



# COMMUNITY UPDATE

21 APRIL 2022

## KAWERAU TUIA REPS START LEADERSHIP JOURNEY

Three Kawerau rangatahi | young people have been selected to participate in the 2023 Tuia programme. The Tuia programme is designed to develop the leadership capacity of young Māori in communities throughout New Zealand. This programme involves Mayors selecting rangatahi | young people from their district to mentor on a one-to-one basis to encourage and enhance leadership skills.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- ▶ Sahara Bruintjes
- ▶ Damien Enright
- ▶ Rakeraterataka Wade-Tukiwaho

Mayor Faylene Tunui will mentor each participant throughout the year. This included attendance at the first wānanga recently in Kihikihi at Mangatoatoa Marae. Around 60 rangatahi | young people attended from across the rohe | region. The next wānanga will take place from 5 to 7 May 2023 at Taheke Marae (Okere Falls), Rotorua.

For more information on the Tuia Reps programme, please visit - [www.mtfj.co.nz/our-work/tuia-and-mtfj-rangatahi](http://www.mtfj.co.nz/our-work/tuia-and-mtfj-rangatahi)



Left :Tuia Rep Damien Enright, Tuia Rep Rakeraterataka Wade-Tukiwaho, Mayor Faylene Tunui and Tuia Rep Sahara Bruintjes  
Right: Tuia Reps at Mangatoatoa Marae



## MAURIE KJAR MEMORIAL AQUATIC CENTRE HEATING ISSUE FIXED



Pool Staff: Jacqui Stephenson (left) and Sophie Warner (right) excited that the Pools are nice and hot once again!

Some fantastic news for residents that the Maurie Kjar Memorial Aquatic Centre is now back to its best.

The Pools had been cold in recent weeks due to the steam bore that heats the pools not working correctly.

Well drillers examined the steam bore and discovered a build-up of silica causing blockages. The well drillers serviced the steam bore and cleared the silica build-up by flushing the steam bore with compressed air.

With the steam bore now fully operational again, the Pools have quickly begun heating back up to normal temperatures.

The Maurie Kjar Memorial Aquatic Centre is open: 8am - 6pm every day (please exit the pools by 5.30pm).

We thank residents for their patience and understanding throughout the recent disruption.

## TRIENNIAL RESIDENT SURVEY



Every three years, Council undertakes a residents' survey to work out how well we have been doing against our community outcomes. The community outcomes are measured in our Long Term Plan and each year in our Annual Plans.

This survey is about to kick off again and will be undertaken by SIL – a

registered research company based in the Hawkes Bay.

To ensure that Council gets a good response rate across different ages, demographics and ethnicities, the survey will be sent out to 1,000 households, available via online media and our Council website and also via the telephone.

If you have any queries, please contact Council on 07 306 9009.

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## KAWERAU ANNUAL PLAN ENGAGEMENT

Council is currently working on the upcoming Annual Plan for 2023-2024. The annual plan sets the rates for the year based on the services provided and the costs for their services and facilities. Last year, the Council resolved to move the rates differential to 48:52, which means that residents pay 48 percent of the total rates bill, and businesses and industries pay the remaining 52 percent.

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## VANDALISM COSTS THE DISTRICT

Recently, higher levels of vandalism around the district, especially in parks and reserves, is costing the district thousands of dollars.

Some of the damage includes railing fences, bollards and gates into parks and reserves.

Stoneham Walk has endured the worst of the damage, primarily from motorbikes. If you see a dirt bike, motorbike or quad bike in the parks and reserves posing a danger to themselves or others please phone 111 if it's happening or 105 if it has already happened, as advised by the Kawerau Police.

Police are currently assisting Council by investigating the recent increase in vandalism.

### When making the call to the Police:

- ▶ Take note of the riders' clothing - colours, caps, helmets etc.
- ▶ Colour of the bike?
- ▶ Make or model of the bike?
- ▶ Try and take a photo if it is safe to do so.

