



OCTOBER 2019



Community Update

Declaration of Election Results 2019

The 2019 Kawerau District Council election took place with voting closing at 12 noon on Saturday 12 October 2019.

Election Services have now provided the official Declaration of Results which are as follows:

Mayor:

Malcolm Campbell (2022 votes)

Councillors:

1. Faylene Tunui (1689 votes)
2. Berice Julian (1619)
3. Sela Kingi (1581)
4. Carolyn Ion (1522)
5. Warwick Godfery (1499)
6. Rex Savage (1370)
7. Aaron Rangihika (1234)
8. David Sparks (1171)

Thanks to all the candidates who stood for election and those who took the time to vote. The voter return numbers are up by almost 6% from the 2016 elections to 48.59%.

Council congratulates and welcomes Aaron Rangihika who joins the elected members for the upcoming three-year term.

Council says farewell to Chris Marjoribanks who after two terms as a Kawerau District Councillor, chose not to stand in the 2019 election. Chris has lived and worked in Kawerau all his life, having moved here with his whanau as a young boy. For many years, Chris worked at the



Chris Marjoribanks
who stood down after two terms

former Tasman Pulp and Paper Mill firstly in maintenance, then health and safety and human resources.

After leaving Norske Skog Tasman, Chris took on his current role as chief executive of Tuwharetoa ki Kawerau Health, Education and Social Services.

Serving on the Kawerau District Council was another way to give back to community that he has grown up in, played sport for and raised his own family. Council thanks Chris for his contribution and wishes him well in the future.

Library hosts Te Reo Wainene o Tua – a te Reo Maori storytelling group

Kawerau Library and Te Wānanga o Aotearoa had the privilege of hosting Te Reo Wainene o Tua – a te Reo Māori storytelling group on a mission to revitalise pūrākau, revive oral tradition, and normalise te Reo.

Among the group were Papa Joe Harawira, Tamati Waaka, and Veronica Edwards. Papa Joe Harawira and Tamati Waaka are among the founding members of Te Reo Wainene o Tua. Joe has been travelling the world sharing his stories for the past 34 years while Tamati has an extensive background in Māori radio, kapa haka, and is an accomplished children's book author.

Kawerau youth librarian Jacqueline Godfery said hundreds of children from Te Whata Tau o Putauaki, Te Kura o Te Teko, and Kawerau Putauaki School



L to R - Awhina August, Veronica Edwards, Tamati Waaka and Papa Joe Harawira

enjoyed the event. "They were buzzing and talking lots about how funny the storytellers were".

Kawerau Library, Te

Wānanga o Aotearoa, and our local schools would like to thank Papa Joe, Tamati, and Veronica for sharing and strengthening our language – te Reo Māori.



Dog pound donation by WINZ staff

A big thank you to the Kawerau branch WINZ office staff, who kindly donated the puppy food to the Kawerau Dog Pound.

From left to right pictured are WINZ staff member Jackson, Council Team Leader Animal Control and Compliance Lisa Singfield, Regulatory Administrator Raiha Andrew and WINZ staff member Leonie Taylor.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

RUBBISH AND RECYCLING

Refuse or recycling should put into the correct bins provided by the Council. However, as we are here to serve the community, we will pick up some additional recycling as long as it is neat, safe to remove and the quantity is relatively small.

Please be mindful that our recycling crew pick up hundreds of crates in a single day. We are finding that certain customers are using 220L modified drums which are a health and safety concern for staff whom have to lift or shift it.



Wherever possible, please use the correct bins as pictured (left to right) recycling crate, general waste bins pictured 60L (120L bin available at extra charge) and the green waste bin. For queries please phone Council on 07 306 9009.

Swimming Pool shut for maintenance

Despite a wet start to the week the pool maintenance shut is now in full swing.

The heat exchangers are being refurbished, repainting of the main pool and spa pool, non-slip surfaces are being redone, splash pad is getting a

birthday and seating provided around the kiddies pool for parents. Pool staff are busy painting BBQ tables and spring cleaning the changing rooms.

