

COMMUNITY UPDATE

20 DECEMBER 2021



Meri Kirikimete from the Mayor

On behalf of my Councillors and the staff, we wish you and your whānau a very Merry Christmas and safe and happy holiday season.

This year has had more than its share of challenges for everyone as we continue to face the COVID-19 pandemic. There have been major changes to the way we go about everyday life and everyone has made sacrifices and faced challenges.

We also wish to thank our community for supporting the guidelines of the various alert levels and now the red traffic light setting. These changes have been embraced by people and it is likely that our single case is attributed to that care being taken by all.

As we move into the holiday season, we ask that people be mindful of those in our community who may be vulnerable and protect them as best they can through vaccination, testing and scanning in to places.

I also wish to acknowledge the huge efforts to raise the vaccination rates by making clinics more accessible. The success has been due to this being led by the community (see overleaf).

On another positive, we held the Kawerau Community Awards (He Tohu Hapori o Kawerau) on 30 November. Congratulations to Linda Jurd for receiving the Individual Volunteer Work Award and to Rowena Brooking for receiving the Individual Community Impact Award. Linda and Rowena have contributed significantly to our community in various ways and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

On the Three Waters Reform front, we wish to advise that after signing the letter to the Prime Minister asking for a pause on the Three Waters Reform, our Council has now

joined with 23 others around the country to form Communities 4 Local Democracy - He hapori mō te Manapori.

The group was created in response to serious concerns about the Government's Three Waters reforms, and numbers are growing as local councils consider the implications of the proposed legislation – in particular losing control of approximately \$60 billion of community owned assets across the whole country.

We all agree with the need for investment, but there's a better way to achieve the Government's objectives and we want to work in partnership with them on that.

The action group will introduce fresh ideas for better water, but our fresh ideas will ensure that our local communities continue to have a say on how the assets that they have bought and paid for are used to achieve our health and environmental goals. We will keep you informed moving forward.

Finally, please enjoy a safe and happy festive season.

Malcom Campbell, Mayor



Community Award recipients Linda Jurd (left) and Rowena Brooking with Mayor Malcolm Campbell.

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Thanks for your patience as Council has worked to get the new borehole drilled and operational to heat our beautiful pool complex. This was made possible due to the significant investment from Trust for the new borehole and splashpad.

POOL GUIDELINES

- Opening hours from 8am to 6pm daily
- Changing rooms and toilets available
- Children under 12 years must be accompanied by an adult
- The Pool complex is open with a facility limit of 100 people (swimmers and spectators)
- Face coverings are required except when swimming, eating or for those who are exempt or under 12.
- Please maintain social distancing
- Maximum is 80 in the main pool and children's pool combined
- Maximum of 20 in the spa pool
- BBQ Area will be available for two booking slots during open hours 10.30am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 4pm. Limit is 20 people per BBQ booking.

Please contact the Council office on 07 3069009 for BBQ bookings or during the Christmas close-down period contact the Pool team on 07 323 6109.

COMMUNITY PATROL SEEKS NEW MEMBERS



HELP US TO HELP YOU

Kawerau Community Patrol has been patrolling Kawerau for 30 years. With the need to increase in patrols, we are now in need of more members.

REQUIREMENTS

- Any age male or female (min 18 years)
- Police Vetting required (minor traffic infringements excluded)
- Drivers Licence preferred but not necessary (you can be an observer)
- Four to six hours of your time per month
- Attend meetings once every month

Patrollers are always rostered in pairs.

Patrol times are left to the discretion of Patrollers.

We are in radio contact with the Police and do not normally leave our vehicle.

Our main role is prevention and we act solely as the 'eyes and ears' for the Police

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL

RUSS TORRIE: 07 281 5284

WENDY PERI 027 230 5124

Email: kawerau@cpnz.org.nz

HELP US TO HELP YOU

COVID-19 TRAFFIC LIGHT FRAMEWORK

Kawerau District remains in the red setting of the new Covid-19 Protection Framework (or the Traffic Light System).

At midnight on the 30 December, the district will move to orange. At orange, face coverings, scanning in and social distancing are still required.

Kawerau Vaccination Dates

Monday 20/12

Town Hall
9.00AM - 4.00PM

Tuesday 21/12

Tennis Courts - Block Party
2.00PM - 5.00PM

COVID-19 TESTING

Ron Hardie Rec Centre
10.00AM - 2.00PM

Wednesday 22/12

Town Hall
11.00AM - 7.00PM

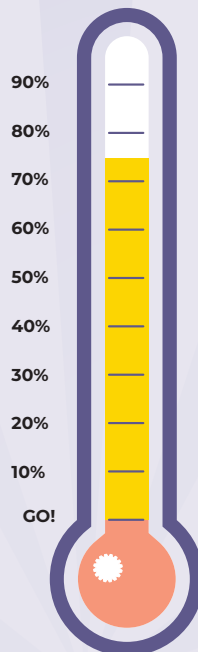
Kawerau Markets

9.30AM - 2.30PM

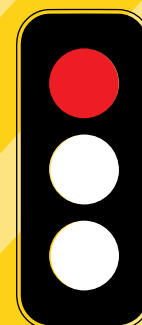
Pat Baker Reserve

4.00PM - 7.00PM

Please note: During the Christmas holiday close-down, the Council website and Facebook page will have any updated testing and vaccination clinics.