Other incidences of vandalism have been graffiti. An area covering 89 square metres was removed from Council owned walls and properties recently, at a total cost of \$2,811.

## DISCOLOURED WATER AND WHAT TO DO?

Councillors discussed the ongoing issue with discoloured water at the recent Regulatory and Services Meeting on 12 April.

In March, 54 complaints for discoloured water had been received by Council, and the Three Waters team had flushed 62 locations.

The huge amount of rainfall during the summer, which means much lower volumes being used by the rohe, are part of the problem, in addition, the Three Waters team is working with contractors to replace a large section of drinking water pipes in the River Road area. This causes disturbances with the water pipes and adds to the issues.

Run the Taps if you have Discoloured Water.

If households have discoloured water, the first plan is to please run all the cold taps in the house for up to 30 minutes. This will help to move any sediment lodged in the pipes located between the roadside tobie into the property.

If after this, there is still discoloured water – please contact Council on 07 306 9009 and talk to the Duty Supervisor if it is after hours or lodge a Request for Service if it's a weekday. Our Three Waters' team will come and flush the roadside hydrant closest to your home.

As another fix, the Three Waters team is going to fast-track the replacement of the Fenton Mill Road 'trunk main' to late 2023. This was due to be completed in 2027. However, checks of the valves and also the ongoing discoloured water issues have pushed the project up the queue.

Due to the current drinking water pipe replacement project costing \$1.3million, which is \$700,000 less than budgeted, this additional funding will be used to replace the trunk main.





## COUNCIL CCTV CAMERAS



Council is currently working on upgrading the security camera system used in the district. The upgrades will include the deployment of more security cameras and the installation of higher quality cameras.

The footage from the existing cameras has assisted the

Police in successfully charging people for a variety of offences. With more cameras deployed this will continue to help the Police and support safety in the community.

## SIGN UP FOR COMMUNITY CAM™

If you have CCTV camera(s) you have the option to register them with 'Community Cam'. This is a voluntary, not for profit community initiative where people can upload their CCTV footage to help solve crime in their neighbourhood.

After a crime has been committed, the Police can refer to Community Cam to quickly identify CCTV locations of registered users in and around the scene of the crime. This then allows the police to contact you to help with an investigation.

Your details are confidential and secure. Only the Police can see your information. If you choose to upload your CCTV footage, the footage is password protected for your security.

To sign-up to Community Cam, please visit the website at [www.communitycam.co.nz/register.cfm](http://www.communitycam.co.nz/register.cfm)

## WELCOME NEW STAFF

### Council welcomes the new Museum Curator, Hana Aoake.

Hana has a wealth of knowledge, experience and passion in the world of art. Hana has completed qualifications in art history at the University of Otago, has run and curated art galleries, and has completed a Master of Fine Arts at Massey University. Hana jokingly reiterates that the qualification is in 'Fine Arts' and not 'Finance' (Hana's Nana misheard and told whānau that Hana had completed a Finance degree). Hana also published her first book in 2020 titled 'A bathful of kawakawa and hot water' which you can read at the Whakatāne District Library (We will soon get a copy for Kawerau!).

Now applying her skills to the Museum Curator role, Hana will be processing and preserving historical material for the Museum archives. Hana puts a lot of care into her work and understands that Kawerau is predominantly a Māori community. She wants the museum collection to accurately reflect this by ensuring that the community feels seen and represented in upcoming Museum exhibitions.

Originally from Dunedin, Hana, her partner Morgan and their daughter moved to Kawerau so that their daughter could be closer to whānau on her father's side. Hana loves that she and

her daughter can walk outside and see her daughter's maunga, awa and whakapapa ties.

In her spare time, when she is not working on her art or looking after her daughter, Hana enjoys going to Councillor Warwick Godfery's boxing classes. "It's painful, but good fun".

### Haere Mai | Welcome on board Hana

### Council also welcomes a new Customer Services Officer, Nicola Storey.

Nicola was born and raised in Kawerau and joins us in a part-time capacity. You will get to see Nicola on the front desk at the Council offices and occasionally over at the Kawerau District Library.

