

YOUNG ACHIEVERS AWARDS 2022

Ka Rawe!

Some 120 tamariki received a Kawerau Young Achievers Awards for sporting and academic achievements at district, Bay and national levels.

Top achievers included:

Nikau Grace Chater who represented New Zealand at the World Championships of Performing Arts.

Raiha Cassidy who was selected in the New Zealand Under 16's Touch Team.

Milan Tawera Milosevic who has participated and won many National Touch tournaments with his Rotorua Boys High School Team.

Te Rangikahuia Nohotima and **Herewaka Hona** who have placed in the top three at national VEX Robotics tournaments and **Keyahne Partick Williams** who was selected to star in the highly acclaimed New Zealand film 'Cousins'.

The ceremony began with virtual opening speeches by a star-studded cast of sporting heroes including Canterbury Bulldogs NRL player Jeremy Marshall-King, NZ Gold Medallist and Rugby 7's Star Stacey Fluhler, and former NZ Women's Rugby, League and Rugby 7's international and sports commentator Honey Hireme-Smiler.

Special guests included former NZ Rugby League Captain Richie Barnett, Youth Mentor Tai Tupou from 'I Am Hope', East Coast Labour MP Kiritapu Allan, Mayor Malcolm Campbell and elected members.

The Young Achiever Awards Ceremony was planned, organised and delivered by young people, for young people. This included coordinating the stage, MCing the night, managing sound and visual, delivering food to tables, decorating, making hampers and even packing up the event afterwards. The Kawerau Youth Council exceeded expectations and hosted one of the best Kawerau Young Achievers Awards Ceremony's to date.

The ceremony was well attended with many whānau members coming to support their children/moko.

"We would like to thank everyone involved, none of this would have been possible without the support of our local schools, our Mayor Malcolm Campbell and his Council, the Kawerau Youth Council & Kaumātua Te Haukākawa (Boycie) Te Rire. Once again congratulations to all of our future superstars"

- Kawerau District Council Youth Project Officer John (JJ) Rika.

Above: Members of the Kawerau Youth Council.

Middle: Deputy Mayor Faylene Tunui and MP East Coast Kiri Allan.

Right: Tamariki receive their Young Achiever Awards.



OUR NEW NEWSLETTER DELIVERY TEAMS!

Kawerau and Districts Ageing in Place Inc. (KADAP) and The Kawerau Community Patrol (KCP) have teamed up to deliver the Council newsletters, from our offices and straight into your letterboxes.

This new collaboration comes into play as we say thank you to our former newsletter deliverer, Tracy Hill. For almost two years, Tracy has coordinated the newsletter delivery to the district. Thank you, Tracy, for your time, effort and support.

Council acknowledges this new partnership with KADAP and KCP, as both are local community groups invested in supporting the wellbeing of the community. Welcome on-board team!

KAWERAU COMMUNITY PATROL



There are over 150 affiliated Community Patrols across Aotearoa, and The Kawerau Community Patrol (KCP) is one of them!

KCP aims to prevent crime and reduce harm through the active presence of trained patrollers. KCP strives to create an environment where people feel safe, therefore KCP works closely with Police as extra 'eyes and ears' through intelligence and observation, which assists Police and other agencies to build safer communities.

Community Patrols are independent from the Police but receive regular Police guidance, training and tasking. Other than delivering the Council newsletter, you will see KCP out on patrol and keeping a watchful eye over the community.

If you want to find out more about joining this worthy organisation you can contact KDC by:

- ▶ Email: kawerau@cpnz.org.nz
- ▶ Phone: 027 230 5124

VIRTUAL PUBLIC FORUM

If you wish to raise an issue with elected members, Council is offering a 'virtual public forum' while we are still in the 'orange setting' - where residents can video conference into the Council meeting from home or our Council Office meeting room downstairs (if you do not have internet access at home).

Even if you have never participated in a video conference before, Council staff will be there to help.

