

HAVE YOUR SAY

Did you know that you are able to ask questions or put forward an idea to your Council?

Before each Committee and Council meeting, 15 minutes is available for members of the public to address councillors and senior council staff on any matter they wish to raise.

Many residents have taken this opportunity over the past few years since it was introduced as an avenue for people to communicate directly with elected councillors.

At October's committee meeting for instance a resident raised his concern at the growing social impact pokie machine gambling was having on the community.

As he stated "gambling on pokies has nothing to do with skill" but "everything to do with profit".

He asked whether Council would take the leap and ban the machines within the township.

While the councillors empathised with his concerns it was explained that Council had very little jurisdiction over existing licensed pokie machines. They were managed in compliance with regulations laid down by the Department of Internal Affairs.

However by law Council was required to have a policy on pokie machines and Kawerau had taken the stance of a "sinking" policy which did not permit further machines being installed.

POOL SUMMER HOURS

With the annual pool maintenance programme completed the Maurie Kjar Memorial Pool is ready for summer use.

Opening hours are

8am – 6pm MONDAY TO FRIDAY

8am to 8pm SATURDAY AND SUNDAY