

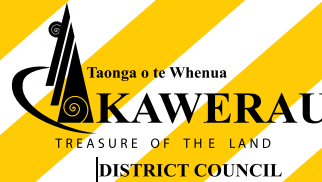
PĀNUI

Tekau o Mahuru

KOWHEORI-19

Te Pae Mataara **2**

KAWERAU DISTRICT COUNCIL SUPPORTS TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI



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

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Sharing good times: the late former Mayor Lyn Hartley and Malcolm Campbell.

Te Pānui o te Koromatua

These are interesting and challenging times. The COVID-19 Delta Virus is in New Zealand and we are all facing major restrictions and changes in our daily lives.

It is fortunate the virus hasn't made its way here. We can control how we respond and perhaps the best tool we have against COVID-19 is vaccination. You can now book online to have your vaccinations in Kawerau or phone the Eastern Bay 0800 829 001 number.

At Council, our staff are working and available to assist you. We thank you for your support and patience.

Along with our daily business operations, we are working our way through the Government's proposed Three Waters Reform. Under the reform model, Kawerau's drinking water, wastewater and stormwater assets would be part of Entity B with 22 other Councils from the wider Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Taupo and Taranaki regions.

We have now received the independent review of the Three Waters Reform proposal from international consultants, Castalia.

On Tuesday, we held a workshop with Councillors and staff to discuss the initial findings.

We have always said we would share this independent review with the Kawerau community and give residents an opportunity to have their say. The review from Castalia and the report from Tūhura Partners, the government-funded agency that is assisting the Department of Internal Affairs are both available on our Council website.

We had intended to run a formal consultation process later this year, but it is timely to ask for feedback now.

Gathering your feedback now means we can add any issues and concerns you raise into our report back to the Government at the end of September. The Government advises that we are not expected to make any decisions about opting in or opting out at this stage.

It is important to note, that if change is warranted and the outcomes stand up to scrutiny we would always support it, whether it is a reform or a change of practices.

We also continue to collaborate with other Councils in the proposed Entity B region, many of whom are doing their own evaluations with external consultants.

We encourage residents to become informed and to have your say by going on to the Council website and Facebook sites and using the online feedback form or emailing us at submissions@kaweraudc.govt.nz

You can also post your written feedback to us (at Level 3 our Offices are closed).

Finally, I wish to acknowledge the passing of former Mayor Lyn Hartley recently. It is difficult to do justice to Lyn's immense contribution to Kawerau and the many areas of the community she was involved with. It was an honour to sit under her leadership and also to have her continued support over the years.

Moe mai ra old friend - Rest In Peace

Mayor Malcolm Campbell

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FOOD REGISTRATION

Did you know?

All premises that prepare food require certification from the Council.

Even if you prepare food at home and sell it via Facebook Marketplace you will need to be registered. This is especially important now with the risk of COVID-19 Delta in the community.

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

COMMUNITY GRANTS APPLICATION EXTENDED

Applications to the Kawerau Community Grants scheme have been extended due to the COVID-19 lockdowns.

The Community Grant Scheme is a Council fund to enhance the well-being of Kawerau people by supporting groups and/or services that improve the quality of life of local residents.

Council allocates approximately \$19,000 per year to this fund. Successful applicants are eligible for up to \$3,000 per application.

The Community Grants Committee will delay their meeting.

The Scheme is available to any non-profit group that provides a service which enhances the quality of life of Kawerau residents.

For more information please check

<https://www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/about-council/community-grants/community-grant-scheme>

RUBBISH REMINDER

At Level 2 kerbside rubbish collections resume as usual.

From Monday, 13 September Council will collect separate general waste, greenwaste and recycling.

Please separate your rubbish from now on.

If your 240L bin is already filled with general rubbish, please put it out as your general waste bin, and start separation the next week.

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.



RATES PAYMENT EXTENSION



The first instalment of rates for the 2021/2022 year was due on Friday, 27 August 2021.

For people who usually pay their rates in the Council Offices we have extended the payment date until 5pm Friday, 24 September.

We appreciate not everyone is set up for online banking, so ratepayers will have two weeks to come and pay the balance of the Instalment 1 rates invoice. There will be no penalty for ratepayers as long as their rates balance is back to zero by the end of the grace period.

Please remember you can pay your rates by online banking or via the Council website

www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/pay-rates

Thanks to all our ratepayers who have already paid this first instalment.

For any queries please phone 07 306 9009 or you can email us on kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz

OPEN LEVEL 2

TRANSFER STATION

The Transfer Station will be open, but under the strict COVID-19 Level 2 guidelines.

- It will open daily from 12noon until 4pm.
- Usual charges will apply. Eftpos or Debit cards only. Cash will NOT be accepted.
- Customers MUST wear a face covering or mask as per the government's COVID-19 restrictions. Please ensure you do wear a mask, and that you stick to social distancing and hygiene practices.

COUNCIL OFFICES

Open with Level 2 restrictions. Please wear a mask and scan or sign in.

- At Level 2 the public are not permitted at Council Meetings.
- At Level 2 restrictions, public groups will not be permitted to use the Council Chambers or Committee Rooms for meetings.
- Contact tracing will be carried out as per the COVID-19 guidelines. Please do not be offended our staff will ask for your details, if you do not have the Contact Tracing App.
- Please be patient and kind – there may be some delays.

For any queries please phone 07 306 9009 or you can email us on kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz

RAMONA WOODS - FAREWELL AND THANKS

After 31 years of library service, Ramona Wood retired from the Kawerau District Library, on Friday 27 August.

