

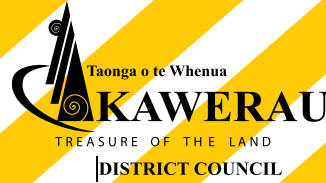
COMMUNITY UPDATE

24 September

KOWHEORI-19

Te Pae Mataara **2**

KAWERAU DISTRICT COUNCIL SUPPORTS TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI



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From the Mayor

We know that life is still far from normal with the need for scanning in everywhere we go, mask wearing and social distancing. But, the COVID-19 Delta virus is not to be taken lightly given the rapid rate of transmission in Auckland.

With people not being able to do all the usual activities, it means we all need to check in with our friends and whānau regularly to make sure they are okay.

As isolation can be a real issue, I wish to applaud the Kawerau Youth Council for their Stoneham Walk recreational activity during lockdown.

Also, a reminder that vaccinations are available at Firmin Lodge in Kawerau every Monday and Tuesday. Book your vaccination by phoning 0800 829 001 or online at bookmyvaccine.nz

I wish to acknowledge and thank the submitters to our Representation Arrangement Review. Despite the challenges of COVID-19 Alert Level 2, we invited submitters to speak at the Hearing in person. We are now considering these submissions, which were mainly on the subject of introducing Māori Wards or constituencies.

At the monthly Council Meeting, we will consider the subject of Māori Wards and the

Representation Review (which is the number of Councillors).

At this same meeting, we navigate the next step of the proposed Three Waters Reform. Our Council will formally adopt and approve our report to the government via Minister Nanaia Mahuta.

We wish to acknowledge the huge response by members of our community to provide feedback. More than 210 people have responded.

It is evident that people have taken the time to become informed and have asked good questions and voiced their feedback about the proposed reform. We will also submit your feedback to the Government on 30 September.

A reminder, this has not been a formal consultation process. We still intend to conduct a formal engagement process to discuss the proposed Three Waters Reform and engage with Mana Whenua, Iwi and hapū, stakeholders and residents.

We are expecting this to be in the last quarter of 2021 and will have a clearer timeline once we submit our report and hear back from the Minister.

We will keep you informed.

Mayor Malcolm Campbell

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He Toku Hapori o Kawerau



NOMINATIONS OPEN
1-29 OCTOBER 2021

Visit kaweraudc.govt.nz to download a nomination form or collect one from the Council Offices

THANKS FOR YOUR THREE WATERS REFORM FEEDBACK

Thank you for the feedback from the community that has been pouring in over the past few days. More than 210 residents provided feedback.

We appreciate that people wanted to have their voice heard and added to the report that Council has to give back to the Government Department of Internal Affairs.

Council greatly appreciates the time residents and ratepayers are taking to provide feedback, ask questions and seek clarification about the Government's Three Waters Reform proposal.

All feedback will be compiled and added to Council's report to the Government. This feedback and the report will be made public at the Council Meeting on Tuesday, 28 September (the feedback, agenda and report will be on the Council website and available in the Council Offices).

Please note, this is not a formal consultation process. Council still intends to conduct a formal process where we discuss and engage with mana whenua, stakeholders, residents and ratepayers.

Kawerau and all other Councils in New Zealand will submit their reports to Government by end of September. The Minister will then come back with a response and we expect this will give us a clearer understanding of the timeline and when we can carry out our formal consultation process.

Contact Council on 07 306 9009 if you wish to know more and our team can assist you.



REPRESENTATION REVIEW - THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUBMISSIONS

Council wishes to acknowledge the submitters for their feedback, and particularly, those who took the time to speak to the Representation Review Hearing in person.

The Mayor and Councillors are still considering the submissions to the Representation Arrangement Review, held at the extraordinary meeting earlier on Tuesday, 14 September.

At the Council Meeting on Tuesday, 28 September – Kawerau District Council will consider both the representation review (i.e., the numbers of Councillors that represent Kawerau) and the subject of Māori wards as raised by the submitters.

There was some discussion about the timeframe to introduce Māori wards at the Hearing with regards to making changes for the 2022 and 2025 elections. The Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) has since confirmed that the timeframe for implementing Māori wards for the 2022 elections was 21 May 2021.

We will provide an update following the meeting on Tuesday 28 September.

RUBBISH REMINDER

At Level 2 kerbside rubbish collections resume as usual.

From Monday, 13 September Council has been collecting general waste, greenwaste and recycling.

Please separate your rubbish from now on.

Spot checks of the greenwaste bins will be carried out from Monday 20 September.

As we compost the greenwaste and use it around our district it must be only materials that compost.

Thanks for your support.



