COMMUNITY UPDATE



22 October





For urgent issues with water, waste or trees, contact Council **24/7** on **07 306 9009**

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From the Mayor

It was good to see the number of people who came to get vaccinated on Super Saturday and to support their family members.

But we still have a long way to go before our community is protected against COVID-19.

Thanks for coming out in force - we had a total of 249 people have their vaccination on Saturday. This gave us a weekly total of around 700 people who are now protected. Kawerau is now sitting at 45.7% (as of Thursday 21/10) who are now fully vaccinated.

Please encourage your friends and whanau to take the opportunity of the upcoming clinics. We are planning on having another Super Saturday #2 this weekend.

The health experts are encouraging people who are worried about the vaccine, or who have questions to talk to their doctor, nurse or visit the COVID-19 website.

It is important to get information that is correct from the health experts.

A huge thank you to the BOP District Health Board team who are ensuring that everyone's experience with vaccination is positive.

There are always many projects that require attention within Council, but we are on board with helping to lift the vaccination levels in the district to protect the health and well-being of people as this COVID-19 Delta virus spreads.

Two other parties, which are 100% on board with this are Mercury and Tuwharetoa mai Kawerau ki te Tai. Both have come on board to support the vaccination drive by supporting a prize draw that we will make on Tuesday, 26 October 2021.

In addition, Mercury has pledged that the higher the vaccination rate lifts in Kawerau the more money they will donate to the community.

Meanwhile, we are waiting for a response from the Government regarding the Three Waters Reform letter and community feedback.

We will let you know once we hear back as to the next steps.

Thanks again for your support spread the word.

Malcom Campbell, Mayor



Deputy Mayor Faylene Tunui and Mayor Malcolm Campbell supporting Super Saturday last weekend where 249 people got vaccinated and enjoyed the entertainment and kai on offer.

CREATIVE NZ COMMUNITIES - FUND OPEN NOW

Applications are now open for the first round of Creative NZ Communities funding.

There is \$31,500 to support the Kawerau district with creative, arts, cultural events, presentations and projects.

Whether it's a mural, art project, presentation or something else – Council wants to hear from you. For more information, please check out the Council website kaweraudc.govt.nz/creative-communities or call into the Council Offices and collect the application forms and information.

Applications close on Friday, 29 October 2021.





Do you or your club have a project that...

- Has an arts or cultural focus
- Will benefit the local community
- Will not commence before your application has been assessed and approved
- Will be completed within 12 months of funding approval
- Has not already received funding from Creative New Zealand for the same project

Then this scheme could be for you!!!

Application forms and guidelines are available from Council's website www.kaweraudc.govt.nz, Council Office or the Library.

Please contact the Administration Officer, telephone 306 9009 or email kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz for further details or to answer any queries and/or assist with completing the application form.

Applications close 5.00pm on Friday 29 October 2021















From Left: Warwick Godfrey: Councillor, Berice Julian: Councillor, Sela Kingi: Councillor (Committee Chairperson), Barbara Morgan: Community Representative, Kelly Johnson: Iwi Representative (Hahuru Marae), Skarlett Starr: Community Representative, Bernie Milne: Arts Representative *Committee members absent - Maryanne Tamatea Iwi Representative (Hahuru Marae)

REQUEST FOR SERVICE

If you have an issue with a Council amenity or service:

- Trees i.e. fallen tree, dangerous trees
- Water i.e. discoloured water, toby, water pressure
- Rubbish i.e. recycling, to request a new bin or crate
- Footpaths i.e. repairs

- Roading (within the Kawerau District)
- Playgrounds
- Reserves
- Venues

Phone 07 306 9009
Email kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz
Facebook Direct Message
Website kaweraudc.govt.nz/contact-us

Please include your name, address and a daytime phone number so staff can contact you. Staff will then raise a Request for Service, which is an official log of all Issues and complaints raised by the public.

If you wish to follow up on a request please contact Council on 07 306 9009.

TREES, TREES AND MORE TREES!



Council has planted a total of 810 trees around the district over the course of this year.

There has been 410 Kahikatea planted in Stoneham's Bell Street face. The other 400 trees have been planted throughout the district and are of mixed varieties comprising Kowhai, Titoki, Totara, Lemon Wood, Camellias, Bottle Brushes, Jacarandas and Flowering Cherries. When these beautiful new trees flower, they will help to add a splash of colour to complement the district. Council would like to thank and acknowledge the work of those involved in the tree planting.

The Poplar trees that had become a danger behind Tarawera High School have been removed and three loads have been sold to Kinleith Mill for pulp.

Just a reminder, Council has a process for tree maintenance and if needed, removal once they become dangerous. We appreciate that people become attached and used to having so many wonderful trees in the district, but some are coming near to the end of their lifetime.

Council will be announcing some exciting news on the treeplanting front coming soon. Please watch this space

BE READY FOR YOUR LIQUOR LICENSING APPLICATIONS

Event organisers who want to apply for a special licence to sell or supply alcohol are reminded that they need to submit applications at least 20 working days ahead of their planned summer events.