If you have an issue to raise to the Mayor and Council, please contact Council on 07 306 9009 or email kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz by 5pm the Friday prior to the meeting you wish to speak at.

KAWERAU AND DISTRICTS AGEING IN PLACE INC.

KADAP is a charitable trust whose mission is to support seniors to live in their home with safety and dignity. They provide a range of services and support by utilising their volunteers to 'fill the gaps' that other organisations cannot. KADAP can assist with grocery shopping, transportation, small repairs in and around the house, companionship, pet care and more. If you need a hand with some of those tasks, get in touch with KADAP.

- ▶ Phone: 07 219 3940 or 07 219 3941
 - ▶ Email: kadapkawerau@gmail.com
- Membership is \$40 per year for a household.

COUNCIL SCRAPS OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOK FEES



Council says no more overdue library fees!

Kawerau is among the majority of Councils nationwide that have made the decision to go fine-free for overdue library books. The idea behind Fine Free Aotearoa is that everyone

can have fair and easy access to information, reading, and learning through our libraries.

Some families have stopped going to the library altogether due to the fear of running up even small fines which they cannot afford.

Kawerau District Library aims to give access to everyone, and this new policy, hopes to achieve that.

Council approved the new fines free policy as part of the 2022/2023 Annual Plan process and this new policy came effect on 1 July 2022.

In addition, any overdue fines on library cards as at 30 June 2022 will be wiped, though outstanding debts that relate to missing books will remain on cards and continue to apply.

Customers with library cards that were previously blocked due to unpaid overdue fines will now be able to use their cards by talking to library staff to remove their old debts.

Come in and see the friendly team at the Kawerau District Library.

WELCOME TO THE COUNCIL

Courtney Cox

Council welcomes the newest member to the Kawerau i-Site's Visitor Information team, Courtney Cox.

Some of you may already know Courtney, as she has been a very public face in Kawerau over recent years. Courtney was on the Kawerau Youth Council from 2017 to 2021 where she honed her leadership skills and became a voice for the youth of Kawerau.

These skills came in handy for Courtney when she started as a checkout operator at Kawerau New World in 2020, just two weeks before the first Covid-19 lockdown. It is fair to say Courtney knows what it is like to be thrown into the deep end.

Courtney brings her customer service experience to the Kawerau i-Site as a part-time Visitor Information Officer. Courtney is responsible for providing tourist information, handling customer queries and giving the best customer service experiences to our valued residents and visitors.

Whilst in her new role at the Kawerau i-Site, Courtney is currently completing a Bachelor of Social Work through Massey University as a distance student.

Welcome to the team Courtney.



ALCOHOL CONTROL BYLAW 2022

Thank you for your submissions and interest for the Kawerau District Council Proposed Alcohol Control Bylaw 2022.

Council appreciates your time, feedback and involvement in this process. Submissions closed on 19 August 2022, and Council has received four total submissions from residents, ratepayers, businesses and community organisations.

The Council had scheduled a hearing for these submitters on 30 August, but as no submitters wished to speak, the Council will consider these submissions as part of the new bylaw and communicate directly with submitters.

Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) Collection

RAT collections in Kawerau will now be facilitated by Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora located at 28-30 Islington Street Kawerau. The process of ordering your RAT's remains the same:

- ▶ You can order the test kits online from requestrats.covid19.health.nz or by ringing 0800 222 478 (option 3) from 8am to 8pm. You will need to have access to a mobile phone to validate their order.
- ▶ You will be issued an order number. You can then collect your RAT order from Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora in Kawerau (or an alternative collection site listed on healthpoint.co.nz).
- ▶ For people who are not unwell or a household contact but want to get a RAT for other purposes, such as visiting an elderly relative, there are retail options available.
- ▶ You can request RAT's on behalf of someone else.

RATES PAYMENTS

Thanks to all our ratepayers who have now paid their first rates instalment.

