

# Kawerau

A newsletter for residents and ratepayers, from Kawerau District Council

April 2008

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

*I would like to thank you – the Kawerau Community; for your continued interest, involvement, support and contribution to this great District*



*IT is pleasing to advise that our Draft 2008/09 Annual Plan is now available for consultation. As always, the challenge of keeping rate increases to an absolute minimum level while coping with increasing costs has made the drafting of the Annual Plan a demanding exercise.*

*The purpose of the Annual Plan is to:*

- Describe the activities and their associated costs and funding of the Council, for 2008/09
- Provide a basis of accountability of the Council to the Community
- Provide an opportunity for participation by the public in decision-making processes on activities to be undertaken by Council

*Your feedback is invited on any of the issues outlined in this newsletter. Please use the accompanying submission form to let Council know what you think – what you have to say will be most helpful as Council works towards adopting the Draft Annual Plan.*

*On behalf of Councillors and Staff, I would like to thank you – the Kawerau Community; for your continued interest, involvement, support and contribution to this great District, in our aim to provide the best possible service, ensuring a quality of life that is second to none and to maintain Kawerau's status in the Eastern Bay of Plenty.*

**Malcolm J Campbell, JP**  
MAYOR

## It's time to have your say on what's in the Draft Annual Plan

IN this newsletter we present a summary of the information in the 2008/2009 Draft Annual Plan to give you a broad overview of what Council is proposing to do during the coming year.

### Full copies are now available from:

- Kawerau District Council, Ranfurly Court.
- Kawerau District Library, Jellicoe Court.

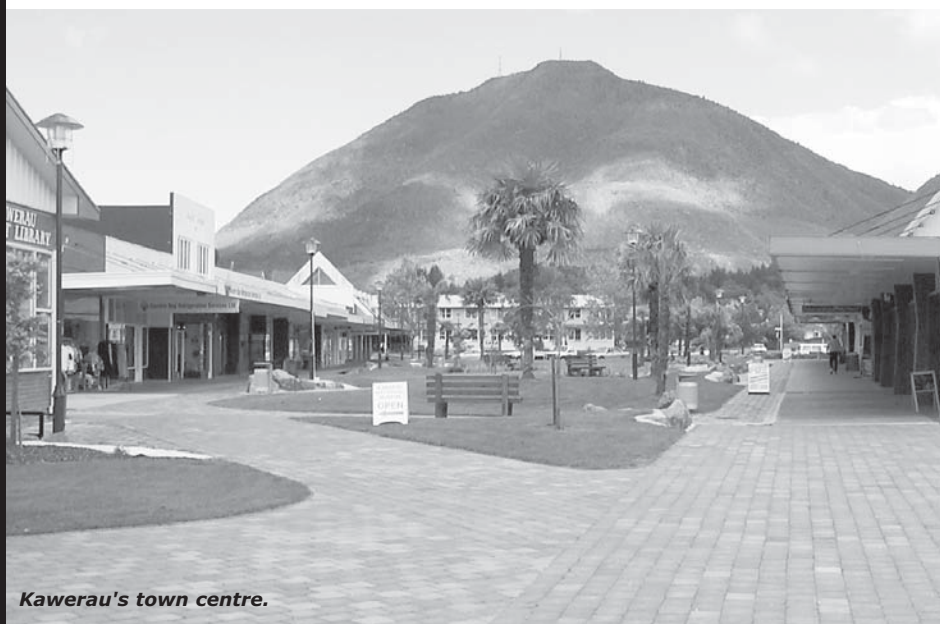
## You have until **19 May 2008** to make a submission

You are invited to make submissions to Council on any matter in the Draft Annual Plan by using the form included in this newsletter.

### Please address your submission to:

Chief Executive Officer  
Kawerau District Council  
Private Bag  
KAWERAU 3169

**Submissions close at 12 noon on Monday 19 May 2008.**



*Kawerau's town centre.*

The Council Offices in Ranfurly Court are open 8.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday. Phone 306 9009.

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## Wastewater Treatment

AS disclosed in the 2007/08 Annual Plan, Council is to undertake the treatment of its wastewater, which has, since the 1980's, been undertaken by Caxton and its successors. This required an amendment to Council's 2006/07-2015/16 Long-Term Council Community Plan last year.

