



MAY 2019



## Community Update

# From the Mayor

The recent provincial growth funding announcement is a great positive for Kawerau and the Eastern Bay.

We were proud to host Minister for Economic Development Shane Jones and Minister for Employment Willie Jackson when they made the \$2.2 million funding announcement at Firmin Lodge recently.

Two of the programmes being funded will be delivered in Kawerau and will enable rangatahi and people of all ages to access training, support and pathways to employment. As I said to our rangatahi who attended, this is a timely investment in their future. More details of the programmes are in this newsletter.

It was heartening to have more than 100 people attend, including rangatahi from Tarawera High School and the Salvation Army training programme, along with business leaders, social service organisations and councillors.

Our Kawerau Youth Council did us proud at this event with Youth Councillor Majeane Rogers the master of ceremonies (MC) and 2019 Tuia Youth Representative Iraia Nuku speaking on behalf of the rangatahi.

I would also like to congratulate Majeane, a year-12



student at Tarawera High School, who has been selected by Bluelight to represent our region overseas and also Iraia who continues to represent our district with pride as the Tuia Delegate.

It was a big day in Kawerau with the Putauaki Trust officially opening Waiu Dairy, with plans to start operations in the coming weeks. Waiu Dairy offers significant employment opportunities and adds to our expanding manufacturing and industrial centre.

Negotiations are progressing well with Iwi regarding the off-highway network which will benefit existing and proposed industries in our district and the region and will also enable the container terminal to proceed.

These projects support economic growth across the Eastern Bay and we continue to work with the Whakatane and Opotiki districts to harness these opportunities.

Meanwhile, the Council's own residential projects which include the Porritt Glade and

Central Cove developments, are progressing well with a good number of expressions of interest by potential buyers.

We are still in the 2019/20 Annual Planning process and I would like to thank all the people who made an effort to put forward their ideas and concerns through submissions.

Thanks also to the people and groups who assist and support Council, such as the Friends of the Stoneham Walk group, outlined in this issue and others who assist with the Kirk Street gardens.

Next month, I will return to Nanchang in China, this time with the Opotiki and Whakatane Mayors, to sign an accord that aims to progress opportunities in education, industry and tourism.

Finally, I encourage you all to ensure you are enrolled to vote in the upcoming local body elections in October. It is well known that I intend to stand for re-election as Kawerau Mayor, so the June newsletter will be my final column until after the elections.



# Provincial Growth Funding for Kawerau

The Minister for Regional Economic Development Shane Jones and Minister for Employment were in Kawerau on Friday, 17 May to announce funding of more than \$2.2 million to three programmes through the Government's Provincial Growth Fund.

The announcements were made at a breakfast function hosted by the Kawerau Council at Firmin Lodge. Mayor Campbell welcomed the Ministers and more than 100 people who attended, thanking them for "getting on board with collaborative Eastern Bay approach and vision to invest in our rangatahi and grow our regional economy".

Mayor Campbell told the youth who were there, "It is about you, about your futures."

The two Kawerau-based initiatives (outlined below) have been part of a long-term strategy



**Above: Minister Willie Jackson makes the funding announcement at Firmin Lodge recently.**

**Right: Mayor Campbell and Minister Shane Jones**

supported by the Industrial Symbiosis Kawerau group or ISK, an initiative supported by Iwi, a collective of businesses and local government in the Kawerau district.



**Kawerau Mayor Malcolm Campbell, Youth Councillor Majejan Rogers, Labour MP Kiritapu, Allan Tuia Delegate Iraia Nuku, Minister Shane Jones and Kawerau Pathways to Work Co-ordinator Faylene Tunui (also Deputy Mayor).**





*The Kawerau Youth Council and Tarawera High School students with Minister Willie Jackson (Centre) and Kawerau Mayor Malcolm Campbell.*

# Kawerau Pathways to Work

The Kawerau Pathways to Work project secured \$969,000 of funding for projects that will be delivered by Industrial Symbiosis Kawerau and Tuwharetoa Ki Kawerau Health, Education and Social Services.

In 2018, the project was given backbone funding to establish a part-time co-ordinator role which Faylene Tunui was appointed to. The initiatives in the latest round of funding are for:

40 three-month cadetships staggered over two years. A part-time co-ordinator will be employed to manage the project and work with employers to create cadetship opportunities and match them with interested rangatahi.

Another initiative is the industry training (apprenticeship) support services which will also employ a part-time industry training support co-ordinator. The co-ordinator will work with local businesses and Industry Training

Organisations (ITOs) with the key objective to encourage Kawerau employers to create more apprenticeship positions and connect them with suitable young people.

The programmes Tuwharetoa Ki Kawerau Health, Education and Social Services will deliver focus on supporting school-leavers, work-readiness, post-placement (pastoral) and full class-1 driver licensing.

The funding will enable two paid support roles in a training co-ordinator and a workplace engagement and support role with Tuwharetoa.