Bernie Tientjes,
Council's Parks and Recreation

manager said although two days were lost due to the inclement weather the plan is still for the pools re-opening on Monday, 28 October, but is dependent on the weather playing the game and staying fine and dry.

Let's stop the vandalism

Council Parks and Recreation Manager Bernie Tientjes urges people to take a stand against vandalism in the district.

Several of the town's reserves have been damaged from people driving their vehicles on them. In addition, fires have

been started in Monika Lanham Reserve and in Stoneham Walk plants have been ripped out.

If people see illegal activity occurring in the parks and recreational areas in Kawerau, please phone the Police.



Keep Safe Your Keep Sakes

If you have old photographs or memorabilia to preserve – book your free one-to-one session with conservator Anastazja Harding, the Council's Museum Curator (pictured).

There are free one-to-one sessions for people during the weekend of November 16 and 17 at the Kawerau Library and Museum in Jellicoe Court, Kawerau. Sessions can be booked between 9.00am and 1.20pm.

Welcome Huong

Last month we welcomed Huong Nguyen who joins the Council as the Sir James Fletcher Museum technical assistant.

Huong has lived in Kawerau since 2016 and has a background and degree in multi-media and graphic design.

Having moved to Christchurch in 2002 to complete her secondary schooling and lived there for nine years. After the earthquakes, Huong moved to Auckland where she completed her second degree in international hospitality management majoring in marketing.

Huong is enjoying learning about preserving artefacts and working in a museum environment.

Previously, Huong was a



freelance contractor, but she has also lived and worked in Vietnam for a time for a media agency.

Huong works primarily with Museum Curator Anastazja Harding and the Museum and Library team.

Cemetery Plot Review

A report was presented to elected members recently about the availability of plots in the Kawerau Cemetery.

The review summarised that with the work to level 'the hill' in the existing cemetery there are sufficient plots for the next

40 – 50 years.

Since 1999, there have been an average of 21 burials per year. Council will continue to install new plots at a rate of 40 to 60 per year.

All plots are now being set up for two interments per site.

SPEED HUMPS INVESTIGATIONS

Kawerau District Council has received requests from residents asking for the installation of speed humps to lower vehicular speed and increase safety for pedestrians in various areas around town.

Council is investigating options and will consult with the residents immediately affected by the proposed adoption of traffic calming tools such as speed humps.

Those investigations will include

completing a letter-drop in those affected areas shortly.

Following consultation with residents in the affected areas and with local Police to confirm the various location options for the speed humps, a report will be presented to Council for their consideration.

Areas/streets where requests have been received are Massey, River (between Freyberg and Hobson) and Tuwharetoa/Mawake.

David Turner remains ISK Chair



Pictured (left to right) is former ISK Deputy Chair Spence McClintock, ISK Chair David Turner, Kawerau District Council Economic and Community Development Manager Glenn Sutton and incoming Deputy Chair Jacob Kajavala.

Recently Industrial Symbiosis Kawerau or ISK met with the majority of Kawerau business and industry represented. It was an opportunity for the ISK management team to update the business leaders about the progress to date with the Kawerau Putauaki Industrial Development Project, and included a five-minute video of the recently opened Waiu Dairy in operation.

The meeting was also an opportunity for people to learn about the newly opened Driver Operator Training Centre run by Toi-EDA and the Kawerau Pathways to Work programme run under the ISK umbrella.

It also served as the election for a chair and deputy chair with the roles aimed to drive ISK and the Eastern Bay forward. David Turner was re-elected as Chair and Jacob Kajavala was elected Deputy Chair.

The team thanked former Deputy Chair Spence McClintock who stood down, but will remain on the ISK management team.

Also, the funding application to the Government Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) for the Kawerau Off-Highway Road has been completed and lodged.

PechaKucha Night™
20 X 20
IMAGES SECONDS

7 pm
Thursday
14th
November
Kawerau
District
Library

Drinks & Nibbles

Laugh your heart out, cry your eyes out, it will take your breath away.
Tickets \$10 - 18+ - Bar selling beer & wine

For details go to www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/services/library/whatson

2019 Kawerau Woodfest

The 2019 Kawerau WoodFest event director Amy Hayes was pleased with the event and particularly with the support of the volunteers and also Kawerau businesses.