Expenditure will increase over the next two years due to the commissioning of the new wastewater treatment plant. An increase of \$610,000 will occur between 2006/07 and 2008/09. Council will receive one-off funding of \$475,000 from Carter Holt Harvey as part of the settlement and it is intended to use these funds to phase in the resulting rate increase.

	2006/07 Estimate \$	2007/08 Estimate \$	2008/09 Estimate \$	2009/10 Estimate \$
Funding Required	550,290	754,980	1,159,850	1,143,140
Rates	550,290	649,980	789,850	1,143,140
Carter Holt Harvey	0	105,000	370,000	0
	550,290	754,980	1,159,850	1,143,140
<b>Increased Rate Funding</b>		99,690	139,870	353,290
		1.9%	2.4%	5.7%

The 2007/08 Annual Plan included the following use of the Carter Holt Harvey funding but the later than anticipated handover of the plant has led to savings in expenditure in 2007/08.

	2006/07 Estimate \$	2007/08 Estimate \$	2008/09 Estimate \$	2009/10 Estimate \$
Funding Required	550,290	1,073,050	1,079,140	1,060,160
Rates	550,290	649,980	1,027,210	1,060,160
Carter Holt Harvey	0	423,070	51,930	0
	550,290	1,073,050	1,079,140	1,060,160
<b>Increased Rate Funding</b>		99,690	377,230	32,950
		1.8%	6.5%	0.5%

## The Sir James Fletcher Museum

IT is proposed that the Sir James Fletcher Museum be incorporated into the Library activity from January 2009. To date, the Museum has been run by the Sir James Fletcher Kawerau Historical Museum Trust. The Trust would retain some involvement in the operation of the Museum.

The financial implication of this is a rate increase of 0.45% (\$25,000) in 2008/09 and a further 0.45% (\$25,000) in 2009/10.

## Field Amenity Buildings

It is proposed to remove the Prideaux Park toilet block and modify the existing Prideaux Park Pavilion toilets to accommodate both the Public and Pavilion users. The cost of modifying the Pavilion toilets is \$50,000 and will be funded from Depreciation Reserves.

It is also proposed to remove the Stoneham Park toilet block as it is not being utilised.

## Town Hall

A PROPOSAL has been received from Kawerau Blue Light Ventures Inc. to install two climbing walls in the Town Hall.

- A Top Rope Climbing Wall (13m high x 12m wide) on the east wall of the Town Hall.
- A Traversing Wall (13m high x 5m wide) on the north wall of the Town Hall.

Kawerau Blue Light Ventures Inc. had earlier requested that Council issues a licence to occupy for the use of the entire Town Hall.

Further investigation of the proposal by Blue Light Ventures Inc. has led it to withdraw the request for a licence to occupy and its intention is to hire the Town Hall on a regular basis so that other hirers would still have access to the Town Hall.



# Level of Service

## What Council will deliver and how it will be measured

PROPOSED Levels of Service are the same as those in the 2006/07-2015/16 Long-Term Council Community Plan. Those performance measures which are based on a surveyed Community satisfaction level are set on the national average and have been updated to include the latest levels.

Activity	Performance Measure
<b>Democracy</b>	To achieve a surveyed Community satisfaction level, for the performance of the Mayor and Councillors, better than 54%.
	To achieve a surveyed Community satisfaction level, for the "Way Rates are Spent", better than 70%.
<b>Environmental Services</b>	To achieve a surveyed Community satisfaction level, for Other Environmental Services, better than 91%.
	To achieve a surveyed Community satisfaction level, for Dog Control, better than 74%.
<b>Transport Management</b>	To achieve a surveyed Community satisfaction level, for Roding Assets, better than 78%.
<b>Water Supply</b>	To achieve a surveyed Community satisfaction level, for Water Supply services, better than 82%.
<b>Waste Management</b>	To achieve a surveyed Community satisfaction level, for Wastewater, better than 82%.
	To achieve a surveyed Community satisfaction level, for Refuse Collection, better than 81%.
<b>Leisure and Recreation</b>	To achieve a surveyed Community satisfaction level, for Refuse Disposal, better than 65%.
	To achieve a surveyed Community satisfaction level, for the Library, better than 92%.
	To achieve a surveyed Community satisfaction level, for the Swimming Pool, better than 70%.
	To achieve a surveyed Community satisfaction level, for Public Halls, better than 65%.
	To achieve a surveyed Community satisfaction level, for Parks & Reserves, better than 94%.
	<b>Other Activities</b>

