

Strategy for a Safer Kawerau Community (2019 - 2022)

Introduction This is the fourth Kawerau District Council strategy to prevent crime. Since the first was adopted in 2013, crime rates in Kawerau have fallen significantly. This iteration has been drafted by Council in partnership with the Kawerau Police and other members of the Kawerau Crime Reduction Forum. It has a term of three years, during which progress will be monitored by the Forum and reported to Council.

Goals The goals of this strategy are to further improve community safety and perceptions of safety in Kawerau and to keep reducing crime, antisocial behaviour and the fear of crime.

FOCUS	OBJECTIVE	COUNCIL ACTION
CCTV	Kawerau Police have access to CCTV footage to help identify perpetrators of crime in the Town Centre.	Provide the hardware and training necessary to enable Kawerau Police to review footage to find reported incidents
	Police can access footage from Firmin Lodge and other Council-owned facilities outside the Town Centre.	Ensure there is suitable, reliable access.
Community education	Articles are published regularly in Council newsletters.	Include a safer community article in each Council newsletter
Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED)	The Town Centre and residential streets are well lit.	Monitor street lighting to ensure it is in good working order at all times
	CPTED design principles are applied to the maintenance, design and redevelopment of public spaces.	Ensure relevant staff have CPTED training
		Conduct CPTED assessments of areas for redevelopment
Drug and alcohol harm	Licensed premises comply with licence conditions.	Manage trees to balance aesthetic values with good visibility
		Explore ways to obtain relevant information from point of sale at all licensed premises

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Drug and alcohol harm cont'd	The Local Alcohol Policy keeps pace with community needs.	Conduct 'sting' operations at least twice yearly.
	Council is connected with the Whakatane ki Mua project in relation to alcohol and drug issues affecting the local community.	Regularly monitor the policy, particularly the trading hours and host responsibility provisions.
		Advocate for residential rehabilitation to be provided in the Eastern BOP.
		Engage with social services involved with drug and alcohol issues in Kawerau.
Graffiti prevention and removal	Council has a current graffiti policy.	Review the policy in 2021 or sooner if required.
	The level of graffiti reduces over time.	Include instances of graffiti in monthly reporting.
		Encourage/support grant applications for murals and other projects which may reduce graffiti.
		Develop or access an in school programme about graffiti prevention and accountability.
	Commercial building owners/occupiers take responsibility for removing graffiti from their own premises.	Keep encouraging retailers and owners to remove graffiti from their buildings.
Use the Council newsletter to publicise the importance of prompt graffiti removal.		
Perceptions of safety	Residents and visitors feel safe in their homes and in public places.	Continue to include a community safety question in the NRB community survey.
		Continue to promote participation in Kawerau Neighbourhood Support.

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Road safety	Road safety implications are considered in operational matters.	The number and suitability of road signs are monitored and replacements made where necessary.
		Instances of illegal parking are notified to Police, with a photo where possible.
Strategic partnerships	Council facilitates the Safer Kawerau Community Forum comprised of Council appointees and members from the local Police, Community Corrections and community crime prevention organisations.	Hold quarterly meetings to foster good working relationships, share information and work collaboratively on matters of shared interest or concern.
	Council has a close working relationship with the Kawerau Police.	Engage the Forum in policy and strategic development processes relating to crime reduction.
	Council supports and works with the community organisations involved in local crime prevention: Community Patrol, Neighbourhood Support and the Māori Wardens.	Receive regular updates on crime reduction initiatives and statistics from the Kawerau Police sergeant at Council meetings.
		Work together on operational matters as appropriate.
		Provide financial and/or in kind support as appropriate.
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Communicate regularly about business as usual matters and via the Kawerau Crime Reduction Forum.		
Strategy review and monitoring	The Safer Kawerau Community Strategy is relevant and current.	Receive progress reports as part of the cycle of non-financial reporting.
Violence reduction	Council encourages animal owners to take proper care of their animals.	Review the strategy in early 2022 or sooner if required
		Encourage dog owners to attend relevant training.