RATES REBATES APPLICATIONS

Homeowners! Now is the best time to apply for your rates rebate. If you wish to apply for a rates rebate, please contact Council on 07 306 9009, visit us at the Council offices or online at kaweraudc.govt.nz/rates.

MAURIE KJAR MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOLS UPDATE



The fortnightly weekend open / close schedule remains in place at the Pools.

The Pools will be closed this weekend (3, 4 September) then open next weekend (10, 11 September). Please note that the fortnightly closures are only for the alternating weekends and not the weekdays. The Pools will remain open as normal through Mon – Fri.

Winter hours for the Pools will continue until approximately 10 October 2022. After this, the summer hours will come into effect. The winter hours currently are from 9am - 7pm (please be out of the pool by 6.30pm so the team can begin their tidy up). Summer hours will be from 8am – 6pm.

We will continue to keep you posted on any further updates.



LIFEGUARDS WANTED

We currently have four qualified lifeguards at the Pools and are looking for more! Are you a good swimmer? Do you enjoy looking out for others? If learning to become a lifeguard is something you would be interested in, please apply now at kaweraudc.govt.nz/vacancies

UPCOMING EVENTS

Conservation Week	5-11 Mahuru
Te Wiki o te Reo Māori	12-18 Mahuru
Māori Language Week	12- 18 September

IMPORTANT DATES

KAWERAU DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING DATES SEPTEMBER 2022

Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting	9am Tuesday 13 September
Ordinary Council Meeting	9am Tuesday 27 September

TE KŌWHIRINGA PŌTI 2022 | LOCAL ELECTIONS 2022

Enrol and Have Your say Phone 0800 36 76 56 Freetext 3676

Meet the Candidates (Kawerau Council Nominees) (Town Hall)	Wednesday, 21 September Rāhoroi 21 Mahuru
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Voting Period from Friday 16 September | Paraire 16 Mahuru to
12 noon Saturday 8 October | Hatarei 8 Oketopa.



BOP REGIONAL COUNCIL RATES

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) shortly.

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 DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS NOTICE

MAYOR -ONE VACANCY

Faylene Tunui is duly declared Mayor Elect of Kawerau District Council. This becomes effective once the declaration of election results is formalised between October 13 and October 19 2022.

Following the declaration of election results, there will be an official 'swearing in' ceremony for the Mayor and eight Councillors. This date is yet to be confirmed.

ISSUING OF VOTING DOCUMENTS

Voting documents will be posted to electors from Friday, 16 September 2022.

RETURN OF VOTING DOCUMENTS

Voting documents must be returned not later than noon, Saturday, 8 October 2022 to the electoral officer. Voting documents can be returned by post or hand delivered at the District Office, 2 Ranfurly Court, Kawerau between Friday, 16 September 2022 and Friday, 7 October 2022 during normal office hours, and Saturday, 8 October 2022 between 9.00am – noon.

SPECIAL VOTING

A person can apply to enrol as either a residential or ratepayer elector right up to and including Friday, 7 October 2022 – the day before the close of voting.

MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

Want to know more about who is standing for Council?

Grey Power is hosting a 'Meet the Candidates' evening on Wednesday, 21 September at the Kawerau Town Hall. This will be your opportunity to learn more about each candidate and what they stand for.

NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

Notice is given under section 65 of the Local Electoral Act 2001 that the following persons have been duly nominated as candidates for:

COUNCIL (EIGHT VACANCIES)

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	AFFILIATION
BROOKING	Rowena	
GODFERY	Warwick	
HIWARAU	Louise Kaihau	
ION	Carolyn	
JULIAN	Berice	
KINGI	Sela	
MCLEAN	Craig Kenneth	
RANGIHIKA	Aaron	
ROSS	Justin	
SAVAGE	Rex	
WILSON	Vivienne Puti	
WORRELL-KURTH	Vannessa	

As there are (for each office) more candidates than there are vacancies to be filled, an election will be held between the listed candidates on Saturday, 8 October 2022, under the first past the post electoral system by postal vote.