## Regional Growth Strategy Implementation

IN the 2006/2007 Long-Term Council Community Plan, funding for the Regional Growth Strategy implementation was provided for two years (2006/07 and 2007/08) from general reserves. To date, the following work has been undertaken:

- Taonga o te Whenua branding
- Events (Woodfest and Christmas in the Park)
- Marketing/public relations
- Tarawera River Project (Kayaking)
- Work with the Kawerau Business Association, Kawerau Tourism Trust and Kawerau Mountain Bike Club

These are ongoing projects that are unlikely to be advanced without a dedicated resource. It is proposed that further work is also required in the following areas to take advantage of the opportunities available to Kawerau:

- CBD Retail area
- Sports club consolidation
- Industrial land availability
- Residential land availability
- Lake restoration

The Draft 2008/09 Annual Plan includes funding of \$85,000 p.a. for the continuation of this work to be sourced from general rates.

## Other

Additional resources are required for the following:

- Implementation of the Building Act requirements.
- Environmental Health due to the anticipated enactment of the Food Bill.
- Strategic Planning including the development of the next Long-Term Council Community Plan (2009 -2019).

## Consult – a – Councillor Sessions

Tarawera Mall | Thursday 8 and Friday 9 May 2008  
From 10.00am to 2.00pm

## Do you own a pool?

**As the owner of a pool or spa it's your responsibility to ensure the Council knows you have one or you risk a \$500 fine.**

You also have to make sure that the swimming pool is fenced. All swimming pool fences must meet the Fencing of Swimming Pools Act and the Building Act requirements **at all times.**

If you are installing a pool you must apply for a building consent for the fence and register the pool with Council.

At Kawerau District Council we are serious about the safety of the children in our community. One of the responsibilities of Council is to inspect swimming pool fencing in our district. If your pool fencing is not up to standard you must empty your pool and repair it to bring it up to standard. If you don't get it right you could face a fine of up to \$500 for non-compliance, and up to \$50 a day for continuing non-compliance. We want to help you get it right. If you have any questions about your pool fencing then please telephone us on 07 3069009. We can give you all the information you need on how to fence your pool area.

# Rates

## General Rates

A general rate levied on the capital value of each rateable property will continue to be charged. This rate generates the funds necessary to provide many of the Council services. In addition, Council will, once again levy a general uniform annual charge. The level of the charge (\$140 per rateable property including GST) is the same as previous years.



## Separate Rates/Charges

THREE separate rates (uniform annual charges) will continue to be levied as follows:

- Water Supply Service Charge - a separate uniform annual charge on each separately occupied or inhabited property to which Council supplies water, except for properties on metered water supply.
- Wastewater Service Charge - a separate uniform annual charge on each separately occupied or inhabited property that is connected to Council's wastewater disposal network.
- Refuse Collection Service Charge - a separate uniform annual charge on each separately occupied or inhabited property from which Council is prepared to remove refuse.

## Overall Rating Position

Based on the financial information contained in the estimates for 2008/2009, the following is a summary of the Council's rating requirements:

Rates	2007/08	2008/09	Difference	
	\$	\$	\$	%
General Rates	5,129,350	5,414,040	284,690	5.6%
<b>Uniform Annual Charges:</b>				
Water Supply	121,050	125,220	4,170	3.4%
Wastewater	131,890	284,530	152,640	115.7%
Refuse Collection	398,920	414,950	16,030	4.0%
	<b>5,781,210</b>	<b>6,238,740</b>	<b>457,530</b>	<b>7.9%</b>

The 7.9% rate increase includes increased costs due to wastewater treatment (2.2%), regional growth strategy implementation (1.5%), increased compliance costs in the regulatory area (0.5%), and increased resources for strategic planning (1.1%).

The following tables compare 2007/2008 rates with the proposed rates for 2008/2009. The tables also show the weekly cost of each rate.

