

COMMUNITY UPDATE

8 JULY 2022



▶ From the Mayor

There have been some unique and memorable celebrations in the district recently.

It's been a privilege to take part in the Matariki celebrations, including the dawn service on Monika Lanham, which was well attended. Congratulations to Dawn Hill and the organisers, and the crowd who made it up there by foot. Thank you to Te Waraki (Chic) Te Ruki for stepping up on behalf of our Kaumātua and to Pouroto Ngaropo for the story and knowledge you shared.

The positive feedback from our seniors who attended the Matariki Morning Tea with the Mayor event continues to pour in. I can confirm this will be an annual event held to recognise Matariki and our special older folk who have given so much to the district.

Also, thank you to Te Whata Tau o Pūtauaki kura for their support of the Matariki Hikoi organised by Council. It was great to have their involvement and again, that of many of our community.

The Council held their inaugural Health and Safety Awards recently. It was a great occasion to celebrate the good work by teams and individuals to keep themselves, their peers and the public safe. It is also about celebrating and recognising health, safety and wellbeing initiatives and was a positive event after a couple of disrupted and difficult years with the pandemic. There were three categories and I would like to congratulate all the winners: the Swimming Pool Lifeguard team, Parks and Reserves Amenities Team Leader Tania James (pictured) and Library and Museum Technician Huong Nguyen.

I also had the pleasure of attending the Kawerau Fire Brigades Triple Gold Star Award night recently for RVS O Ian Thompson, SFF Phil Murphy and Volunteer Kenneth Russell.

It was the first time in the brigade's history that three fire fighters were awarded their 25-year service award together! All the more memorable as Ken has completed all 25 years with the Kawerau Brigade.

In attendance at the awards evening representing the United Fire Brigade Association was Deputy Chief of Te Puke and Auckland Provincial Past President Dale Lindsay; Auckland Provincial Gold Star Association rep Warren Feek and Auckland Past President Mike Christini.

Congratulations also to Kawerau Officer in Charge Fred Dykes, for organising this auspicious event. It is notable that Fred has served 46 years with the Kawerau Fire Brigade.

We are fortunate to have the services and capabilities of the Kawerau Fire Brigade that comprises both paid and volunteer fire fighters, which is due to the large industrial companies that require and contribute to these services. The Kawerau Fire Brigade offers a great service to this community and I congratulate their recent Gold Star recipients.

As this will be the last message from myself prior to the elections (due to the election rules), I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the eight Councillors for their support over the past term, and all those Councillors during the previous 21 years I have been Mayor. It has been a privilege to serve the Kawerau community for the past 27 years that I have been an elected member of Council.

In addition, thank you to our Chief Executive Russell George and all the Council staff for your support and work.

Kind Regards
Mayor Malcolm Campbell

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A MATARIKI

Celebrate the rising of the new year

LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS 2022 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES



This year on 8 October 2022, the Local Government elections will be held to elect a Mayor and eight Councillors for the Kawerau District. Please note the following dates:

Nominations open Friday, 15 July 2022
Candidate information evening Tuesday, 19 July 2022, 6:00pm at Firmin Lodge.
Nominations close 12 noon Friday 12 August 2022.
For more information, please contact **0800 922 822** or visit kaweraudc.govt.nz

MATARIKI STAR QUEST SHOWCASES TALENT

The Matariki Star Quest event organised by the Kawerau Youth Council and other youth members was a huge success. Held on Saturday, 25 June, the event celebrated Matariki and provided a platform to showcase our local upcoming stars.

Organisers were honoured to have special guest performers Nikau Grace Chater from Kawerau and Rap-sensation Poetik from Auckland perform at the event.

There was a high-calibre of talented performers who took to the stage including the likes of local artist Ianna Kinley and Mikaylah Te Rere.

The overall winner of the Starquest competition were duo performers Manaea Anderson and Alize Thompson, who paid tribute to the late pop star legend Michael Jackson, and performed their own rendition of Billie Jean and other song medleys.

Second place went to Ezra Pon who performed a medley of songs on a grand piano inspired by his favourite movies and video games. Third place went to up and coming star Londie Rika who displayed her amazing singing ability.

Special acknowledgement to Kawerau District Council, Ministry of Youth Development, the District Health Board, Kawerau Blue Light and Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora for their support to make this event such a success. Ngā mihi nui.



The Kawerau Youth Council organised Matariki Star Quest showcased Kawerau's up and coming talent and guest artists.

COUNCIL STAFF HEALTH AND SAFETY AWARD WINNERS 2022

The inaugural Council Staff Health and Safety Awards were held recently at the Maurie Kjar Memorial Swimming Pool complex. There were three categories with nominations made by Council staff.

The winner of the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Champion was Huong Nguyen who is the Library and Museum Technician and their Health and Safety representative who is pictured with presenter Chief Executive Russell George.

The winner of the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Champion Leader was Tania James, Parks and Reserves Amenities Team Leader and Health and Safety Representative.

The Winner of the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Team of the Year was the Swimming Pool Lifeguards. Pictured left to right: Eva Brocket, Carol Keightley, Lisa Sheehan, Adrienne Darbyshire and presenter Group Manager Regulatory and Planning Michaela Glaspey. (Absent Rahera Fox and Mehul Mankame).