Nicola comes from call centre roles previously and is really enjoying the face-to-face interactions she now gets with the community. A goal for Nicola and the Customer Services Team is to be able to resolve your queries first without having to pass them on, effectively being your one-stop-shop at Council.

In her spare time Nicola enjoys being a mum, swimming at the Maurie Kjar Memorial Aquatic Centre, going for walks around the district and reading fantasy genre novels.

### Haere Mai | Welome to the team Nicola.



## ANZAC DAWN PARADE - TUESDAY 25 APRIL 2023



Her Worship The Mayor, Faylene Tunui invites you to join the Kawerau Community to commemorate ANZAC DAY. The Dawn Service will commence at 5.45am. Please meet outside the Kawerau Ex Navalmen's Club on Onslow St, Kawerau. Following the Ceremony, there will be a hot cup of tea available at Rautahi Marae - no RSVP required. All queries, please phone Pari Maxwell, Kawerau District Council on 07 306 9009

## ROY STONEHAM PARK RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

**Thanks for the input, feedback and interest during the recent engagement round for the Roy Stoneham Park Residential Development.**

In line with the Resource Management Act 1991, there is a further submission period for all original submitters to support or oppose other submissions regarding the Kawerau District Plan Change 4 proposal. This further submission period closes at 5:00pm on Friday, 28 April 2023.

The Extra Ordinary Meeting to hear the Roy Stoneham Park submissions for Topics one and three was originally planned for last week, however due to illness the meeting was deferred. The new Extra Ordinary Meeting date is Wednesday, 26 April 2023.

In June, there will be a hearing for the District Plan Change 4 submitters with an independent commissioner.

Visit the Council website for more information  
[www.kaweraudc.govt.nz](http://www.kaweraudc.govt.nz)



**COMING SOON TO KAWERAU!**

**COUNCIL IS EXCITED TO SOON OFFER A MOBILE REPORTING SERVICE CALLED "ANTENNO".**

Antenno is a mobile app that sends you alerts and notifications about what is going on in the district. No need to search for information, Antenno will notify you! To get some practice, install Antenno from the App Store or Google Play today. If you spend time in other districts and see an issue (footpaths, dogs, roading etc.) you could report it to the respective Council if they also use Antenno. This is a great way to stay connected to your community and to get the latest Council notices and information from Antenno. By the way... it's free!



**Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to download Antenno:**



## DRAFT LOCAL ALCOHOL POLICY - TIME TO HAVE YOUR SAY

We are reviewing the joint Eastern Bay of Plenty Local Alcohol Policy and we want your feedback. This is a joint policy with Whakatāne District Council and Ōpōtiki District Council.

The Draft Local Alcohol Policy aims to minimise alcohol-related harm and provide direction for local alcohol licensing to align with community views.

**To make a submission you can:**

- ▶ Fill out the Submission form online at [www.kaweraudc.govt.nz](http://www.kaweraudc.govt.nz) then email to [submissions@kaweraudc.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@kaweraudc.govt.nz)
- ▶ Print a hard copy of the submission form and return it to the Council Offices at 2 Ranfurly Court, Kawerau.

For more information, please contact Council on 07 306 9009 or email [submissions@kaweraudc.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@kaweraudc.govt.nz)

**Submissions close 5pm Friday 28 April 2023.**

## UPCOMING HUI AND EVENTS

<b>ANZAC Day Dawn Parade and Service</b>	5:30am Tues 25 April Meet at Rautahi Marae
<b>Council Meeting</b>	9:00am Wed 26 April
<b>Extra Ordinary Meeting for Submitters</b>	11:00am Wed, 26 April
<b>Council Health and Safety Awards</b>	Council Facility Closures 11:45am to 1:15pm Thurs 27 April
<b>Championship Dog Obedience Trials</b>	29 – 30 April
<b>Kawerau Youth Council Meeting</b>	3:30pm Mon 8 May
<b>Regulatory and Services Meeting</b>	9:00am Wed 17 May