes to the boundary with neighbouring Whakatāne District.

The proposed changes would see three areas totaling 550 hectares being transferred to the Kawerau District. The areas are:

1. Land identified for expansion of the Pūtauaki Industrial Park.
2. Land housing Tohia o Te Rangi Marae at 137 Spencer Avenue which is currently accessed and serviced by the Kawerau District.
3. The part of the Otarahanga Farm currently in the Whakatāne District. The farm is accessed from Kawerau District and is currently dissected by the boundary between Kawerau and Whakatāne Districts.

The Local Government Commission is currently seeking feedback about this proposal.

The Commission acknowledges the interests of Ngāti Tūwharetoa (Bay of Plenty), Ngāti Awa and Ngāti Rangitihī iwi and hapū and will engage specifically with iwi and hapū.

You can tell the Local Government Commission what you think about the proposed changes: by completing and posting the feedback form or online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/5GKH768 or by emailing submissions@lgc.govt.nz

Information is available at the Kawerau and Whakatāne Council Offices and via the Council website kaweraudc.govt.nz

Feedback closes on 31 March 2023.



FAREWELL TO POOLS TEAM LEADER ADRIENNE DARBYSHIRE

Our appreciation to our long-standing Maurie Kjar Memorial Pools Team Leader Adrienne Darbyshire for her service to the Maurie Kjar Memorial Aquatic Centre. Adrienne originally joined Council in 2006 as a lifeguard at the pools. In 2012, Adrienne then became the Pools Team Leader. Thank you for 16 years of dedicated service Adrienne. All the best for your future endeavours.

BETTER OFF FUNDING APPLICATION

Council is currently awaiting feedback after applying for \$4.3 million of 'Better Off Funding' to progress the Stoneham Park residential development at the former soccer club grounds.

As planned, the next step will be to continue engaging with neighbours, Iwi and Tangata Whenua and stakeholders about the development.

The opportunity to apply for the funding is via the Government's Three Waters Reform and is part of the total \$17.2m offered to the Kawerau rohe | district.

After several workshops, and the completion of an initial feasibility report, the Council resolved on September 27 to apply for the funding and use it to fund stage one of the Stoneham Park residential development. The feasibility

report shows that Council is best placed as the developer with the aim of providing a variety of housing options for families, seniors and inter-generational living.

The funding will be 'recycled' through the stages of the development and be available at the completion for use in other community projects and/or infrastructure.

Council is currently working to progress the change of status for Stoneham Park from reserve to residential and is proposing a Residential Development Precinct to maximise the development. We will keep you updated as to the timing for consultation and engagement and look forward to your continued support to provide more housing for our rohe.

ST. JOHN KAWERAU HATO HONE | HEALTH SHUTTLE

In January 2022 St. John Kawerau and Kawerau District Council launched the Kawerau Hato Hone Health Shuttle Service. Thanks to the amazing Kawerau volunteers driving the two shuttles, this service has already made a positive impact. In the year to date from January to September 2022, the service has:

- ▶ Travelled 27,869 kilometres
- ▶ Provided 629 client trips
- ▶ Volunteers giving 975 hours service

The Health Shuttle Team are always on the lookout for new volunteers to ensure that the Monday to Friday services will always be available to the community. If you, or someone you know is keen to join the team, please visit join.stjohn.org.nz

If you have an appointment and you cannot get there, or home afterwards, give the friendly team at St. John a call on 0800 824 325 and select option #2 for Kawerau.

Please call at least 24 hours ahead of your appointment.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS – 2022

12 November	Seriously Social Rafting Competition
15 November	Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting
17 November	PechaKucha Night, Concert Chambers
18 November	Kawerau Interschool Athletics Day, Prideaux Park
21 November	White Ribbon Day
25 November	Rates Instalment 2 Due
29 November	Ordinary Council Meeting
17 December	Christmas in the Park