Between 20 December and 15 January, there are no 'working days', which means events planned for February 2022 or earlier must have applications lodged by Monday, 6 December 2021.

Event organisers are encouraged to get in early, especially if you are planning to have an event over Christmas or the peak summer months.

Special licences can cover one off or short duration events. People who want to sell supply alcohol over the Christmas period and into February need to know the rules and be prepared. The special licence process aims to reduce alcohol related harm and ensure events are as safe as possible for everyone attending them. The police and district Health Board need time to carry out their part of the process effectively. Late applications are sometimes accepted where there is a genuine reason.

Application forms can be found on the Kawerau District Council website at www.kaweraudc.govt.nz

KAWERAU YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARDS

The Kawerau Youth Council is hopeful that the 2021 Kawerau Young Achiever Awards can be held in person on the postponed date of 12 November. This will be dependent on dropping to Level 1.

KING OF THE MOUNTAIN RACE

Due to the region still being at COVID-19 Alert Level 2, the King of the Mountain Race and the Prince and Princess event has been postponed. The event has been rescheduled until Saturday, 20 November.





Scan The Prince & Princess Online entry QR Code

CEMETERY

The removal of the fence out of the front of the Cemetery has been completed. Council has put a brand new garden border in its place full of vibrant tulips. Feedback from Councillors and the public has been positive about the revamped look.



WELCOME TO THE COUNCIL TEAM

Council would like to welcome the new Engineering Forman, Dhene Banfield.

Reporting to Engineering Manager Andre Erasmus, Dhene will be responsible for a large number of building and engineering tasks around the district, from speedbumps on our roads to the installation and maintenance of amenities.

In his spare time, Dhene enjoys water-skiing. Originally from South Africa Dhene moved from Auckland to get away from all the hustle and bustle of city life and is looking forward to the more relaxed atmosphere that Kawerau provides. Dhene has been with Council for around two weeks now and looks forward to working with the community in his new role.

SUPER SATURDAY - SHOT KAWERAU

Kawerau residents came out in force for the nationwide COVID-19 vaccination event known as 'Super Saturday' last weekend.

A total of 249 Kawerau residents received their vaccination. This awesome effort by the town will help boost Kawerau further up the 'Top Town' rankings.

Across the country, a total of 130,000 Kiwis received their vaccination. This smashed the previous record for the number of vaccinations in one day by a whopping 38,000 doses.

If you or your whānau still need to be vaccinated, there will be more opportunities at the Town Hall and Firmin Lodge in the coming weeks, including for what we are calling Kawerau's Super Saturday #2.

Reminder, you can get your second vaccination three weeks after receiving your first dose.

We've started the ball rolling now let's show the country what we've got! Do it for your Whānau, your Kaumātua, Kuia and Tamariki.

Once a Top Town - Always a Top Town!

KAWERAU VACCINATION DATES

Remember vaccinations are free, you don't need to book - walk-ins are welcome.

Tuesday 19/10 - Firmin Lodge 8:30AM - 3:00PM

Wednesday 20/10 - Town Hall 10:00AM - 3:00PM

Friday 22/10 - Town Hall 10:00AM - 3:00PM

Saturday 23/10 - Town Hall 9:00AM - 3:00PM

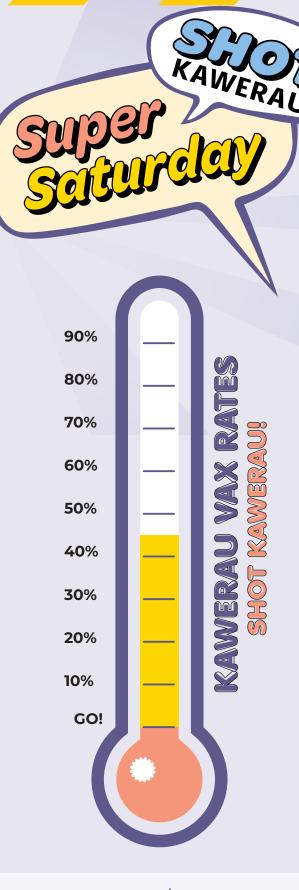
Monday 25/10 - Firmin Lodge 8:30AM - 3:00PM

Tuesday 26/10 - Firmin Lodge 8:30AM - 3:00PM

Wednesday 27/10 - Town Hall 10:00AM - 3:00PM

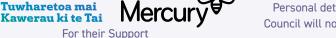
Friday 29/10 - Town Hall 10:00AM - 3:00PM

Saturday 30/10 - Town Hall 9:00AM - 3:00PM





Get vaccinated and go in the draw to win \$10,000 worth of prizes Mercury has come to the party and offered prizes to the value of \$10,000 for a prize draw and so has Tuwharetoa mai Kawerau ki te Tai with \$2,500 for 5 x Smiths Kawerau vouchers.



Personal details will only be used for the purpose of contacting winners. Council will not keep any personal details after the prize draw is completed.