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from the Mayor



The 2019 year has been one of many positives for the Kawerau District.

The district continues to provide a great base for industry and manufacturing which is supported by the ongoing work of the Industrial Symbiosis Kawerau (ISK) group.

We want to recognise Waiū Dairy which opened this year providing some 30 jobs. Waiū Dairy is a great example of enterprise collaboration as its owned by 11 Māori businesses and Imanaka a 138-year-old Japanese family-owned business.

We also want to recognise the \$23 million investment by Asaleo Care to their Kawerau plant signaling their ongoing commitment to our district.

We continue to work with other industries looking to establish in Kawerau.

There has also been great progress with the ISK's Kawerau Pathways to Work cadetship programme. This is an employer-driven initiative by Kawerau for Kawerau rangatahi that moved into the second phase thanks to the support

of the Government's Provincial Growth Fund (PGF).

Two rangatahi are already part-way through their 13-week cadetships with the Kawerau i-SITE and Sequal respectively. More cadets start in the New Year with other employers.

There have been many great events run by the Council staff including WoodFest, King of the Mountain, the re-opening of the Sir James Fletcher Kawerau Museum and Christmas in the Park. A huge thank you to all our community volunteers who supported our events. A special thank you to our Kawerau Youth Council.

The Maurie Kjar Memorial Pool Complex is looking fabulous after the recent maintenance overhaul and the Parks and Reserves team have met their usual high standard throughout the district.

Remember, the Library is a great place to entertain the family and visitors during the summer holidays.

Finally, on behalf of the Councillors and Council staff, I would like to wish you a very happy and safe festive season.

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Key Dates

- ▶ **Kawerau District Office and NZTA Services** will close at 12.00noon Tuesday 24 December 2019 and will re-open 8am Monday, 6 January 2020
- ▶ **Transfer Station** will be closed Christmas Day only
- ▶ **For any dog, noise or stock control** matters, please telephone 306 9009
- ▶ **Kawerau i-SITE** will be closed Christmas Day
- ▶ **Kawerau i-SITE** hours are 8.30am to 6.30pm daily from Thursday 26 December to Sunday 12 January
- ▶ **The Library and Museum** will close at 12 noon Tuesday, 24 December 2019 and remain closed on Christmas and Boxing Days
- ▶ **Maurie Kjar Memorial pool** is closed from 12 noon Tuesday 24 December 2019. The pool complex reopens at 8.00am on Boxing Day, Thursday 26 December 2019

Note: See back page for opening hours and dates for all Council services and facilities

Digital Workshops for Families



The Kawerau District Library delivered the first Digital Wellbeing Programme at Tarawera High School with 10 families recently.

The Library has partnered with the Digital Inclusion Alliance Aotearoa (DIAA) and Te Aka Toitu Trust to deliver the programme to Kawerau families.

The programme is run by Library staff and aims to provide knowledge, skills and internet connectivity to parents. It consists of two four-hour sessions after which each family gains a "Digital Licence" and takes home the device they used in class to keep and share with their whanau.

More workshops are planned in early 2020. Families can approach their school to register their interest.

Pictured is Wendy Montrose, Library Adult Programmes and Activities officer and Jana Valach working through the online quizzes.

Kawerau District Council Meeting Dates 2019 -2020

Regulatory and Services 9:00am	Council Meeting Dates 9:00am	Audit and Risk Meeting Dates
Tuesday, 17 December	Tuesday, 17 December	January – no meeting
January – no meeting	January - no meeting	Tuesday, 4 February 1:00pm
Tuesday, 11 February	Tuesday, 25 February	
Tuesday, 17 March	Tuesday, 31 March	
Tuesday, 14 April	Tuesday, 28 April	
Tuesday, 12 May	Tuesday, 26 May	Further Meeting dates
Tuesday, 16 June	Tuesday, 30 June	throughout the year
Tuesday, 14 July	Tuesday, 28 July	to be determined
Tuesday, 11 August	Tuesday, 25 August	
Tuesday, 15 September	Tuesday, 29 September	
Tuesday, 13 October	Tuesday, 27 October	
Tuesday, 10 November	Tuesday, 24 November	
Tuesday, 15 December	Tuesday, 15 December	

