

COMMUNITY UPDATE

20 MAY 2022



▶ From the Mayor

It has been a pleasure to engage with Iwi, residents, stakeholders and commercial businesses during the Annual Plan 2022-2023 consultation process.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to meet with us. These sessions were informative for all involved and provided a good platform for questions to be raised and answered.

As a small district, Kawerau is unique in that we have had the benefit of a paper industry as our largest ratepayer for many decades. When Norske Skog closed in June 2021, their business reduced in value from approx. \$75 million to \$20 million. That means the share of rates they pay, also reduces by just over \$1 million.

How we share out that shortfall between commercial ratepayers and residential ratepayers was one of our consultation topics. The other topic raised the proposal of Council establishing a secure asbestos containment site (on top of an existing secure asbestos cell). We understand this proposal raises issues, but the reality is that there is a substantial amount of asbestos in our community (in schools, buildings, homes and in the ground), which we wish to responsibly dispose of.

We look forward to submitters presenting their submission at our Annual Plan 2022-2023 Hearing on Tuesday, 31 May 2022.

Meanwhile, we continue with the ongoing replacement of drinking water pipes in the Central Business District (zone 1). This is a bit of a mess now, but once completed it will be excellent and another step closer to replacing the district's drinking water reticulation.

A bouquet to Rautahi Marae and Trustees and everyone involved in the recent ANZAC Day ceremony that had Minister Kiritapu Allan as guest speaker.

Remembering our fallen and those who served is so important. Congratulations also to the Kawerau Youth Council for their holiday programme and activities.

Finally, I wish to confirm Council's stance regarding the government's Three Waters Reform. In 2021, we had an overwhelming response from our community asking us to retain the ownership and management of our Three Waters assets (wastewater, stormwater and drinking water).

Our Council is supportive of the outcomes of the reform, but cautious of the likely increases in costs for our district and loss of control and voice as part of the governments four entity model. Along with 31 other Councils, we joined the Communities 4 Local Democracy group that aims to find a better model for the Three Waters Reform (particularly with ownership of the assets).

We must continue to participate in the transition activities, to minimise the risk that our local issues will not be considered or addressed. However, our participation does not represent support for the Three Waters reform currently being implemented by government. Participation in such activities is in good faith and aimed to influence beneficial outcomes for our staff and community, should the reform continue to be implemented.

If you agree with your Council's stance it is important you voice your views with your local MP's.

As always, we will keep you updated.

- Mayor Malcolm Campbell

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THREE WATERS REFORM UPDATE



Council is supportive of the outcomes of better standards for all aspects of drinking, waste and stormwater. However, calculations have shown that Kawerau will not be better off under the government's Three Waters reform.

We know that our community wants us to retain ownership and management of the district's Three Waters assets and operation.

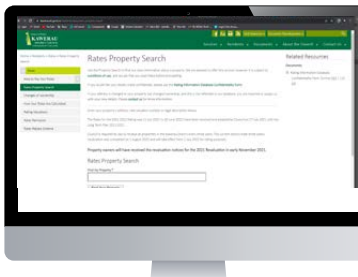
Council staff are providing information to LGOIMA (Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987) requests, but only as it does not impact on the ability to continue business as usual activities for the community. Also, when information or data does not reflect support for the current reform programme.

Council will continue to participate in the transition activities, to minimise the risk that our local issues will not be considered or addressed through the transition process. These types of issues include the presence of a local entity office, transfer of staff to the new entities, security of work for our local contractors and the prioritisation of current Three Waters projects being undertaken by Council.

To manage the risk that our participation in these activities may represent support for the reform, we will be using the following disclaimer with data requests or to inform the National Transition Unit (NTU) Three Waters reform leads.

"Kawerau District Council's participation in transition activities does not represent support for the Three Waters reform currently being implemented by Central Government. Participation in such activities is in good faith, and aimed to influence beneficial outcomes for our staff and community, should the reform continue to be implemented."

RATING DATABASE - AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION



Pursuant to the Provisions of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, public notice is hereby given that Kawerau District Council's Rating Information Database is available for public inspection.

The purpose of the rating Information Database is:

- ▶ To record all information required for setting and assessing rates.
- ▶ To enable a local authority to communicate with ratepayers.
- ▶ To enable members of the public to have reasonable access to the information in the database relating to the calculation of liability for rates.

The Rating Information Database is available for inspection, at the District Office, Ranfurly Court Kawerau during office hours (Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri - 8am - 5pm and Wed 8.30am - 5pm).

