

PĀNUI

Community Update

Paraire Tekau mā ono Mahuru

QUEEN ELIZABETH II PASSES AWAY

E aroha nui atu ana ki a koutou i tēnei wā | Our thoughts and deepest sympathies are with you at this time.

On September 8, 2022, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II passed away at her Scottish estate, Balmoral Castle. Queen Elizabeth II was the UK's longest-serving monarch, after reigning for 70 years. Her first-born son, Charles now comes to the throne as King Charles III.

If you wish to sign and leave a message to pay your respects to Her Majesty and The Royal Family, we have set up condolence books at the District Office and Kawerau Library.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced that there will be a one off State Memorial Service and nationwide public holiday to mark the passing of Queen Elizabeth II on Monday, 26 September 2022.

See back page for Council services affected by the public holiday.



TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI | MĀORI LANGUAGE WEEK

This week we celebrate Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori | Māori Language Week.

This is a government sponsored initiative that takes place on the third week of September annually. Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori aims to inspire New Zealanders to speak the Māori language proudly and celebrates 50 years since the Māori language petition in 1972.

Māori Language Week is part of a larger effort to revitalise the Māori language and make it more common place in everyday conversation and media.

Keep an eye out for any events this week that you could take part in and learn te reo | the language!

Te Kōwhiringa Pōti 2022 | Local Elections 2022

People will start to receive their voting documents from Friday 16 September.

They can be posted back or you can drop them into the Voting box at Council.

After October 3 people are advised NOT to post them (as they may not make it on time).

Voting closes at 12 noon on the 8 October 2022.

VOTE
2022

LOCAL ELECTIONS

PŌTI
2022

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TE KŌWHIRINGA PŌTI 2022 | LOCAL ELECTIONS 2022

GET TO KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES!

MAYOR-ELECT FAYLENE TUNUI

As there was only one candidate for Mayor, Faylene Tunui has been declared the Mayor Elect and will take up the position of the Kawerau District Mayor following the election on 8 October 2022; once the election results have been verified between 13 and 19 October 2022 and the Mayor and Councillors have been sworn in.

Candidate information profiles for all 12 candidates running for Councillor positions on Kawerau District Council are on our website at kaweraudc.govt.nz.



Rowena Brooking



Warwick Godfery



Louise Kaihau Hiwarau



Carolyn Ion



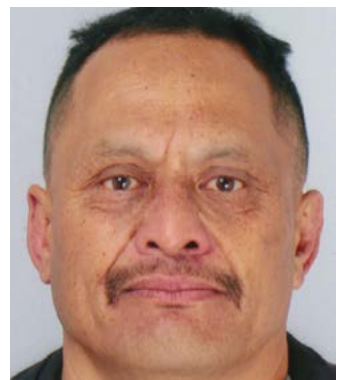
Berice Julian



Sela Kingi



Craig Kenneth McLean



Aaron Rangihika



Justin Ross



Rex Savage



Vivienne Puti Wilson



Vanessa Worrell-Kurth

BAY OF PLENTY REGIONAL COUNCIL TOI MOANA CANDIDATES

We have also included the candidate information profiles for the five candidates running for the Bay of Plenty Regional Council Toi Moana Eastern Bay of Plenty Constituency.

These five candidates are:

- ▶ Malcolm Campbell
- ▶ Mawera Karetai
- ▶ Doug Leeder
- ▶ Russell Orr
- ▶ Sarah Jane van der Boom

Find out what they stand for!

RANGI DELAMERE NETBALL PAVILION UPDATE

The long-awaited rebuild of the Rangi Delamere Netball Pavilion will start soon.

At an extra-ordinary meeting recently, Council approved additional funding to top up the \$550,000 insurance payment received after it was sadly set alight by arsonists in the summer of 2019/2020.

The delays have been frustrating, and Council acknowledges the patience and support of users of the netball facility.

In particular, the delays were caused by a shortage of available builders; the delay of materials; and more recently the discovery and subsequent removal of asbestos on the site. This has now been completed at a cost of \$28,500.

Due to the 'like for like' insurance pay-out of \$550,000 this restricted the rebuild and did not allow for a control tower.

The good news is that after reconfirming the tender price (due to a steep rise in building materials), Wren Construction Ltd plan to complete the rebuild by April 2023 pending no delays or building material shortages.

Council will keep you all posted as to the progress and will work with the whānau of Rangi Delamere to ensure recognition of the namesake of the building.



COUNCIL BRIEFS

NEW RECYCLING TRUCK

Council has recently purchased a new Isuzu tipper truck which will be used to collect recycling (and other operational activities). The former truck will be kept and utilised in the Wastewater Treatment Plant operations.

ShakeOut! 2022

There's still time to sign up to ShakeOut! New Zealand ShakeOut, our national earthquake drill and tsunami hīkoi, is taking place on Thursday 27 October 2022 at 9.30am.

To sign up please visit getready.govt.nz/shakeout/sign-up

SOUND UPGRADE FOR FIRMIN LODGE

Council has approved use of a funding grant of \$35,888 to upgrade the acoustics in Firmin Lodge and Bert Hamilton Hall. The work will start at Firmin Lodge in November. Due to a leak in the roof at Bert Hamilton, repairs are being assessed prior to the sound upgrade.