**KAWERAU
VAX RATES
SHOT KAWERAU!**



**Kawerau
COVID-19
Traffic Light
setting is: RED**

**UNTIL
December 30**

FOOD VENDORS NEED A LICENCE



To all Food Truck Operators!

To trade goods and services on Council owned sites you are required to make an application for a Licence to trade. The above image showcases the designated trading locations around the district.

For an application form, please visit our website at www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/forms under Environmental Health and Licensing.

SUCCESSFUL ANIMAL WELFARE DAY

The K-Town Community Animal Welfare Day was a great success.

Organised by Julia Stevenson-Renwick the day was awesome with a vibrant feel to it with all the dogs and owners.

Council's Dog Control Team microchipped 22 dogs and confirmed the microchip details for three dog owners.

Council rehomed two dogs, and one dog is on trial with a possible 'forever owner' from the pound. The group also flea and worm treated 70 dogs.

Thirty dog owners attended to organise their dogs to be de-sexed with Vets 4 Pets which will occur as K-Town CAW have available funds.

Having taken a break due to COVID-19 in 2020, this year's good turnout by owners and dogs ensures that it will once again return to become an annual event in 2022.



KAWERAU JOINS COMMUNITIES 4 LOCAL DEMOCRACY



Kawerau District Council is one of 23 Councils that has joined the Communities 4 Local Democracy - He hapori mō te Manapori.

The group was created in response to serious concerns about the Government's Three Waters reforms, and the implications of the proposed legislation – in particular losing control of approximately \$60 billion of community owned assets across the whole country.

Mayor Campbell said we all agree with the need for investment in Three Waters assets, but there's a better way to achieve the Government's objectives and we want to work in partnership with them on that.

In particular, Kawerau wishes to ensure that these fresh ideas will ensure that our local communities continue to have a say on how the assets they have bought and paid for are used to achieve our health and environmental goals.

Mayor Campbell said Kawerau is mindful that other Councils have different views and this is not intended to be a divisive stand, but a proactive way to work together.

Kawerau is already progressing replacements of the Three Waters drinking water assets as part of a six-year infrastructure project. Work is now underway in the town centre and business district and will continue until 2022.

ACCESS TO TARAWERA FALLS AND MT PŪTAUAKI

Tarawera Falls Access

- Kawerau i-Site can issue permits to Tarawera Falls – strictly as a day pass;
- Camping is permitted at Te Tapahoro (DOC campsite) strictly via boating or walking in;
- Visitors are allowed to be dropped off at Tarawera Falls, and then walk into the campsite, but two permits will need to be purchased (for drop off and pick up);
- No vehicle access to Te Tapahoro (DOC campsite).

Mt Pūtauaki Access

Access to Maunga Pūtauaki will also be closed from Friday 24 December 2021 to Wednesday 5 January 2022.

Visitors who wish to trek Mt Pūtauaki (outside of these closure dates) will need to request a permit from Māori Investments Limited (MIL) before 4pm Friday 17 December 2021. Please note: the online system will not be available over our close down period.

Māori Investments Limited (MIL) reopen its offices on 10 January 2022 for permits requested after this period. Contact MIL on <https://www.maoriinvestments.co.nz/access-permits>



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR DATES 2021- 2022



THE COUNCIL OFFICE AND NZ AA SERVICES will close at 12:00 Noon on Friday 24th December 2021 and re-open at 8:30AM on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

Refuse and recycling collections will NOT be affected during this period. Please ensure all bins are on the curbside by 7.30AM on the day of collection.

TRANSFER STATION

Friday (Christmas Eve day)	24 December	8.00am – 12 noon
Saturday (Christmas Day)	25 December	closed
Sunday (Boxing Day)	26 December	Normal hours 12 noon until 4.00PM daily

Normal hours resume Sunday (Boxing Day) 26 December 2021

THE DISTRICT LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Friday (Christmas Eve day)	24 December	10.00am – 12 noon
Saturday (Christmas Day)	25 December	Closed
Sunday (Boxing Day)	26 December	Closed
Monday (Christmas Day Observed)	27 December	Closed
Tuesday (Boxing Day Observed)	28 December	Closed
Wednesday	29 December	10.00am – 5.00pm
Thursday	30 December	10.00am – 5.00pm
Friday	31 December	10.00am – 5.00pm
Saturday (New Year's Day)	1 January	Closed
Sunday	2 January	Closed
Monday (New Year's Day Observed)	3 January	Closed
Tuesday (Day After New Year's Day Observed)	4 January	Closed
Wednesday	5 January	Normal Hours

KAWERAU I-SITE

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Wednesday	5 January	Normal Hours (Weekends 9.00am-3.00pm)

DOG, NOISE, STOCK CONTROL AND COMPLAINTS

For assistance with dog, noise and stock control problems, please phone 306 9009 option 1 (anytime)

DUTY SUPERVISOR

During the office closure period, please phone 306 9009 and choose option 2 to talk to the duty supervisor.

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For Private Hires and BBQ hire, please contact the pool staff, or telephone 323 6109 during pool hours. Please note that Private Hires are only available outside pool opening hours.