

COMMUNITY UPDATE

6 APRIL 2023



Tumu Whakarāe | Chief Executive's Message

Welcome to this issue of Council's Community Update.

Tēnā tātau katoa – warm greetings to you all, to us all, to everyone in our community of Kawerau and welcome to the April issue of the Council's Community Update.

The earthquake swarm seems to be settling, although we have been advised by GNS Te Pū Ao that this is likely to take some time.

Next Friday 14 April, Civil Defence Emergency Management will hold a drop-in session at the Kawerau i-Site for people who may wish to discuss planning, emergency kits or anything related to emergencies.

Council has continued to check for any damage across infrastructure, buildings and areas of land prone to subsidence or that which has slipped, such as the area off Tamarangi Drive behind Ruruanga Stream. Although extremely visible, this area does not pose a further threat to people, property or the Ruruanga Stream.

The walkway up into the Monika Lanham Reserve will remain closed until the urgent repair is carried out. Māori Investment Limited (MIL) have temporarily closed access to the Tarawera Falls as any damage or potential slips on the road and walking track are assessed. Also, the popular hiko steps off Waterhouse Street up to the headquarters are closed due to safety concerns of subsidence.

The work is progressing well on the River Road drinking water pipe replacement project. This has provided an opportunity to fix a low

water pressure issue in nearby Shepherd Road which has been successful. Thanks again for your patience while this work is carried out.

The Three Waters team is working hard on this project, and also on flushing lines to ease the discoloured water issues.

Last week, contractors started work on the passive drain systems to ease the surface flooding in the Hardie Avenue, Emme Allan, Julian and Owen Road areas. We will be keeping in touch about this progress.

Thank you to our Iwi Kaumātua residents, business community and stakeholders for welcoming us to share the information about the Stoneham Park Residential Development in the engagement process. We held nine meetings with our partners, stakeholders and the public. Thank you for listening, for your feedback and questions and suggestions.

Stoneham Park Residential Development Submitters who wish to talk directly to the elected members will have the opportunity to do so at the Extra Ordinary Meeting next Wednesday, 12 April.

Meanwhile, we have also been meeting to confirm the plan for the upcoming 2023 2024 year.

Stay safe on the roads this Easter.

Ngā mihi nui,
**Kawerau District Council Chief
Executive Officer, Russell George.**

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CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY DROP-IN CENTRE

The community drop-in centre will be held at the Kawerau isite on Friday, 14 April from 10am – 11am all welcome!

Civil Defence Emergency Management Advisor, Meagan Edhouse will be available to provide helpful tips, information and advice about hazards that may cause a civil defence emergency in our district.

This session will be particularly useful with the recent swarm of earthquakes impacting our rohe | region. Remember, when an earthquake happens – Drop, Cover, Hold.

**For any queries, please
contact the Kawerau isite
on 07-323-6300.**



STONEHAM PARK RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The engagement process carried out in March for the Stoneham Park Residential Development has given Council some great feedback, ideas and submissions. Council will continue engaging with partners including Iwi and Tangata Whenua. When submissions closed on Friday, 24 March some 40 submissions had been received. Council is inviting all submitters who wish to be heard on Topic 1 – the Reserve Exchange and Topic 3 – the use of Council land on Fenton Mill Road to an Extra Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday, 12 April from 10.30am to discuss their submission. This will give submitters the opportunity to raise concerns, for questions to be answered and to receive any clarification about the Stoneham Park Residential Development.

Submitters who made a submission on Topic 2 – the Proposed Plan Change 4 will be able to resubmit on any other submission from Wednesday, 12 April to Friday, 28 April as per the Resource Management Act 1991. Submitters will be contacted with a link to all the submissions and instructions of how to resubmit.

Once this further 10-day submission period closes, Council will summarise the submissions. People who wish to present their submission will be invited to the Hearing with an Independent Commissioner on Thursday, 15 June 2023.

For any further information or queries, please contact Council on 07 306 9009 or email kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz



Tarawera High School year 9 literacy students work on their plans for the recreational reserve on Fenton Mill Road after discussing the pros and cons of the development in class recently.



RIVER ROAD DRINKING WATER PIPE REPLACEMENTS

Council thanks residents for their patience with the River Road Drinking Water Pipe Replacement project which is being carried out in stages as planned in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031. Council's Three Waters Team has been replacing the line around River Road and thrusting new lines.

As the works continue, more water shut-downs will occur to connect the new lines.

We are doing letter-drops through our contractors and other communications in advance as much as possible.

