

COMMUNITY PĀNUI | UPDATE

19 OCTOBER 2023

District Library School Holiday programme success

The Kawerau District Library Spring holiday programme started with some rain but ended with sunshine. We had a wonderful turnout these holidays with plenty of tamariki floating around the place and joining in.

Our tamariki explored their creative sides during the first week by creating musical instruments, learning about Zoetrope's and then got some fresh air and exercise with an outdoor nature scavenger hunt.

During the second week we had the ever-popular Lego day where everyone helped to build our Lego Garden. This was followed by recycled pencil pot creations on the Wednesday and then the week ended on Friday with some outdoor painting and music.

We are now on the countdown to our Annual Summer reading programme so keep your eyes peeled for updates.



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Welcome to our new Council staff

Shaun Dredge Museum Technical Assistant

We recently caught up with our new Museum Technical Assistant, Shaun Dredge.



"I am the new Sir James Fletcher Kawerau Museum Technical Assistant. I work in the Museum and Archives storage building. My role primarily consists of digitising, entering into a database and archiving items donated to the museum. There is a current backlog of over 30,000 items so I imagine I'll be busy for a while. The last few years I have been working in inventory and logistics roles.

Born and raised in Kawerau and after many years away, I moved back to town around 2015. You cannot beat Kawerau for the sheer amount of beauty and activities that are right on our doorstep. In my spare time my fiancé and I like to walk the local trails, or I'll go for a fish at one of the many stunning lakes or rivers that surround us, or, if I'm feeling more chill, I'll go throw a line out at one of the nearby beaches and take a swim."

Nau mai haere mai to other recent new additions to our Council team.



Left: The three new Trainee Lifeguards at the Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre (from left to right) Keelyn Wikotu, Patrick Frewen and Emily Griffin.

Right: Welcome also to our new Mower Operator Daniel Clark who has joined Council's Turf and Trees team.

Rangi Delamere Pavilion Rebuild

Work is progressing with the rebuild of the Rangi Delamere Pavilion.

Contractors have now taken down the all-weather cover and rigging, and work is turning to the inside and lining work.

Council is liaising with the whānau of the namesake, Rangi Delamere, a renowned tennis and netball stalwart of the community with regards to the signage to recognise their kuia.

The aim is that the building becomes a multi-purpose facility for the community.

Whānau and Council are also working together regarding the official opening. At this stage it looks like the official opening of the pavilion may occur in early 2024, but we will keep you posted.



**AVAILABLE NOW
FOR KAWERAU**

Download the free Antenno app from Google Play Store or Apple App Store

- Add your “places” (i.e., Kawerau, your home address and any other districts you visit). This enables you to receive our latest updates.
- If you notice an issue somewhere in the district (i.e. a tree down) head to the ‘Report It’ tab and then follow the steps to send the issue through to us!

If you need help to download or use the app – call into the Kawerau isite, Kawerau District Library adult programmes officer Sue Gould and the Council Office.

Annual Shut of Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre



A reminder to patrons that the annual maintenance shut at the Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre is on now and will continue until 27 October.

We know that even a temporary closure of our beloved aquatic centre is not popular, but such a beautiful asset needs ongoing maintenance to stay in the best condition possible.

Kawerau District



**GRANTS
OPEN**

Applications are now open for the Creative New Zealand Communities’ grants.

For more information, phone Council on 07 306 9009 or email kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz Applications close at 5.00pm, Tuesday 31 October 2023.



Parks and Gardens update

Our team will be preparing the garden beds for summer planting next month, including removing our beautiful tulip bulbs.

Our main supplier, Van Eden Tulips is closing and has advised us of a shortage in bulbs for next year, which will create a significant price increase with any other suppliers. So instead, we are going to try harvesting, drying, and storing this year's bulbs so we will have some for planting next Spring.

This will mean a significant saving but will also mean that there will be no free tulip bulbs for the community this year. Thanks for your understanding.

Updated tsunami evacuation zones

Civil Defence Bay of Plenty has recently updated the region's tsunami evacuation zone maps.

While Kawerau is not classified as having a tsunami risk in the event of an earthquake – we're far enough inland for it not to be a problem for us – you may have whānau who work, play or attend schools closer to the coast. In this case, it would be a good idea to make yourselves familiar with the updated maps.