COUNCIL EVENTS

King of the Mountain Race Prince and Princess

- **Saturday, 30 October**
(dependent on COVID-19 Alert Levels)

Prince and Princess of the Mountain Race – in Level 2 the training will be held in Monika Lanham each Wednesday. Meet at the Rec Centre at 4.15pm for a 4.30pm start. This is about a 3km run with similar elevations. Once we drop to Level 1 we are hopeful to be able to train on the course.

Online entries open for the King of the Mountain Race



Scan The Prince
and Princess
Online entry QR Code

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POLICE THANK COMMUNITY

A big thank you to the community from the Police for what was in general a great effort in sticking to the requirements of the various Levels we've recently been through with the COVID-19 Level 4 and Level 3 lockdown.

The Police acknowledge how great the community is here in Kawerau when it comes to COVID-19 alert level compliance – and wish to pass on their thanks and congratulations.

The Police also noted the other good news is a significant decline in car crime in Kawerau, which is an excellent trend downwards from the last couple of months.

Finally, there a new staff member has just started and two more are starting in mid-October which gives us a full complement of policing staff in Kawerau.

Senior Sergeant Tristan Murray

COUNCIL BRIEFS

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

The Resource Management Act (RMA) review is currently underway with Government and is going to be another big change for Councils.

The current RMA is said to be outdated, slow, expensive and not aligning with the principals of the Treaty of Waitangi. The intention is that a new resource management system will deal with challenges more efficiently for current and future generations.

Central government announced in February 2021 that new legislation will be enacted based on recommendations from the Resource Management Review Panel. Their three propositions are a Natural and Build Environments Act (NBA), Strategic Planning Act (SPA) and Climate Adaptation Act (CAA).

The proposal is that Natural and Build Environments Act will replace the current RMA. It will be an integrated statute for land use and environmental protection.

DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW

In our Long Term Plan 2021-2031 we had budgeted to continue with the District Plan Review. This is a major undertaking for Council and is completed every 10 years. However, Council is currently assessing how the Resource Management Act reform affects the review of the District Plan.

RATES EXTENSION PERIOD ENDS

Thanks to all our ratepayers who have now paid their first rates instalment. Council had extended the payment period until Friday, 24 September to enable people who pay in the Council Offices time to pay this.

Reminder that if you need to set up direct debit payments or discuss how to pay your rates and other Council invoices – please talk to our Customer Services team or call us on 07 306 9009.



A new stop sign has been put in on Glasgow Street. This is to help keep motorists, pedestrians and cyclists safe.

Thank You

BOUQUET FOR KAWERAU YOUTH COUNCIL

Councillors wished to acknowledge the Kawerau Youth Council for their initiative of promoting exercise during COVID-19 lockdown. The Youth Councillors put together a video thanking essential workers and promoting a 'teddy bear' treasure hunt at Stoneham Walk that was well received.

The Councillors said it was an excellent idea and great to encourage people of all ages to get outside and enjoy the beautiful Stoneham Walk area.

Reminder:

Due to COVID-19, the Kawerau Young Achiever has been postponed until Friday, 12 November at the Kawerau Town Hall.

(From left to right) are: Kawerau Youth Councillors Matariki Turuwhenua, Josie Kopae, Munro Elliott-Brooking



DOG REGISTRATION

Thank you to all those responsible dog owners who have registered and paid their favourite friends.

Thank you



OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2021



This school holidays we are adapting and organizing our holiday programme to run as take home activity packs. Pickup anytime between 10am or 12pm on the day. If you would like to take part in this programme, please contact us via email, phone, or Facebook messenger.

WEEK 1: Monday 4th October – Friday 8th October

- Monday** **Caesar Ciphers**
Try your hand at some spy craft, and see if you can decipher the secret codes.
- Tuesday** **Twig Hanging**
Make your own wall hanging using twigs and wool. How crafty are you?
- Wednesday** **Money Pot**
Decorate your own money pot and start saving for Summer.
- Thursday** **Lucky Dip**
What will you get? Randomly choose from a selection of crafts and activities.
- Friday** **Join the Secret Seven**
Come and join the Secret Seven. Do you have what it takes to be a detective?

WEEK 2: Monday 11th October – Friday 15th October

- Monday** **Earth Science Kit**
Make a windwatcher or learn about pollution. What else will you discover?
- Tuesday** **Mad about Madlibs**
Fill in the blanks to make a silly story. Read it out loud to your family and friends.
- Wednesday** **Rescued Pencil Pots**
Reuse a cup and turn it into a colourful pencil pot.
- Thursday** **Design your own Jigsaw**
Make it as colourful as you can and give it to a family member to put together.
- Friday** **Sudoku for Kids**
Test your skills, participate in problem solving challenges.

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