Contractors are on schedule with the project plan. Replacing additional areas such as Shepherd Road which had water pressure issues, was not originally part of the project plan. However, after the low water pressure issue was raised to Council by Shepherd Road residents, the Three Waters Team solved the issue whilst working on the pipes nearby. The work on Shepherd Road was finished on 28 March and the water pressure is now far more effective for residents – with initial testing concluding a 20psi (pound per square inch) increase in water



Engineering Manager, Operations and Services Riaan Nel (left) and Team Leader, Three Waters Glen Penny examining the increased water pressure flow from a hydrant stand as it flushes the lines.

pressure. The increased water pressure means residents can now fill up their baths at a better speed, have a more powerful shower and garden hose.

Although the team are doing their best to minimise further disruptions, some issues may arise as the work could disturb other pipes, which causes the discoloured water in other areas of town. Unfortunately, this is an issue but should be in the short-term.

Council welcomes back Riaan Nel, who was formerly Council's Three Waters Manager. Riaan is now Council's Engineering Manager, which will include managing the Three Waters upgrades and also other engineering projects around the district. The River Road pipe replacement was a project that Riaan began when he was at Council previously, so he is pleased to see it near completion.

HARDIE AVENUE SURFACE FLOODING UPDATE

Work has started on the passive drain system to relieve the surface water flooding at the Hardie Ave, Owen Place, Emme Allan and Julian Roads areas.

Council and contractors have been working hard to develop a solution to ease the flooding issues. The flooding is due to significant amounts of rainfall over the past few months, which caused the water table to rise and localised flooding in some areas around Hilldale Reserve and Hardie Avenue. The low-level flooding is causing damage to the berms and the road surface as water accumulates under sealed roads.

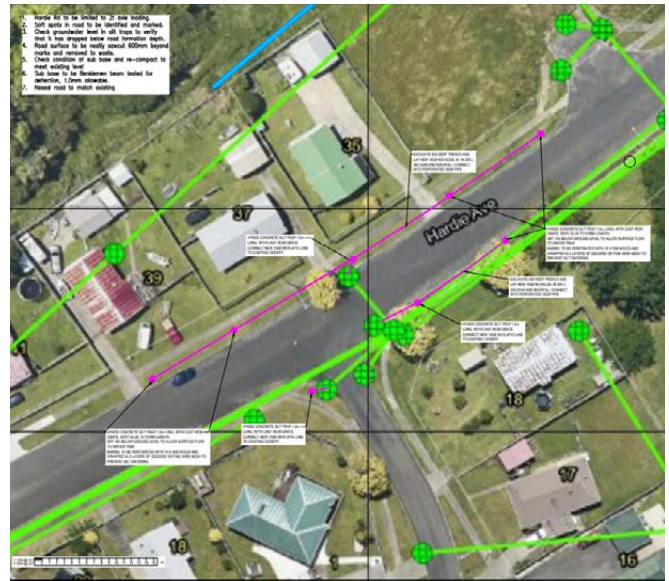
The first stage is installing passive drain systems to reduce ground water levels.

If the flooding issues persist, then active drainage (wells and pump stations) may need to be considered. In the longer-term, channels may need to be installed in the neighbouring farm.

Initially Council held a public meeting in February that more than 60 residents attended and outlined their concerns. After working with the engineers, Council let residents know via a letterbox drop last week that works were starting.

Thank you to Residents of Hardie Ave, Owen Place Emme Allan and Julian Roads for your patience.

If residents wish to discuss any concerns, please contact Council on 07 306 9009.



The purple lines on this diagram indicate a section of the passive drainage system being installed into the Hardie Avenue area.

WELCOME TO COUNCIL



Council would like to welcome the new Pools Team Leader, Morné De Lange.

Morné is keen to ensure all residents have a great experience at the Maurie Kjar Memorial Aquatic Centre. Morné's top priority is to form a strong bond with the

community of Kawerau, as he understands how much residents treasure the amazing facility.

Originally from South Africa, Morné has been in leadership roles before, in both the printing and catering industry. Morné has also been involved in social work with underprivileged children, which included coordinating fundraising events and engaging with his local community. Morné has been gaining experience at the Pools as a casual worker for the last month and has appreciated learning the ropes and being part of the team as a lifeguard. He feels that joining the team at the Pools as "part of the crew" has helped him to develop good relationships with the other staff members as he now takes on the Team Leader role.