Online at <https://www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/residents/rates/rates-property-search>

Any ratepayer named in the Rating Information database can object to the information in it on the following grounds:

- ▶ A rating unit is listed in the district valuation roll has been omitted from the database.
- ▶ Information from the district valuation roll has been omitted or incorrectly entered into the database.
- ▶ Information entered into the database (other than information from the district valuation roll) incorrect.
- ▶ A lawful amendment to the district valuation roll has not been entered into the database.

Objections to the Rating Information Database must be lodged with the Kawerau District Council.

ANNUAL PLAN 2022-2023

Thank you to everyone who took part in the consultation and engagement process and who made a submission.

Submissions closed on

18 May 2022.

Hearing

31 May 2022
(following the Council Meeting)

Back-Up Hearing Day

7 June 2022

Deliberations

14 June

Plan adopted

28 June 2022



We want to know what you think.

LIFEGUARDS WANTED

We need You to be a Lifeguard.

In the "K" everyone has free access to the Mauri Kjar Memorial Swimming Pool complex, which is open seven days per week.

In order to provide this service, the Kawerau District Council requires lifeguards to work at the pools, looking after our customers. The positions are permanent (not just for the summer) and part-time (20hours per week), which allows you to pursue a work-life balance.

Training will be given if you are interested in this role and aren't qualified, but ideally we are looking for competent swimmers who have, or are prepared to obtain, Pool Lifeguard and first aid certificates.

To apply please visit our website at www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/about-council/careers/vacancies



GREENWASTE AND RECYCLING REMINDER



Help us to help our environment

A friendly reminder to please separate the following waste streams:



Greenwaste

- ▶ Primarily green waste (limit of 80kgs) only grass clippings, pruning
- ✗ No Soil, bricks, general waste
- ✗ No yuccas, or flax



Recycling

- ▶ Clean paper / newspaper / cardboard (flattened)
- ▶ Plastic - No 1 and 2
- ▶ Glass bottles
- ▶ Aluminium Cans and Tins (rinsed and squashed flat)
- ✗ No other plastic (numbers 3 onwards)
- ✗ No lightbulbs or broken glass

Note: If you have large amounts of soil, greenwaste such as branches and logs etc. please transport these up to the Kawerau Transfer Station. Also, large quantities of glass bottles, cardboard, plastic and other recycling can also be dropped at the Transfer Station.

KAWERAU SENIORS SURVEY 2022



KADAP (Kawerau and Districts Ageing in Place) have extended their seniors survey until 13 June 2022.

This survey is to better understand the needs of Kawerau residents. To complete the survey you can either find it online at www.kaweraudc.govt.nz or fill out a hard copy from the Council offices. There is a return box for completed surveys stationed at the Council offices entrance.

CHANGES TO COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS

As of Wednesday, 11 May there are two Covid-19 vaccination clinics operating weekly in the Concert Chambers on:

- ▶ **Wednesdays 1.00pm - 7.00pm**
- ▶ **Saturdays 10.00am - 3.00pm**

Clinics will operate in the same way as they have done previously with first, second, booster and pediatric vaccines all available. No appointments necessary.

ST. JOHN'S KAWERAU GIVES THANKS TO KAWERAU EDUCATION AND TRAINING TRUST

On Tuesday 17 May, a ceremony took place at St. John's Kawerau to acknowledge the \$25,000 donation given by the Kawerau Education and Training Trust to St. John's Kawerau. This donation has gone towards the implementation of the two brand-new Kawerau based health shuttles.

St. John Area Manager, Lindsay Sattler welcomed the attendees and discussed the importance of bringing the community together and building strong relationships in the district. Kawerau Education and Training Trust Chair Malcolm Campbell acknowledged the work and dedication put into the health shuttle service by the Kawerau Lions, Nelson Rangitiki, and Helen Stewart. Kawerau Education and Training Trust Treasurer Carolyn Ion then spoke about the importance of ensuring the two health shuttles were stationed right here in Kawerau. St. John Community Fundraiser, Gunner Lovich stated 'we are all here for the same thing - the community we serve.'

The health shuttles have got off to a good start in Kawerau with a total of 187 patients transported to and from their medical appointments around the Bay between January and April 2022.

The team is currently looking for more volunteer drivers. If you are interested - please phone St. John Kawerau on 0800 824 325 or email rachel.tinklin@stjohn.org.nz.



From left: St. John Paramedic Annette Lovich, Kawerau Education and Training Trust Treasurer Carolyn Ion, St. John Community Fundraiser Gunner Lovich, St. John Kawerau Area Manager Lindsay Sattler and Kawerau Education and Training Trust Chair Malcolm Campbell.

CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY TEST – SUNDAY 22 MAY

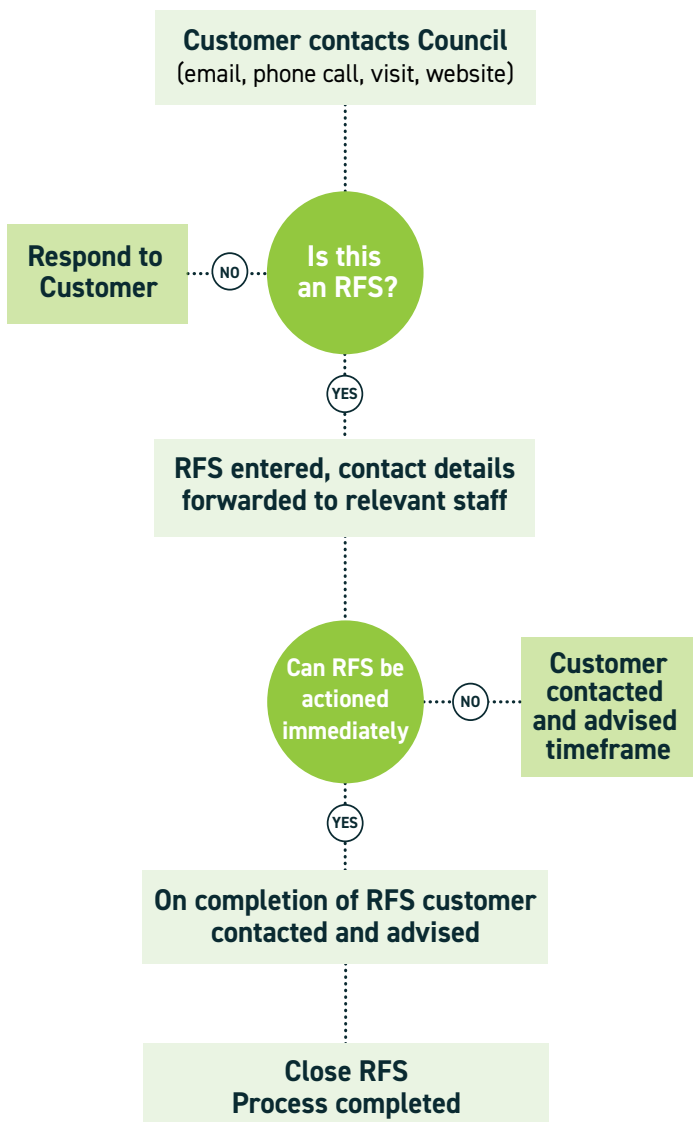
This Sunday 22 May, between 6pm and 7pm, there will be a nationwide Civil Defence emergency alert test through to your mobile phone (which will come in the form of a text message).

This emergency alert is only a TEST and not a real emergency. Civil Defence New Zealand are doing this to make sure their systems are working as intended in case of a real event. You do not need to subscribe to receive the alert, it will be done automatically, and you will not be able to opt out of the alert. For more information, please visit the Civil Defence website at www.civildefence.govt.nz



REQUEST FOR SERVICE PROCESS

Council operates a Request for Service process to ensure that issues and problems raised by the public are logged and actioned. The following process is what happens after Council is contacted by the public



COUNCIL BRIEFS

Opening Hours

The Council Offices are open 8.00am to 5.00pm daily (except on a Wednesday 8.30am to 5.00pm) and are no longer closed during the midday period. The Kawerau District Library is also open throughout the day.

New signage

Council has erected new signage advising of the areas where the consumption of alcohol is not permitted including the central business district.

Civil Defence exercise

Council staff were involved in an exercise recently run by Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM). Based on a mass tsunami evacuation to Kawerau, the exercise was an opportunity for staff to learn and be refreshed about emergency processes.

Unchlorinated Water Outlets

Some 1400 litres per day are being used at the two unchlorinated outlets in River Road Pumphouse and the New World carpark. These figures are similar to usage in 2020 and 2021.

Stormwater Evaluation

The stormwater network in the geothermal area (in town) is being evaluated.

Parks and Reserves

Staff have been pruning trees in walkways and have removed 10 large trees from Beattie Road. Winter annual bedding has been completed and Parks and Reserves staff supported the roading team to clean gutters and cesspits.

Pool Upgrade

The Lottery Community Facilities committee-funded development of the pool complex is making good progress. The new office block is expected to be completed next month. The number of people attending the pool has returned to pre-Covid-19 figures.