

COMMUNITY UPDATE

6 June 2020

Mayor's Message

With no new cases of COVID-19 for almost two weeks in New Zealand, it looks like we may move to Level 1 sooner than expected.

The Prime Minister's announcement on Monday will confirm the time and day but it is looking like it may be Wednesday next week. You will see the COVID-19 Level 1 'golden rules' in this issue.

The Council will move to fully re-open all Council services and facilities and will keep you informed as to the timing.

The COVID-19 pandemic has once again shown the many community groups and organisations in the district who worked together to help others. On behalf of the Council, I would like to acknowledge the many people who gave their time to help their family, neighbours and friends.

A huge thank you must also go to the many essential workers across all sectors.

Just a friendly reminder that the public consultation period is currently open for the 2020/21 Annual Plan. This document was delivered to all residents last week.

The aim of the 2020/21 Annual Plan is to provide residents and ratepayers with the overview of what Council is planning to do in the upcoming year.

We encourage people to check out the Consultation Document and please do contact the Council to ask questions by phone, email or Facebook.

Council is taking submissions online via a new form on the Council website, on Facebook, by email or using the submission form (available at the Council Offices).

Please do take the opportunity to 'Have Your Say'.

- Malcolm Campbell, Mayor.

Golden Rules for everyone at Alert Level 1

1. If you're sick, stay home. Don't go to work, school or socialise.
2. If you have cold or flu-like symptoms, call your doctor or healthline. Get tested.
3. Wash your hands.
4. Sneeze or cough into your elbow and regularly clean shared surfaces.
5. You must self-isolate if you're told by officials to do so.
6. Stay healthy, work with your GP if you have underlying health issues.
7. Keep track of where you've been.
8. Businesses help people track movements by displaying the QR code.
9. Stay vigilant.
10. Be kind to others and be kind to yourself.

Cabinet will decide on Monday 8 June whether and when to move to Alert Level 1. Until then, Alert Level 2 measures apply.

CDEM 0800 number discontinued

- The Civil Defence call centre **0800 884 222** which was established during the lock-down to support those unable to access food or essential services has been discontinued.
- People who may require financial support can phone the Ministry of Social Development on **0800 559 009**.
- The Temporary Accommodation Support helpline is **0508 754 163**.

Have your say!

We welcome your submission on the Consultation Document for the 2020/21 Annual Plan

Consultation period is from **29 May to 30 June**.

Submissions can be made:

Online at kaweraudc.govt.nz

Email submissions@kaweraudc.govt.nz

Facebook Direct Message

Drop Box on the Islington Street side of the Council building.

Post Chief Executive Officer
Kawerau District Council
Private Bag 1004
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New Zealand is at Alert Level 2

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Cobham Drive Playground

The Cobham Drive Playground upgrade is progressing well. After delays due to the COVID-19 the upgrade is now well underway. The upgrade is a result of a public submission to the 2019/20 Annual Plan by resident Ruth Montgomery who surveyed residents in the neighbourhood around the existing playground. The Council agreed and put \$34,000 towards the playground upgrade which includes new play equipment and a half-court paved surface for a basketball area for older children and teens. The upgrade also includes a see saw and other equipment for younger children and seating which is yet to arrive.



Dog Registration Renewals

- Council appreciates some dog owners may have suffered financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 lockdown. If you wish, please phone one of our customer service staff on 07 306 9009 to set up a payment plan to spread the payments. Please note that all fees must be paid by 31 July 2020.
- You also now have a number of options for paying your dog registration:
 1. You can pay through the Kawerau District Council website, where you will need: Your owner ID number - Your dog ID number - Your credit card or debit card details. Visit: www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/services/pay-it-online;
 2. Pay at the Council offices (weekdays 8am - 5pm);
 3. Pay by credit or debit card over the phone **07 306 9009**;
 4. Pay by cheque - Drop box at Council offices (Islington Street).



Building Exemption

- The Government has announced there will be new exemptions for some building types. These changes are likely to come into effect by the end of August 2020.
- Council is awaiting guidance material from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment as to what these changes mean. With any exempt work, you may wish to discuss this with your insurer. Some exempt work will be required to be done by a suitably qualified person (i.e., licenced plumber, drain-layer etc.)
- If you are considering undertaking exempt building work – please feel free to phone the Council's building team on **07 306 9009** to discuss this.



Library

- While at Level 2, the Library remains open from 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm weekdays only with contact tracing and COVID-19 restrictions in place.
- The Library foyer is open for returns and pick-ups and there is a small selection of books available.
- No computers or photocopying/printing available.
- The wifi is on and can be used outside the building and physical distancing is encouraged.



Maurie Kjar Memorial Pool Complex

- The Maurie Kjar Memorial Pool Complex will re-open 7 days a week from Monday, 8 June.
- In Level 2, Contact Tracing will remain in place.



Rates Rebate Notice

Due to the delay in the 2020/21 Annual Plan process with the COVID-19 pandemic, the applications for Rates Rebates with the Government-funded Scheme will be also be delayed. Applications for a Rates Rebate (for those ratepayers who are eligible) can be made when the first rates instalment is sent out in August.



Kerbside Rubbish

- Next week from Monday 8 to Wednesday 10 June, there will still be one bin collected per household.
- **Kerbside recycling collections will resume on Monday, 15 June.**