Find out more on the Civil Defence Bay of Plenty website at Emergency Management Bay of Plenty (bopcivildefence.govt.nz)

To Do:



Gym



Laundry



Check out updated tsunami evacuation maps



www.bopcivildefence.govt.nz



BAY OF PLENTY
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
GROUP

Swimming pool checks and fencing

Council is obliged to check home pools every three years to ensure the safety of the relevant pool fencing. You'll probably know that your check is coming up - but if you have any questions, please contact Council on 07 306 9009.

Remember that if you buy a portable pool for the summer months, many of these also require secure pool fencing around them – information about which is usually on the box the pool came in. For more information, check out the Pool Safety Barrier Changes section of the Council website at

www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/services/building-and-planning/pool-safety-barrier-changes

Regulations

We are in the process of following up with all Early Childhood Education (ECE) services, Clubs and Societies who are preparing and selling food to their children/ customers, of the requirement to register their premises under the Food Act 2014. We'll soon be in touch (if we haven't already) with brochures explaining what the Food Act 2014 means for them.

You can find the brochures under the Related Resources Documents links on the Food Safety section of the Council website.

DID YOU KNOW?



Horizon Energy responsible for district's lighting

Horizon Energy install and maintain street lights in the Kawerau District? If you notice a street light that is not working, you can contact Council to log this job. Council's Customer Services team can take the details or even better log the job via the Antenna app with a photograph and this gives a GPS co-ordinate for Horizon Energy.

Please do report them. They can't be fixed if they haven't been reported.

Contact Council via our website Fix an Issue, Antenna App (free from the app stores),

email kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz
or call our team on 07 306 9009.

Upcoming Events And Meetings

- 21 October** Kawerau Youth Council Halloween Party
- 23 October** Labour Day (Public Holiday) Council Offices and District Library Closed
- 25 October** Council Meeting
- 25 October** Closing date for survey feedback on establishing Māori Wards
- 28 October** Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre reopens after maintenance shut
- 31 October** Light Party event by Combined Churches committee
- 31 October** Closing date applications for Creative NZ Community Grants
- 15 November** 9am Regulatory and Services Meeting
- 22 November** 11am Extra Ordinary Council Meeting: Decision on establishing Māori Wards
- 29 November** 9am Council Meeting
- 16 December** Save the Date! Christmas Float Parade; Community Concert; Evening Variety Show

Kōrero mai
Let's get
talking

Māori wards for Kawerau District Council?

Council is keen to hear your thoughts on whether Kawerau District Council should establish Māori wards in addition to the current general ward in future council elections.

After choosing to retain the first past the post voting system on 6 September, Council also unanimously resolved to consider whether to introduce one or more Māori wards for the Kawerau District Council for the 2025 and 2028 triennial election; and that Iwi and public consultation takes place regarding this during September and October 2023.

To help inform their decision-making, Council has recently been engaging with Tangata Whenua and the community, including public meetings at Rautahi Marae, Concert Chamber and Tarawera High School on 22 and 25 September and 9 October.

There's still time to have your say on this important issue. Council is keen to hear your thoughts on whether Kawerau District Council should establish Māori wards in addition to the current general ward in future council elections.

Your feedback is welcomed until the extended deadline of Wednesday, 25 October via:

- Public Forum – At start of all Council Meetings
- Survey – online via Social Media links (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MaoriWardQ>)
- Email kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz
- Website www.kaweraudc.govt.nz
- Survey/Letter – Drop this survey below to Council Offices, District Library or isite



Cut here or take the survey online www.kaweraudc.govt.nz

Kōrero mai Let's Get Talking about Māori wards for Kawerau District Council?

Have your say here - Please drop to Council offices, Library or isite by Wednesday 25 October 2023

1. Name (optional)

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2. Email (optional)

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3. Address (preferred)

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4. Age

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| <input type="radio"/> Under 18 | <input type="radio"/> 45-54 |
| <input type="radio"/> 18-24 | <input type="radio"/> 55-64 |
| <input type="radio"/> 25-34 | <input type="radio"/> 65+ |
| <input type="radio"/> 35-44 | |

5. Gender

- Female
 Male
 Non Binary
 Prefer not to say

6. Ethnicity

- Māori
 European
 Pacific Peoples
 Asian
 Middle Eastern/Latin American/African
 Other (please specify)

7. Do you support establishing Māori wards for the Kawerau District?

- Support
 Neither Support nor Oppose
 Oppose

8. Why do you feel that way?

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9. Please outline any other comments

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