TARAWERA FALLS ACCESS - WATERHOUSE STREET GATE

Winter hours are coming to an end for the Waterhouse Street gate entrance to the Tarawera Falls. Please be advised the new dates for the opening / closing times for the Waterhouse Street entrance below:

1 April – 30 September 7.30am – 7.00pm

1 Oct – 31 March 7.00am – 8.00pm

For more information, please contact the Kawerau i-Site on 07 323 6300 or by email at infocentre@kaweraudc.govt.nz

MAURIE KJAR MEMORIAL AQUATIC COMPLEX

Closed 17 and 18 September (weekend).

Open 24 and 25 September (weekend).

Closed Monday, 26 September for the Queen Elizabeth II state memorial service and nationwide public holiday.

Following this, the aquatic centre will close for the annual shut on 17 October to complete pool maintenance. This includes repainting of the pool, replacement of tiling and general upkeep of the facility. The plan is to reopen on 7 November.

KAWERAU COMMUNITY GRANTS

Twelve grants were awarded for the Community Grant Scheme 2022 with a total value of \$21,871.

ALCOHOL BYLAW

Following a special consultative process, the proposed Alcohol Control Bylaw 2022 will be adopted at an Extra Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday, 20 September 2022.

MEET THE CANDIDATES EVENING

Learn more about each candidate and what they stand for.

The Meet the Candidates evening will be held at 6.00pm on Wednesday, 21 September 2022 at the Kawerau Town Hall. Interviews will start at 6:30pm.

This event is kindly hosted by Grey Power and Districts Kawerau Nau Mai Haere Mai - All Welcome

The Candidates Have Stood Up. Have You?

You can only make your voice heard if you are enrolled to vote

If you or someone you know needs to enrol...

Phone 0800 36 76 56 Freetext 3676 kaweraudc.govt.nz

COVID-19 PROTECTION FRAMEWORK 'TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM' COMES TO AN END

At 11:59pm on Monday, 12 September Prime Minister Jacinda Adern announced that the COVID-19 protection framework was lifted for all Aotearoa New Zealand, mask wearing requirements to be dropped (excluding health and aged care workers) and all vaccination mandates to be removed on Monday, 26 September.

For visitors entering any Council buildings, wearing a mask is now optional. COVID-19 capacity restrictions have also been removed from our venues. Other venue capacity restrictions apply.

WHAT THIS MEANS IS:

- ▶ Mask wearing is no longer a requirement.
- ▶ Vaccination mandates removed from 26 September.
- ▶ For Council visitors, mask-wearing is optional.
- ▶ COVID-19 capacity restrictions lifted from venues.
- ▶ Only those who test positive for COVID-19 are required to isolate for seven days, household contact no longer need to.

Council will continue to follow Central Government's advice relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. We will keep you updated and informed on any further changes.

COVID-19 VACCINATION AND TESTING UPDATE

Both Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora and Kawerau Pharmacy can provide you with free RAT's (Rapid Antigen Tests) and vaccinations.

TŪWHARETOA KI KAWERAU HAUORA

- ▶ If you are already registered with Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora you can organise RAT collections and vaccinations from them at their clinic.
- ▶ If you are not registered but wish to register and consent, then the Hauora will be able to assist. You can register by visiting the Hauora in person on 28-30 Islington St, Kawerau, by filling out an online form at tuwharetoa.org.nz/contact or over the phone by calling 07 323 8025.
- ▶ Please do not go into the Hauora if you are unwell.

KAWERAU PHARMACY

- ▶ Kawerau Pharmacy are now a collection point for FREE RAT's and face masks.
- ▶ You must first order your RAT's online at requestrats.covid19.health.nz which will generate a unique order number to your mobile phone. After you have received your unique order number, please provide it to the team at the pharmacy.
- ▶ Or you can phone 0800 222 478 and press 3 to speak with the Ministry of Health support team (available Monday to Friday, 8am – 8pm).
- ▶ Reminder – Kawerau Pharmacy can also assist with vaccinations Monday to Friday from 8.30am - 5pm.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Council will observe the state memorial service and nationwide public holiday marking the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

CLOSED

- ▶ District Offices
- ▶ District Library
- ▶ i-Site
- ▶ Maurie Kjar Memorial Aquatic Centre
- ▶ Transfer Station

Kerbside refuse, recycling and greenwaste collections will continue.



- Bay of Plenty Regional Council Toi Moana will be collecting their rates once a year from Kawerau ratepayers directly.
- The annual rates instalment will be sent out via postal or email (if you have signed up to receive your BOPRC rates via email).
- The rates are due on 20 October 2022.
- If you wish to set up a direct debit payment, or discuss payment options please contact:
Bay of Plenty Regional Council Toi Moana
Phone 0800 267 728 Email rates@boprc.govt.nz
Website boprc.govt.nz/your-council/rates

KAWERAU HEALTH SHUTTLE

A reminder that the St John Kawerau Health Shuttle transports people from their home to their medical and health related appointments in Kawerau, Whakatāne, Tauranga and Rotorua.

Stress-free, straight forward, this is a koha (donation) service. St John Health Shuttles are staffed by fully trained volunteers who will pick you up from home and return you after your appointment. Phone 0800 824 325 to book Please call at least 24 hours ahead.