Morné and his family moved to New Zealand seven years ago, and after stints in different parts of the country, they have settled in Kawerau. In his spare time, Morné loves visiting the pools as a guest with his wife and two daughters. Morné also enjoys sports, outdoor activities and cooking. "I love making myself fat, then doing some activities to try and get rid of it".

Welcome on board Morné.



DRAFT LOCAL ALCOHOL POLICY EASTERN BAY 2023

Kawerau District Council, Whakatāne District Council and Ōpōtiki District Council are currently reviewing the Eastern Bay of Plenty Local Alcohol Policy and we ask the public to provide their thoughts on the policies.

The Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 (the Act) allows each territorial authority to develop a local alcohol policy for the sale, supply and consumption of alcohol in its district. This policy has been in place since 2016 and it is now being reviewed.

The Eastern Bay of Plenty Local Alcohol Policy (LAP) aims to guide decision making by the District Licensing Committee (DLC) to meet the object of the Act.

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

The consultation period for the Local Alcohol Policy Eastern Bay 2023 is now open, with submissions closing 5pm Friday 28 April 2023.

Council will be holding three drop-in sessions at the Concert Chambers to discuss the Draft LAP with public, stakeholders and anyone interested on:

- ▶ Tuesday, 11 April from 11am to 12 noon
- ▶ Friday, 21 April from 12 noon to 1pm
- ▶ Wednesday, 26 April 3pm to 4pm

To make a submission and for more information, visit our website at kaweraudc.govt.nz or contact Council on 07 306 9009.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

The Kawerau District Library wishes all the tamariki | children of Kawerau a fun and happy Easter school holiday break. Check out the Library's School Holiday Programme for a load of fun activities with a 'Candy Land' theme.

Kawerau District Library

Candy Land

WEEK 1: 10TH APRIL - 14TH APRIL

10/04/2023	11/04/2023	12/04/2023	13/04/2023	14/04/2023
All Day	All Day	10:30am – 12pm	10:30am – 12pm	
CLOSED Easter Monday	Candy Land Lego Day Come and spend the day helping us build a Candy Land town out of Lego.	Candy Land Board Game See if you can beat your mates at a game of Candy Land.	Lollipop Holders Have a go at designing the best lollipop holder you can.	

WEEK 2: 17TH APRIL - 21ST APRIL

17/04/2023	18/04/2023	19/04/2023	20/04/2023	21/04/2023
10:30am – 12pm	10:30am – 12pm	10:30am – 12pm	10:30am – 12pm	10am – 11am
	Cupcake Decorating Come down and join us as we decorate cupcakes for our Candy Land theme.	The Battle of the Broccolis vs Candyland	Candy Land Jigsaws Design your own jigsaw or join in on ours!	Deano Yipadee Best 'smelling' author Deano Yipadee is coming to the library! Come down and have a laugh with us.

YOUTH COUNCIL SWEARING IN CEREMONY

After a record number of applications, 21 new members were welcomed onto the Kawerau Youth Council 2023 recently with the official 'swearing in' ceremony. Congratulations to: Homer Abante, Damien Enright, Adriel Goundar, Chloe Groshinski, Nicholas Henderson, Grace Hill, Cedar McGarvey, Nikau Morice, Kingi Pakuria-Rehe, Malachi Paraone, Heidi Parks, Renee Powell, Riley Ihaka Savage-Sanson, Te Ahurei Tamihere, Koopere Taura, Kodean Te Rire, Bailey Tunui, Sidney Waiari, Azryal Paraire Tamahae Walker, Shylah-Marie Warner-Melligan and Armani-Manaia Wihapi.



COUNCIL SERVICES DURING EASTER AND ANZAC

COUNCIL OFFICES:

Closed - April 7 to 10 - Good Friday, Weekend and Easter Monday
 Closed - April 25 - ANZAC Day

KAWERAU LIBRARY:

Closed - Good Friday
 Open - Saturday, 8 April 10am to 1pm
 Closed - Sunday and Easter Monday
 Closed - April 25 ANZAC Day

KAWERAU I-SITE:

Open - 10am – 2pm throughout Easter and Anzac Day.
 Mauri Kjar Memorial Aquatic Centre:
 Open - 8am – 6pm throughout Easter and Anzac Day.

TRANSFER STATION:

Open - 12 noon to 4pm throughout Easter and Anzac Day.
 Refuse and recycling collections will continue as normal.

URGENT QUERIES

Contact our Duty Supervisor anytime for any urgent issues on 07 306 9009

- Select 1 for Noise and Animal Issues
- Select 2 for Duty Supervisor (water, refuse, trees, etc.).