Capital value \$143,000 (typical property)			
Rates	2007/08	2008/09	Cost per week
	\$	\$	
General Uniform Annual Charge	140.00	140.00	2.69
General Rates	994.99	1,034.61	19.90
<b>Targeted Rates (Uniform Annual Charges):</b>			
Water Supply	51.60	53.40	1.03
Wastewater	55.70	120.10	2.31
Refuse Collection	174.60	181.50	3.49
	<b>\$1,416.89</b>	<b>\$1,529.61</b>	<b>\$29.42</b>

Increase for a residential property with a capital value of \$143,000 is 7.95%

Capital value \$200,000			
Rates	2007/08 \$	2008/09 \$	Cost per week \$
General Uniform Annual Charge	140.00	140.00	2.69
General Rates	1,391.60	1,447.00	27.83
<b>Targeted Rates (Uniform Annual Charges):</b>			
Water Supply	51.60	53.40	1.03
Wastewater	55.70	120.10	2.31
Refuse Collection	174.60	181.50	3.49
	<b>\$1,813.50</b>	<b>\$1,942.00</b>	<b>\$37.35</b>

Increase for a residential property with a capital value of \$200,000 is 7.09%.

Capital value \$250,000			
Rates	2007/08 \$	2008/09 \$	Cost per week \$
General Uniform Annual Charge	140.00	140.00	2.69
General Rates	1,739.50	1,808.75	34.78
<b>Targeted Rates (Uniform Annual Charges):</b>			
Water Supply	51.60	53.40	1.03
Wastewater	55.70	120.10	2.31
Refuse Collection	174.60	181.50	3.49
	<b>\$2,161.40</b>	<b>\$2,303.75</b>	<b>\$44.30</b>

Increase for a residential property with a capital value of \$250,000 is 6.59%.

## REMINDER - Rates Rebate Scheme

THE Rates Rebate Scheme is designed to provide low-income ratepayers with a subsidy on their rates. Council operates the scheme on behalf of the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) and in accordance with guidelines issued by it.

If you think that you may be entitled to a rates rebate for the current year (1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008), you must complete an application form, available from Council's Office. To complete the application you will need your Total Gross Earnings for the tax period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007.

Applications for this rating year must be received in Council's Office no later than 30 June 2008. Further information can be obtained from Council's Office or website [www.kaweraudc.govt.nz](http://www.kaweraudc.govt.nz) or visit the DIA website at [www.ratesrebates.govt.nz](http://www.ratesrebates.govt.nz)

## Rubbish & Recycling

HOLIDAYS are always a challenging time for our rubbish and recycling bins as we seem to struggle to fit everything in. Careful separation of all recyclable material will leave more space in the refuse bin.

The biggest problems are glass bottles - they cannot be squashed to make more space in the recycling bin and nobody is taking glass for reprocessing. Buying beer and wine in plastic bottles and casks is a good solution. Our local brewery and liquor shops sell some of these products.



Paper	Newspaper, magazines, junk mail, used envelopes and writing paper, cardboard, beer boxes, packaging.	If paper does not fit into the bin fold it and tie with a string, or put out in a paper shopping bag or cardboard box.
Plastic	Anything marked with 1&2: milk, cream, fizzy drinks, juice and water bottles; cleaning, detergent and shampoo bottles; vegemite and peanut butter jars, sauce and dressing bottles etc. Please remove all lids!	Look at the bottom of the container to find its number. Please wash or rinse all containers!
Glass	All colours of unbroken glass bottles and jars. Please remove lids as they are not recyclable. No plate glass please.	Please wash jars and empty bottles!
Cans	All aluminium (drink) and steel (food) cans	Please wash food cans and put the lids inside them. No need to remove labels.