These four positions will soon be advertised and if any employers or rangatahi are interested please contact Faylene at Kawerau Pathways to Work by emailing [coordinator@kptw.org.nz](mailto:coordinator@kptw.org.nz) or Tuwharetoa Ki Kawerau Health, Education and Social Services by emailing [admin@tuwharetoa.org.nz](mailto:admin@tuwharetoa.org.nz)



*Pictured is Minister for Employment Willie Jackson (centre) with Toi-EDA representatives and the logistics training partners and Kawerau Mayor and Councillors.*

# Driver Operator Training Centre

The Driver Operator Training Centre received \$598,000 provincial growth funding.

Based at Manukorihi Drive in Kawerau, the Driver Operator Training Centre will provide training for people to gain the skills industry needs to drive and

operate vehicles and machinery. It will be delivered by Toi-EDA who has partnered with three training providers to offer a range of courses from 1 July 2019.

There is a strong demand for skilled drivers and operators with an estimated 70 vacancies

within the Eastern Bay region that will treble in the coming years as new industrial developments take hold.

The centre will offer training for a range of mobile equipment operators required in construction, agriculture and horticulture contracting work.

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## CANOE SLALOM SUCCESS

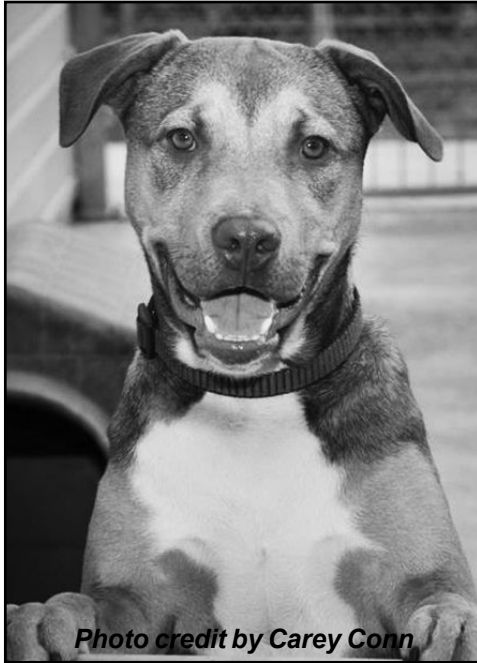
Olympic silver medallist Luuka Jones (pictured) was among the hundreds of competitors who took on the Tarawera River at the recent New Zealand canoe slalom national championships recently.

Luuka won her 10<sup>th</sup> New Zealand canoe slalom K1 title.



*Photo by Jamie Troughton/Dscribe Media*

# Dog registrations - pay online



Kawerau is still one of the most reasonable districts to own and register a dog, even after the registration fee increases.

Registration reminders were posted out to all dog owners this month. The new annual registration fee is \$35 for de-sexed dogs and \$70 for entire dogs.

There is now an option of paying your dog registration online. To pay online, you need your owner identification (ID) number, your dog ID number and your credit or debit card details.

For more information please visit [https://](https://kaweraudc.govt.nz/services/pay-it-online)

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Owners have until 31 July to pay the registration fee, after which a 50 percent penalty is payable.

Remember also if you are looking for a pet, please consider animals that are currently in the pound or at the Kawerau SPCA who are looking for 'forever homes'. Pictured is Nutmeg – a dog that was in the pound but has now been rehomed with help from the Kawerau SPCA.

For any queries please give Council a call on 07 306 9009.

## News from the Library

Thanks to all library users for their patience over the time the library has been closed for health and safety alterations.

The limited services library has been operating downstairs in the Council office in Ranfurly Court and will continue to be open from 10am until 5pm until Friday. People can return library books, have them re-issued and select new books from a small quantity of books available.

Remember your Kawerau library card enables you to borrow from Edgecumbe, Whakatane and Rotorua libraries. Plus, the online services as follows: [https://ent.kotui.org.nz/client/en\\_AU/kawerau/](https://ent.kotui.org.nz/client/en_AU/kawerau/) or <https://www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/services/library>

Thanks again and apologies for the inconvenience to all our library patrons. The Kawerau District Library is due to open on Tuesday, 4 June.

Pictured in the temporary 'pop-up library' is Kawerau Senior Library Assistant Erica Valk and

Youth Librarian Jacqueline Godfery.

Coming Up: On Thursday, 13 June is the ever-popular Pecha Kutcha night at the library where presenters show 20 images and talk for about 20 seconds. For more information or to register as a presenter please contact Wendy Montrose by phone 07 306 9009

or email [wendy.montrose@kaweraudc.govt.org](mailto:wendy.montrose@kaweraudc.govt.org)

Toastmasters Open Meeting in the library on Monday, 1 July at 7pm. Everyone welcome. Toastmasters Kawerau is a fantastically supportive club and Toastmasters is a good way to not only improve your public speaking but it's a great way to boost your confidence.



