

# COMMUNITY PĀNUI | UPDATE

2 APRIL 2024

## Annual Plan 2024–25

**At an Extraordinary Meeting on Wednesday March 20, Council agreed to proceed with the transitional option of preparing an annual plan for the coming 2024-2025 year.**

This means Kawerau will prepare a long-term plan over a nine-year term from 2025 to 2034.

Council believes the decision to continue with the option of an enhanced annual plan provides the district with the lowest risk option after the new coalition government enacted the Water Services Acts Repeal Act 2024 in February. This legislative change will replace the former Three Waters' reform legislation with the Local Water Done Well legislation.

At the Extraordinary Council Meeting, Kawerau District Council also resolved to adopt the proposed budget for the coming year, which comprises an overall rates increase of 15.1 percent that maintains services at the current levels.

The increases for properties will vary depending on the individual value of residential, commercial, and industrial properties. To smooth the rates increase, council proposed increasing the uniform annual general charge (UAGC) from \$850 to \$950 in 2024-2025.

The consultation document will be delivered to all residents and non-resident ratepayers around mid-April. Please keep an eye out for public meetings so you can attend and have your say. A hearing for submitters to talk to elected members will be held on Wednesday, May 22.

## Rangi Delamere Centre Grand Re-Opening

Nau mai haere mai | All welcome

RE-OPENING Saturday, 13 April at 10am

Her Worship the Mayor Faylene Tunui and the

Delamere whanau warmly invite the community to attend this auspicious occasion.

Contact Council for information on 07 306 9009.



## Joint venture brings equitable healthcare to Kawerau

**A new integrated primary healthcare GP practice is coming to Kawerau as Tarawera Medical announces new ownership.**

The practice will now be owned in a partnership between Mataatua-based hauora provider Te Puna Ora o Mataatua, Green Cross Health, a provider of primary health care services across New Zealand, as well as Ngāti Tūwharetoa Bay of Plenty Settlement Trust, representing mana whenua within Tūwharetoa mai Kawerau ki te Tai.

The whānau GP surgery based in Kawerau currently offers a full range of general practice and nursing services to whānau living in the area.

Remaining long-term general practitioners of the practice, Dr Tony Whitehead, and Dr Mick Lavelle, have praised the new ownership, and said patients can feel confident knowing nothing changes.

Ngāti Tūwharetoa BoP Settlement Trust appreciates the improvements for the community the partnership will bring.

Chairperson Karilyn Te Riini said, "Building and strengthening the partnership with Te Puna Ora o Mataatua and Green Cross Health is essential to improve the coordination of care and address unmet healthcare needs in Kawerau."

Kawerau Mayor, Faylene Tunui, has echoed the comments of the settlement trust. She says "the new partnership marks an exciting step forward for mana whenua".

Mayor Faylene Tunui went onto say "I'd like to pay tribute to Drs Whitehead and Lavelle, who've cared for the people of Kawerau for over three decades and will continue to care for our people through the launch of the new partnership. We recognise their long service to our community. And we look ahead to the innovations that local, tangata whenua co-ownership brings."

Green Cross Health highlights the benefits of the new partnership that will continue to evolve healthcare to whānau in Kawerau.

For more information about Tarawera Medical, or about the services currently provided by Te Puna Ora o Mataatua, visit [www.tpoom.co.nz](http://www.tpoom.co.nz).



## Hato Hone Opening

**On Monday, 18 March, Hato Hone St John had an opening for their new ambulance donated to them from Trinity Lands. The purpose of the opening was to bless the ambulance and thank Trinity Lands for their generosity and support.**

Newly appointed Trinity Lands chief executive Dave Turner said, "Part of our purpose is to use our profits to do good in the local community. We want to help provide the tools for those who do good, and to help them succeed in their mission- and what better way to do this than to donate to the organisation that runs to us in our time of need."

Trinity Lands former chief executive, Peter McBride talked about their work and how they supplied four ambulances to small towns that needed lifesaving vehicles. These towns were far away from hospitals or adequate support in times of emergency. Trinity Lands saw the need for an ambulance so the community could get the help and resources they need to achieve the best possible outcome.

*Above: Thank you to all the paramedics for your hard work saving lives and helping people. Her Worship the Mayor Faylene Tunui, Council Cultural Advisor Kaumātua Te Haukakawa Te Rire, Kaumātua Mike Panapa from Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa, Peter McBride, the Sequal and Trinity Lands teams and paramedics in front of new ambulance gifted to Kawerau by Trinity Lands.*

## Hato Hone St John Health Shuttle

In January 2022 Hato Hone St. John Kawerau and Kawerau District Council launched the Kawerau Hato Hone Health Shuttle Service.