Ramona first worked for the Library April 1978 to June 1979 (14 months) under the District Librarian Flora Dow. She did such a good job that Flora hired her in September 1991 to work permanently as a part-time library assistant. Back then it was late night Thursdays but in the late 1990s, it changed to Saturday mornings and Ramona has been a regular on the roster ever since.

Library and Museum Manager Susan Harris says "Mona is going to be missed for her fun outgoing personality and she is very popular with young and old alike.

Mona is always the first to get involved with our programming whether its story telling with the kids or running the bar at Pecha Kucha.

When Ramona started, it was card catalogues and no computers, and now digital services and helping the public with their queries is where the role evolved to.

Kawerau District Council thanks Ramona for her 31 years of service to the Kawerau community and wish her and husband Rex all the best.

We're sorry that with the level-4 lockdowns, it means we're not able to send her off as we wished but know she is happy looking forward to spending more time with whānau once lockdowns are over.

Top: Council thanks Ramona Woods.

Middle: Long serving librarians Erica Valk, the late Rowena Dowie and Ramona Woods celebrating the Kawerau District Library's 65th anniversary in 2020.

Bottom: Erica Valk, Aimee Ratana, Janice Tekii and Ramona Woods.



Vaccination Details Phone 0800 829 001

Even under COVID-19 Level 2 – people can book and receive their COVID-19 vaccinations in Kawerau.

Kawerau and Eastern Bay residents can book their vaccinations by phoning 0800 829 001.

Vaccinations in Kawerau occur at Firmin Lodge in Waterhouse Street on Monday and Tuesday - but they must be booked and strict Level 2 conditions are in place.

Remember everyone aged 12 and over is eligible for the COVID-19 vaccination which is free.

- **For any queries please contact 0800 829 001**

COUNCIL VENUES LEVEL 2

From Monday, 13 September Council will reopen the Town Hall, Concert Chambers, Rec Centre, Bert Hamilton Hall and Firmin Lodge.

However, with the Delta Alert Level 2 restrictions there will be new guidelines when hiring the Council venues.

Council is taking a cautious approach and permitting smaller group activities in its venues to minimise the risks and impacts on the community.

Council apologises in advance that some hirers may not be able to meet the new COVID-19 Level 2 requirements.

Council will review and adapt our venue arrangements to meet Level 2 guidelines.

Please contact Council on 07 306 9009 with queries.

THREE WATERS REFORM - COUNCIL ASKS FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

In July 2020, the Government launched the Three Waters Reform programme.

Currently 67 different councils own and operate the majority of the drinking water, wastewater and stormwater services across New Zealand. The intention is that four entities will manage the drinking water, wastewater and stormwater in New Zealand and benefit from scale and operational efficiencies.

We encourage you to become well informed about the Three Waters Reform proposal from all parties.

USEFUL THREE WATERS REFORM WEBSITES:

- ▶ dia.govt.nz/Three-Waters-Reform-Programme
- ▶ lgnz.co.nz/reforms/three-waters
- ▶ kaweraudc.govt.nz/three-waters-reform-updates

Printed Information Packs are available at the Council Offices



Under the reform model, Kawerau's drinking water, wastewater and stormwater assets would be part of Entity B with 22 other Councils from the wider Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Taupō and Taranaki regions.

Kawerau District Council has now received the independent review of the Three Waters Reform proposal from international consultants Castalia (available on Council's website).

Q. Will the Kawerau Council District and Residents be better off under Three Waters Reform?

A. The DIA funded Tūhura Partners "Balanced Scorecard" suggests no. Castalia's review suggests that the (WICS) modeling is so flawed that it is not possible to answer this question.

Q. Are there significant risks to Council should Council decide to opt out of the Three Waters Reform programme?

A. Castalia's evaluations indicate risks should Council join the reform and recommends Kawerau puts a constructive counter-proposal to government.

Kawerau has been asked to submit a report to the government's Department Internal Affairs (DIA) with any amalgamation issues and concerns by the end of September.

We want to gather feedback from the community and add it into our report back to the government.

Council is not expected to make any decisions now whether to opt in or opt out of the reform.

SOME OF THE CONCERNS ALREADY RAISED INCLUDE:

- The modelling being taken from the Water Commission for Scotland and comparing that to New Zealand, and specifically to Kawerau.
- The data and assumptions used in the analysis by the Government's Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) funded Tūhura Partners.
- Having influence over local decisions.
- Effective representation on Entity B with the proposed six Council representatives and six Iwi leaders.
- Ensuring the forecast savings for ratepayers are realistic and can be delivered.
- Ensuring the water assets are protected against privatisation.
- Ensuring that Council's strategic planning is taken into consideration.
- That our Three Waters Council staff and Three Waters local contracting businesses have ongoing involvement in the delivery of Three Waters services.

YOU CAN GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK

- **Website** kaweraudc.govt.nz/three-waters-reform-updates
- **Facebook.com/KawerauDistrictCouncil**
- **By posting your written feedback:**
Kawerau, District Council,
Private Bag 1004, Kawerau 3169
- **Drop in** at Council Offices, 2 Ranfurly Court, Kawerau.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Feedback about the Three Waters Reform proposal: _____

Please add additional pages as required

Please Note: Your information is held and administered by Kawerau District Council in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020 and Kawerau District Council's Privacy Policy. Your submission will be made available to Councillors, Council staff, and the public as part of this consultation process. Copies of submissions may also be released at any other time, upon request.