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# Friends of Stoneham walk



***Pictured is Friends of Stoneham Walk co-ordinator Sheryll Marshall and Kawerau District Council Amenities and Gardens Team Leader Robyn Wilson.***

A group of local people who enjoy gardens and love Stoneham Walk have started a group to support the redevelopment of Stoneham Walk. The idea is to collaborate and support the Council with ideas, planning and hands-on work in the area.

Kawerau District Council Amenities and Gardens Team Leader Robyn Wilson said it was a great initiative. "We are proud of the gardens and green spaces in our Kawerau district, they have drawn positive attention from within and outside the area and we've received excellent feedback recently from the renowned Hamilton Gardens manager."

"We are a small team with four gardeners for the district and we know that together with this group we can really add to the beauty of Stoneham Walk."

The Friends of Stoneham Walk group is looking to help Council's gardening team by:

Sharing ideas for garden layout and planting schemes

Growing on baby trees such as rhododendrons for later planting out

Hands-on help with planting, weed control and pruning

Fundraising for specimen

trees and garden furniture

With about five members, the Friends of Stoneham Walk are looking for more residents to get involved.

"We are looking for people with ideas as well," said group co-ordinator Sheryll Marshall who moved to Kawerau three years ago. An avid gardener and former garden centre owner Mrs Marshall encourages people to get involved.

"It's a lovely area for the community to enjoy and we trust that the group's help will support the Council's work and benefit the area."

The Kawerau Council gardens team will also be working in Stoneham Walk with some 1,300 natives to be planted in stage one.

Ms Wilson said there was all sorts of possibilities for the area including an arboretum in the area that would include unique trees for the community to enjoy.

If you enjoy gardens and gardening, have a bit of spare time and would like to help keep Stoneham Walk beautiful please contact Sheryll Marshall ph 323 6675 or 0274 920 999 or the Council on 306 9009.





# Winter pool hours underway

The Maurie Kjar Memorial Swimming pool continues to be well patronised even as the weather cools down.

Winter opening hours are Monday to Friday 9am until 6.30pm (pool cleared) with the complex closing at 7pm. Saturday and Sunday opening hours are from 10am

until 6.30pm (pool cleared) and closes at 7pm.

Aqua exercise classes are held Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9am to 10am and Monday and Thursday evenings from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. Green prescription welcome.

Pictured is Council Swimming Pool Team Leader

Adrienne Darbyshire taking this aqua exercise class which is always popular.

There is also a walking group that leaves the pools on Mondays at 9am.

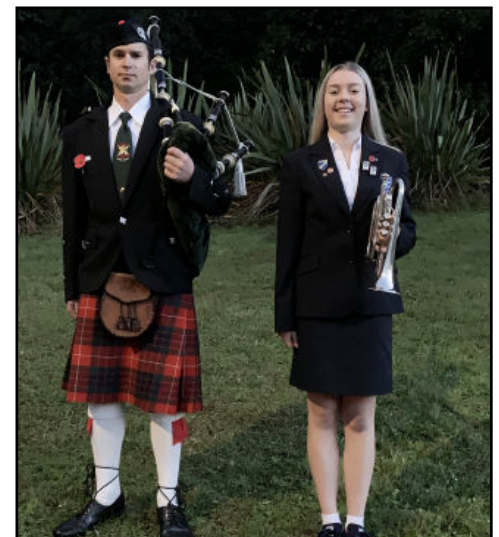
The facility can be privately hired after hours and booked through the Council office.

## ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS

A combined effort by a number of community groups and organisations made the 2019 ANZAC Day commemorations a huge success. Mayor Malcolm Campbell said it was an important community occasion to recognise the sacrifices of our forebears and heartening to see the many young people attend and also support the event.

Pictured is piper Bevan George and bugler Courtney Wilson who made their debut at the parade.

Thank you to the Ex Navalmen's Club, Rautahi Community Marae, Air Training Corp (ATC), our guest speakers and all volunteers. Ka maumahara tonu tatou ki a ratou - We will remember them.





# Council Updates

## Annual Plan submissions

Public submissions closed recently for the 2019/20 Annual Plan. Nineteen submissions were received. People who wished to speak to their submissions did so at an Extraordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday, 14 May. Submissions covered a range of matters including the recycling collection and Council's proposed increases to fees and charges.

Specific requests included a Cobham Drive playground upgrade, a CReW-type upcycling centre at the waste transfer station and improvements to the swimming clubrooms. There were also submissions against the increased dog fees, rates and charges. Two submissions were received regarding water.

## Capital Works

The project to replace the stormwater drains by the Council building in Ranfurly Court has started.

Footpath repairs continue around the

town.

## Water Reticulation System Cleaning

The air scouring project to clean the entire Kawerau District water reticulation system continues with great results.

Thanks to residents for their patience and support of this project which will continue for another month until completed.

## Kawerau Water Reticulation System

In response to public requests to the Council, the following map shows the Kawerau District water supply system.

As outlined in the key there is a combination of PVC, steel and asbestos cement pipes within the district.

The plan to replace the asbestos cement pipes with PVC is being developed as part of the Council's maintenance programme.