# Funding Impact Statement

	2008/09 Annual Plan		
	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
<b>Revenue</b>			
General Rates	5,916,990	6,206,440	6,392,640
<b>Separate Rates</b>			
- Water Supply	125,220	142,800	146,600
- Wastewater	284,530	471,580	482,660
- Refuse Collection	414,950	416,020	420,190
Eliminations	(502,950)	(503,160)	(503,410)
<b>Total Rates</b>	<b>6,238,740</b>	<b>6,738,000</b>	<b>6,943,100</b>
Government Grants & Subsidies	265,690	280,770	288,130
Petrol Tax	61,560	63,410	65,060
Interest Revenue	499,640	565,580	646,320
Other Revenue	523,780	526,020	556,280
Eliminations	(359,410)	(357,350)	(349,250)
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>7,230,000</b>	<b>7,816,430</b>	<b>8,149,640</b>
<b>General Rates</b>			
General Uniform Annual Charge	\$140	\$140	\$140
Per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit	2,845	2,845	2,845
Total revenue from the GUAC	\$398,300	\$398,300	\$398,300
<p><i>The purpose of the general uniform annual charge is to more evenly spread the effect of general rates on all ratepayers. The higher the general uniform annual charge, the higher the rates on lower valued properties. The general uniform annual charge level of \$140 has been selected because Council believes this produces the fairest and most equitable overall result for the Community.</i></p>			
<p><i>The objective of Council's system of differential rating is primarily to retain a ratio between commercial and industrial ratepayers on the one hand and residential ratepayers on the other. The rates set on capital value will be apportioned on a ratio of 55:45 (Commercial/Industrial: Residential)</i></p>			

	2008/09 Annual Plan		
	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
<b>Revenue</b>			
Residential Rates (incl. GST)	2,561,623	2,710,146	2,804,329
Residential (per \$ of Capital Value)	0.7235	0.7642	0.7907
Commercial/Industrial Rates (incl GST)	3,130,872	3,312,401	3,427,513
Commercial/Industrial (per \$ of Capital Value)	1.6045	1.6975	1.7565
<b>Separate Rates</b>			
Water Rate (per connected property)	\$53.40	\$61.00	\$62.60
The water supply target rate funds the use costs related to the water supply service.			
Wastewater Rate (per connected property)	\$120.10	\$199.00	\$203.70
The wastewater target rate funds the use costs related to the wastewater collection and disposal service.			
Refuse Collection (per serviced property)	\$181.50	\$182.00	\$183.80
The refuse collection target rate funds the costs related to the refuse collection service.			
<b>Residential Rate Cap</b>	<b>\$2,480</b>	<b>\$2,680</b>	<b>\$2,760</b>

# Prospective Income Statement

	2008/09 Annual Plan		
	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
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Other Revenue	523,780	526,020	556,280
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<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>7,230,000</b>	<b>7,816,430</b>	<b>8,149,640</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Democracy	527,080	532,130	597,130
Economic Development	75,140	76,040	77,460
Environmental Services	750,470	780,930	783,830
Transport Management	1,499,230	1,562,340	1,640,460
Water Supply	1,002,040	1,008,210	1,062,530
Waste Management	2,313,950	2,332,150	2,404,720
Leisure & Recreation	2,629,690	2,650,570	2,694,440
Other Activities	186,000	197,240	217,700
Eliminations	(862,360)	(856,370)	(848,430)
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>8,121,240</b>	<b>8,283,240</b>	<b>8,629,840</b>
Operating Shortfall	891,240	466,810	480,200
<b>Rate Increase</b>	<b>7.9%</b>	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>
Depreciation	2,294,636	2,308,289	2,503,459
Interest Expense	90	80	60

	2008/09 Annual Plan		
	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>			
Asset Renewals	1,137,910	890,870	761,920
Loan Repayments	421,060	111,450	120,960
Operating Deficit	891,240	466,810	480,200
Transfers to General Funds	2,840	84,320	86,390
Transfers to Sinking Funds	0	0	0
<b>Total Funding Required</b>	<b>2,453,050</b>	<b>1,553,450</b>	<b>1,449,470</b>
<b>Funded By</b>			
Transfers from Sinking Funds	318,370	0	0
Transfers from General Reserves	446,810	114,310	86,390
Transfers from Depreciation	1,130,300	881,570	758,960
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>1,895,480</b>	<b>995,880</b>	<b>845,350</b>
<b>Shortfall (Surplus)</b>	<b>557,570</b>	<b>557,570</b>	<b>604,120</b>
Depreciation Not Funded	557,570	557,570	604,120