Thanks to the amazing Kawerau volunteers driving the two shuttles, this service has continued making a positive impact.

The Health Shuttle Team are always on the lookout for new volunteers to ensure that the Monday to Friday services will always be available to the community. If you, or someone you know is keen to join the team, please visit [join.stjohn.org.nz](http://join.stjohn.org.nz)

If you have an appointment and you cannot get there, or home afterwards, give the friendly team at St. John a call on 0800 824 325 and select option 2 for bookings and then option 1 for Kawerau. Please call at least 24 hours ahead of your appointment.

## Water Supply update

Currently the district is being supplied with water from the Tarawera bore. Work to ensure that the rohe has a secondary water supply from Umukaraka Spring is underway courtesy of the agreement of the landowner Māori Investment Limited. In collaboration with Māori Investment Limited, Council is upgrading the metering and infrastructure along with the resource consent application.

Work continues to upgrade the Pumphouse on River Road that includes:

- replacement of pumps and control systems
- installation of plant to include fluoride in the water supply (as directed)
- replacing the old lime system with sodium hydroxide system to ensure that drinking water remains in the correct pH range

**Kawerau District Library has decided to run a**

## **6 WEEK BRICK CHALLENGE**

Each week we'll unveil an exciting theme and invite everyone to dive in and create something that aligns with it. Whether you prefer building at the library using our LEGO collection or crafting your masterpiece at home, the choice is yours.

Submit your creations through photos for a chance to win weekly prizes.

Join us for our **grand LEGO celebration day** on **Saturday 4th of May**, where we'll announce the ultimate winner!

**Competition starts: Monday 25 March**

**Competition ends: Saturday 4th May**

**Please, check the Library and Museum Facebook page at the start of every week to find out that week's theme. Make sure you submit your masterpiece within that theme's week. Good luck to all the participants. May the fourth be with you!**



## New staff members

### Council welcomes new group manager, operation and services



**Kawerau District Council extends a warm welcome to Dean Lye as the new group manager, operation and services.**

Dean comes to Council as a senior leader with more than three decade's experience in the military, commercial aviation, and port

industries. Dean has recently relocated back to New Zealand from Perth where he was working as a Regulatory Accountable Manager and Engineering Director.

Council tumu whakarae | chief executive Morgan Godfery on behalf of the council and the district welcomes Dean and his family who will be moving to the Bay of Plenty.

"We welcome Dean to join council as part of the leadership team and thank him for bringing his kete of knowledge and experience to our district."

Council officially welcomed Dean to the organisation on Monday March 18, with a mihi whakatau in the Council Chamber from Council's Cultural Advisor Te Haukawa Te Rire and Her Worship Mayor Faylene Tunui with attendance by the senior leadership team and some 40 members of staff, many of whom are in the operations and services team.

Dean takes on the role from the acting group manager role Riaan Nel, council's engineering manager.

"The Kawerau community is fortunate to have someone of Dean's knowledge and experience. We look forward to the contributions he will make in his new role."

### Dale Anderson

#### Team leader - animal and compliance



**Recently, we caught up with Dale Anderson, our new team leader - animal control and compliance.**

Before working at Council, Dale worked in the stock exchange industry for an American company. Dale is looking forward to working in a small office environment.

He is also excited about working with and meeting people in the community.

In his spare time, Dale often cheers on NFL and NRL teams. He also loves fishing and diving. He usually fishes along the Whakatāne beach.

When he is not fishing or watching sports games, he can be found at the Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre in the spa pool.

Haere mai | Welcome to the team, Dale.

## "A lifelong love of swimming" - Carol Keightley

Carol Keightley has always had a love for swimming. Up until she was 17, Carol swam competitively. Carol started working as a contractor for Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre when her ex-partner worked as security for Council; back in the day, security used to help lifeguards when they were short-staffed. Knowing Carol's swimming background, he would put Carol to work when he did not have the capacity. He said to her, "Carol, you know how to swim, don't you?" she replied, "Yes", and the rest was history. Funnily enough, that was the same conversation she had with a lifeguard when she became a swimming coach.

