

COMMUNITY UPDATE

07 May 2020

Still at Level 3 – Hold Tight

It has been positive to see the decreasing number of new COVID-19 cases in New Zealand during the last week. This shows the sacrifices are making a difference.

The Level 3 measures remain in place with restrictions for Council, businesses and residents. We all need to remain vigilant with our physical distancing at work and whenever we are away from our home 'bubble' at work or out for essential supplies.

It is good to see more Kawerau businesses re-open, in new ways, within the Level 3 guidelines.

To support businesses an Eastern Bay campaign called 'Discover Our Local' was launched to encourage people to shop locally. As well as encouraging people to shop locally, it offers businesses a platform and support to promote themselves in online.

Times are tough also for sports clubs and organisations and there has been \$1 million funding made available by Sport NZ for the Bay of Plenty region. Applications open on Monday 11 May for the Sport NZ Community Resilience Fund that will be administered by Sport Bay of Plenty.

Council staff have been working in the parks and reserves and with other operations activities along with providing a safe and healthy environment with essential services. The Transfer Station is open daily from midday to 4pm and we appreciate the response from residents to the Level 3 measures.

The Council offices remain closed at Level 3, but our Customer Services team are available by phone **07 306 9009** and email during business hours.

- Mayor Malcolm Campbell

Council Meetings

The Council's Regulatory and Services Meeting will be livestreamed via Zoom on Tuesday, 12 May at 2.00pm on the Council's Facebook page and website.

The Council's Audit and Risk Meeting Friday, 15 May via Zoom at 2.45pm.



Important COVID-19 Contacts

www.covid19.govt.nz

- ▶ Healthline **0800 611 611** or your Doctor
- ▶ Need help with food or essential items **0800 884 222** (7am-7pm, 7 days)
- ▶ Financial support **0800 559 009**
- ▶ Seniors 65+ **0800 552 002**
- ▶ Students **0800 88 99 00**
- ▶ Mental Health Phone or Text **1737**

Rates instalment four

Council is legally required to charge rates and they are essential for Council to continue to provide services and activities. Council appreciates some ratepayers may have suffered financial hardship as a result of the lockdown. Please phone us on **07 306 9009** to set up a payment plan to spread the payments across the next four instalments. In Level 3 the Council Offices are closed but you can pay:

- Online www.kaweraudc.govt.nz
- Credit card by phone **07 306 9009**
- Cheque Drop Box in Islington Street (open business hours)
- Queries Phone **07 306 9009**
- Email kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz



**Be kind to yourself and others
We'll get through this together.**

**Unite
against
COVID-19**

Get behind Eastern Bay of Plenty businesses and DISCOVER OUR LOCAL

This week was the launch of the 'Discover Our Local' campaign to help local businesses get back on their feet after the Whakaari/White Island eruption and COVID-19.

The Discover Our Local Campaign is supported by the three Eastern Bay Councils, Eastern Bay of Plenty (EBOP) Chamber of Commerce and Radio 1XX.

The Discover Our Local tagline was decided on to highlight what you might be surprised to find at local stores and realise there is no need to shop elsewhere. It's not just about shopping local but discovering some great things along the way.

As part of the campaign, local businesses are encouraged to record a short video of themselves to share to potential customers. This gives locals an insight to the people behind local businesses and allows a different way to connect with customers while stores are temporarily closed. A quick 'how to' guide for producing videos and access to marketing collateral is available by emailing info@ebopchamber.co.nz or visit kaweraudc.govt.nz



Check our Facebook page and website www.kaweraudc.govt.nz for lists of businesses and services that are open in Level 3.

Let's support our local businesses and services of which the following are open with Level 3 guidelines in place.

RATING INFORMATION DATABASE

Pursuant to the Provisions of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, public notice is hereby given that Kawerau District Council's Rating Information Database is available for public inspection. The purpose of the Rating Information Database is:

- To record all information required for setting and assessing rates.
- To enable a local authority to communicate with ratepayers.
- To enable members of the public to have reasonable access to the information in the database relating to the calculation of liability for rates.

The Rating Information Database is available for inspection, however, as the District Office is currently closed due to Covid-19 restrictions, please contact our Customer Service Staff during the office hours of 8.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday for assistance on phone **07 306 9009**, or kaweraudc.govt.nz/residents/rates/rates-property-search.





Any ratepayer named in the Rating Information Database can object to the information in it on the following grounds:

- A rating unit listed in the district valuation roll has been omitted from the database.
- Information from the district valuation roll has been omitted or incorrectly entered into the database.
- Information entered into the database (other than information from the district valuation roll) is incorrect.

Objections to the Rating Information Database must be lodged with Kawerau District Council.



Council Services that remain closed at Level 3

- Council Offices and Council Depot 
- Maurie Kjar Memorial Swimming PoolComplex 
- Kawerau Visitor Information, I-SITE 
- Kawerau District Library and Sir James Fletcher Museum 
- All Council-owned facilities including Firmin Lodge, halls, sports pavilions and clubrooms 
- Public toilets (except one in Ranfurly Court for the convenience of Kawerau New World customers) 
- Playgrounds remain closed 