“It was a phenomenal turnout by competitors, locals, businesses, volunteers, performers and visitors and the weather pitched in to for this special iconic event.”

WoodFest attracts some of the world’s best and New Zealand representatives in the world of wood chopping, FMX motocross, BMX

and pole climbing and loggers. Crowd favourites are the Pacific Toyota Big Dig World Champs, Diddy Dig and the Truck Pull.

As part of the WoodFest event there were industrial site bus tours to visit Mercury Energy, Norske Skog, Oji Fibre Solutions, Sequal Lumber and the newly opened Waiu Dairy were fully booked and really appreciated by visitors.

In addition, returning the Generation Homes National Woodskills competition to the Kawerau Town Hall was another positive.

RESULTS

Loggers (men):

- 1 – Rorakawa Tiakiwai
- 2 – Scott Forrest
- 3 – Noel Galloway
- 4 – Jamie Lass

Loggers (women):

- 1 – Temara Peri-Playle

Pole Climb:

- 1 - Scott Forrest
- 2 – Reid McBeth
- 3 – Sam Smith
- 4 – Mike Mortensen

Diddy Dig (school event):

- 1 – Thornton School Thunder (2min 45sec)
- 2 – Putauaki School Wildcats (2min 50sec)
- 3 – South School Wanderers (3min 15sec)
- 4 - Putauaki School Dominators (3min 17sec)

Big Dig – World Champs:

- 1 – Hubbards Razorbacks
- 2 – FMX / BMX Crew
- 3 – Thornton Dads

Big Dig – Social Champs:

- 1 – Kawerau Fire
- 2 – Unique Gymz
- 3 – Puke Pine

Truck Pull:

- 1 – K Fit
- 2 – Kawerau Fire
- 3 – Unique Gymz

Woodfest emergency kit winners



Emergency Management Bay of Plenty had a stall at the 2019 Kawerau WoodFest to encourage personal and household emergency preparedness.

Emergency management advisor Meagan Edhouse said they partnered with Kawerau Neighbourhood Support to provide information and advice at WoodFest.

The promotion included the opportunity for members of the public to go into a prize draw by signing up to Neighbourhood Support and telling the team what was in the deluxe getaway kit.

The lucky winners of the Emergency Management Bay of Plenty 2019 Kawerau WoodFest promotion were:

Pepe Moses – Trailer load of firewood
Matariki Turuwhenua (pictured with Meagan Edhouse) – deluxe Getaway kit (extras included a solar panel charger, sony portable speaker, camping gas cooking system and a life straw)
A Mirkara – Neighbourhood Support draw ‘Grab and Go’ Getaway Kit,

COUNCIL PEOPLE

Council staff focus on mental health awareness



Pictured Council staff enjoy the 'hands-on lunch-time Harakeke Putiputi session by Te Whare Wananga o Aotearoa Raranga Kaiako.

In conjunction with Mental Health week recently, Council staff took part in a number of activities during their lunch breaks to focus on well-being. One popular activity was making Harakeke Putiputi. Council regulatory and operations administrator Raiha Andrew said it

was an awesome session and congratulated everyone for what was created in an hour. A big thank you to May Te Pou (Kaiako Raranga Te Whare Wananga o Aotearoa) and Liz Tamatea (Kai Raranga TWOA) for their tautoko and knowledge.

'KNOT+ED' weaving popular



Some 50 people attended the 'KNOT+ED' weaving symposium at the Sir James Fletcher Museum last month.

The collaborative weaving symposium showcased two Taiwanese weavers and weavers from Te Wananga o Aotearoa in a one-off collaboration.

Held at the Kawerau Town Hall the event attracted weavers of all abilities including people of all ages keen to learn the craft as pictured.

KAWERAU KING OF THE MOUNTAIN

Down Hill is Easy!

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THE CHALLENGE

Race 7 km
up & down Putauaki
Mt. Edgecumbe...

*Be Quick
Limited
Entries*

**Saturday
2nd Nov
2019**

- *School Relays – 8:30*
- *Prince & Princess Race – 11:00*
- *Main Race – 12:00*

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