# Asset Renewals 2008/2009

		\$
Transport Management	Kerb Replacements	\$26,320
	Street Light Upgrades	\$43,320
	Reseals	\$95,000
	Pavement Treatment	\$30,000
	Reseal Car parks	\$12,310
	Footpath Repairs	\$51,300
	Replace Rubbish Bins	\$12,000
	District Seating	\$1,000
	Replace Decorative Lights (Christmas)	\$3,090
	Town Centre Video Cameras	\$3,000
	Handrail/Steps - Massey St Walkway	\$23,000
	Replace Town Centre Cobblestones	\$10,000
	Replace Town Centre Decorative Lights	\$10,000
	Replace Library Ramp/Steps	\$5,000
	Liverpool Street Concrete Infill	\$7,000
	Kerbing - Plunket St/New World	\$10,000
	Bollards - Pool Car park	\$20,000
	Lights - Car park behind Caymans	\$12,000
	Water Supply	Pipework Replacements
Replace Tobies		\$5,390
Valve Refurbishments		\$11,000
Refurbish Pumps		\$5,000
pH Monitoring Pump		\$8,000
Wastewater	Pipework Replacements	\$27,750
	Milliscreen Bearings	\$2,080
	Refurbish Aerator Pump	\$5,000
	Reclad Building	\$10,000
Library	Computer	\$6,360
	Stock Purchases	\$40,690
	Shelves	\$6,000
Pool	Childs Pool Shades	\$4,000
	Lane Ropes	\$1,200
	Hot Water Cylinder	\$800
	Filtration Pump & Impeller	\$3,000
	Dosing Pumps	\$1,000
Rec. Centre	Roof Replacement	\$4,140
	Down pipes	\$2,000
Town Hall	Signs	\$4,000
Concert Chamber	Parapet Gutter	\$4,140
	Down pipe	\$4,000
	Electrical Equipment	\$620
Town Centre Toilets	Carpet	\$1,500
Passive Reserves	Reserve Rubbish Bins	\$3,000
	Boundary Fences	\$30,300
	Sprinkler Replacements	\$3,090
	Signs	\$10,000
	Retaining Walls	\$5,000
	Stoneham Walk Herb Garden	\$10,000
	Tarawera River Project	\$105,360
	Prideaux Park Irrigation & Timer	\$4,000
Playgrounds	Renewals	\$15,440
	Seats & Bins	\$3,200
Library Building	Joinery	\$7,240
Fields Amenity Buildings	Prideaux Park Pavilion Electrical Equipment	\$1,550
	Prideaux Park Pavilion Roller Doors	\$2,000
	New Prideaux Park Toilet Block	\$30,000
	Tennis/ Netball Clubrooms Hot Water Heating Unit	\$310
	Tennis/ Netball Clubrooms Kitchen Upgrade	\$3,000
Depot	Ranch slider	\$2,000
	Boundary Fence	\$3,500
District Office	Air Conditioning	\$3,500
	Carpet, Vinyl	\$45,000
	Hot Water Heating Unit	\$620
	Signs	\$4,000
	Counters	\$5,000
Other	Information Technology	\$59,840
	Vehicles (Trucks, mowers, etc)	\$128,630
		<b>\$1,137,910</b>
<b>Funded By:</b>		
<b>Government Subsidies</b>		
<b>Depreciation Reserves</b>		\$110,300
		\$1,027,610
		<b>\$1,137,910</b>

## KDC Draft Positive Ageing Strategy

THE Kawerau Community has an opportunity to have its say on a proposed policy that targets the needs of the elderly.

At a Council meeting held on 25 March 2008, it was recognised that the Positive Ageing Strategy would be significant to the Kawerau Community as 33% of the population falls within the 50 and older age bracket.

The Strategy aims to promote a positive attitude towards older people and enable them to contribute to the Council's decision-making processes, which would allow more participation in the Kawerau Community.

The Strategy includes five key principles for Council to take into consideration when decision making:-

1. Older people have the right to independence, self-determination and dignity.
2. Older people are able to participate in all aspects of the Community.
3. Older people have the power to make decisions about issues affecting them.
4. The skills and abilities of older people are a community resource.
5. Older people are valued and respected.

The Positive Ageing Strategy is available for public viewing at the KDC office and the Kawerau District Library. Anyone wishing to make a submission must do so in writing, which will be considered at a Council meeting to be held on 27 May.

Submissions close 12pm on 9 May 2008.

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