Minor Changes to General Bylaw for Public Places

The Freedom Camping Bylaw (2019) superseded the provisions about freedom camping in the General Bylaw for Public Places. Under s156(2) of the Local Government Act 2002, those provisions have now been removed. Both documents are available from the District Office in Ranfurly Court and Council's website: <http://www.kaweraudc.govt.nz>

RB George
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Safe Summer Tips



Keep Safe on our roads this summer

- Be patient on the roads
- Allow plenty of time to get to your destination
- Travel to the road conditions
- Ensure children are safe in your vehicle with approved child restraints
- Keep a safe distance behind vehicles
- Overtake with caution
- Regularly check oil, water, tyre tread and inflation
- The Kawerau Police wish you a safe and happy christmas

Make it a happy festive season

- Christmas is a time for family
- Try not to stress about the small stuff
- Set a budget for gifts
- Spend time with whanau and friends
- Check in with your neighbours
- Ensure pets are secure in your section, have plenty to drink and shelter



Going away on holiday



- Get someone to check your property regularly
- Let your neighbours know you're going to be away
- Leave a light on inside and washing on the line
- Ensure your mail is collected or stopped with NZ Post
- Make sure your pets are looked after when you're away in a kennel or cattery or by friends

Get Ready, Get Through Civil Defence Emergency

- Get to know your neighbours – they are your first line of support in an emergency
- Be prepared – have an emergency kit or extra supplies at home
- Register to receive emergency text alerts www.bopcivildefence.govt.nz/be-warned/
- Civil Defence and Neighbourhood Support have teamed up and will send out a community guide to households soon
- The team at Civil Defence and Emergency Management wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas



Christmas and New Year Dates 2019-2020

DISTRICT OFFICE and NZTA SERVICES

The Kawerau District Office and NZTA Services will close at 12.00noon (midday) on Tuesday, 24 December 2019 and re-open 8.00am on Monday, 6 January 2020

REFUSE and RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

Refuse and Recycling collections due on Wednesday, 25 December 2019 will be collected on Saturday, 28 December 2019. Collections due on Wednesday, 1 January 2020 will be collected on Saturday, 4 January 2020

Please ensure all bins are at the curbside by 7.30am on the day of collection

TRANSFER STATION

Closed Christmas Day. On all other days, open normal hours 12.00pm to 4.00pm

THE LIBRARY / MUSEUM

Tuesday (Christmas eve day)	24 December	10.00am - noon
Wednesday (Christmas day)	25 December	Closed
Thursday (Boxing day)	26 December	Closed
Friday	27 December	10.00am - 5.00pm
Saturday	28 December	10.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday	29 December	Closed
Monday	30 December	10.00am - 5.00pm
Tuesday (New Year's eve day)	31 December	10.00am - 5.00pm
Wednesday (New Year's day)	01 January	Closed
Thursday (statutory holiday)	02 January	Closed

Normal hours resume Friday, 3 January 2020

KAWERAU i-SITE

Monday and Tuesday	23 and 24 December	8.30am - 6.30pm
Wednesday (Christmas Day)	25 December	Closed
Thursday to Sunday	26 December - 12 January	8.30am - 6.30pm
From 13 to 26 January	Weekdays	9.00am - 4.00pm
	Weekends only	8.30am - 6.30pm

DOG, NOISE AND STOCK CONTROL / COMPLAINTS

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

DUTY SUPERVISOR

During the office closure period, please telephone 306 9009 and choose option 2 for the Duty Supervisor.

MAURIE KJAR MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL

Tuesday (Christmas Eve)	24 December	8.00am - 12.00 noon
Christmas Day	25 December	Closed
Thursday - Friday	26 -28 December	8.00am - 6.00pm
Saturday	29 December	8.00am - 8.00pm
Sunday	30 December	8.00am - 8.00pm
Monday	31 December	Normal hours resume

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