Carol loves teaching people how to swim and seeing their progress. When Carol first became a swimming instructor, she would go home every night and research different techniques and styles for teaching people to swim. Carol would also shadow all the swimming coaches to learn and adapt her teaching to improve it for whomever she taught.

Carol believes highly in the rules and processes in place, believing they are there to save and protect everyone. "I want all the kids to leave the same way they came in, happy, healthy and full of cheek." Rules are so important, especially because lifeguards have many responsibilities that keep them busy throughout the day. However, this does not stop Carol from occasionally teaching the odd kid how to dive better.

## District cleaners



Two of Kawerau District Council's district cleaners Mark Sandison (left) and Gary Griffin (right).

The district cleaners are the backbone of our council team. They are tirelessly working behind the scenes to ensure that our town is clean and inviting for all. From cleaning all the toilets around the district to emptying rubbish bins, their dedication to maintaining cleanliness is evident in every corner of our district.

Rain or shine, they brave the elements to pick up litter, scrub graffiti, and tidy public spaces. Their hard work not only enhances the appeal of our town but also contributes to a healthier and safer environment for everyone. Whether clearing debris after Christmas in the Park or sanitising high-touch surfaces during a pandemic, the district cleaners go above and beyond to ensure our community remains a place we can all be proud of. Their commitment and effort are noticed by those who appreciate the beauty and cleanliness they help uphold.

Kawerau District Council is consistently receiving positive comments about their mahi | work around the district.



## New museum exhibition!

On Friday 1 March, an exhibition opened in the Museum Gallery. Ngā Pou o Te Tini o Kawerau. The carving of people in Kawerau. In 1972, councillor Lanham brought some plans and a proposal to create the Pou for the community. Peter Rua Lagan carved the Pou from Totara. He unveiled his work on January 8, 1983. The Pou is on the corner of Islington and Plunket Street. Museum staff came across these images and saw the journey through that special day with what is now the exhibition. When visiting the exhibition, we witnessed the unveiling and looked at the town from an early 1980s perspective. We hope you enjoy it as much as we do.

## Why do lids need removing?

**Please remove lids before you put bottles, containers or jars out for recycling.**

Lids can be either too small or too flat to be separated by machinery at recycling plants. Sorting machinery can also mistake flat lids for paper, so they can contaminate paper recycling. Lids can also trap contents in the container, making them too heavy for air jets to sort. Any leftover food trapped in the container can contaminate recycling, too. Also, if lids are screwed onto the item, they can pop off under pressure and put people working in our Transfer Station at risk of injury. Some lids are designed to stay on the container so there is no need to try to rip those off. Examples of these could be fruit punnets with the lids attached, or shampoo bottles. Tin can lids are an exception- these can be recycled, but you must go the extra mile to do so. Make sure the lid is still attached, give the tin, and lid a rinse, and then push the lid back inside the tin and squash to ensure it is securely inside.

## Materials for Kerbside collection



Glass bottles and jars



Plastic bottles, trays and containers 1,2, and 5



Paper and cardboard



Aluminium steel tins and cans

## Meetings and important dates

### April 4, 4.45pm - 6pm

Representation Review drop-in session at Concert Chamber foyer (please note change of venue)

### March 7 – April 5

Representation Review early feedback

### April 8

Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre change to winter hours. Winter hours: 9am-6pm (please exit the pool by 5:30pm)

### April 8, 1pm

Meeting with KADAP, Concert Chamber to discuss the Representation Review

### April 8, 1pm

Audit and Risk Committee Meeting

### April 10, 9am

Regulatory and Services Committee | Extraordinary Council Meeting

### April 11, 10am

Annual Plan 2024- 2025 Consultation Meeting with Industrial Symbiosis Kawerau members

### April 12

Annual Plan 2024-2025 consultation and submission period opens

### April 12, 1.30pm

Meeting with Grey Power for Annual Plan 2024-2025 consultation, Concert Chamber

### Tuesday, April 16, 1pm

Drop in Session to discuss the Annual Plan and Representation Review at Rangī Delamere Centre

### Thursday April 18, 5.15pm

Public Meeting to discuss the Annual Plan and Representation Review at Concert Chamber

### April 24, 9am

Ordinary Council Meeting

### May 9, 10am

Public Meeting to discuss the Annual Plan and Representation Review at the Markets

### May 14

Annual Plan 2024-2025 submission period closes

### May 15, 9am

Regulatory and Services Committee

### May 22

Annual Plan 2024-2025 Hearing for submitters