

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

12 June 2020

## Mayor's Message

The move to Level 1 was welcomed this week.

Having provided essential services throughout the COVID-19 levels, from Monday, 15 June Council can now reopen all Council services and facilities to the public.

During the COVID-19 levels, most Council staff continued working either in the offices, out in the field or at home. About a third of Council staff also carried out an additional Civil Defence role in the Kawerau Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) which was activated for the duration of the National State of Emergency.

Our Civil Defence EOC worked closely with the many community groups and organisations that provide a support network to our Kawerau residents. We wish to thank all of these groups in the coming weeks.

After some 10 weeks of virtual 'Zoom' meetings, we meet in the Council Chamber next week for the Regulatory and Services Meeting. Due to positive feedback from the public, meetings will continue to be livestreamed. Attending a Council meeting will mean you consent to filming and livestreaming. This gives people the opportunity to participate in the local government process. If you have an issue, please contact the Council on **07 306 9009** or email [kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz](mailto:kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz) so our staff can raise a request for service if it is an operational matter or add the issue to the public forum, which can be raised even if you can't attend.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we have kept residents informed via this weekly newsletter and online. In Level 1, Council will produce a fortnightly newsletter and continue to communicate via Facebook and our website. On a regional basis, we continue to collaborate, and on Friday, I chair the Bay of Plenty Mayors' Forum which will also be livestreamed.

- Malcolm Campbell, Mayor.



### Kerbside Recycling Collections will resume on Monday, 15 June

Glass



Cans



Plastic



Paper



Carboard

- ▲ Kerbside collections will resume with recyclables and the small, 60 litre, general refuse bin collected weekly and the 240 litre green waste bin collected every fortnight.
- ▲ Recycling Reminder: Paper, cardboard, tins, glass, aluminium cans, plastics 1 and 2 can go into the recycling. NOTE: All recycling items must be rinsed and clean, lids removed.
- ▲ Please refer to the Council's website and Facebook for information on recycling, greenwaste and rubbish collection zones and schedules.

## Have your say!

We welcome your submission  
on the Consultation Document  
for the 2020/21 Annual Plan

Consultation period is from  
29 May to 30 June.

Submissions can be made:

Online at [kaweraudc.govt.nz](http://kaweraudc.govt.nz)

Email  
[submissions@kaweraudc.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@kaweraudc.govt.nz)

Facebook Direct Message

Drop Box on the Islington Street  
side of the Council building.

Post Chief Executive Officer  
Kawerau District Council  
Private Bag 1004  
KAWERAU 3169



## COVID-19 Helpful Contacts

- Call Healthline if you think you have COVID-19 symptoms: **0800 358 5453**
- For any other COVID-19 related queries, contact the government helpline: **0800 779 997**
- People who may require financial support can phone the Ministry of Social Development on **0800 559 009**
- Need to talk? Call or text **1737**
- Visit [allright.org.nz](http://allright.org.nz) for practical mental health and wellbeing advice
- House of Hope Food Bank Kawerau **021 062 7443** (available Wednesdays) for emergency food parcels



## Maurie Kjar Memorial Pool Complex

- Open 7 days with the current opening hours of 9am until 5pm.
- The splash pad, bouncy pillow, changing rooms, toilets and main pool (which has had the heat exchanger repaired) are open.
- During Level 3 and 2, Council took the opportunity to complete some required maintenance on the spa pool.
- We are waiting for a part from overseas to get the spa pool back into action.
- Private hires and the BBQ will be available from Monday, 15 June.
- The aqua classes resume on Tuesday, 16 June at the new time of 9.30am.



## i-SITE

- Open from 9am until 4pm weekdays and 9pm to 1pm on weekends.
- Permits for the Tarawera Falls/Outlet and Mt Putauaki cost \$10 and are available at the i-SITE or online at [permits.maoriinvestments.co.nz](http://permits.maoriinvestments.co.nz)
- Access to the Tarawera Falls Outlet available for sight-seeing only.
- Tapahoro Campground located at the Tarawera Outlet is closed until further notice.



## Council Meetings 2020

- In Level 1, meetings will be in the Council Chambers. The Council will continue to livestream meetings on the Council Facebook page. Attending a Council meeting will mean you give your consent to the filming and livestreaming.
- The public forum will resume in Level 1. However, people are asked to adhere to the Council Code of Conduct: Arrive with enough time to advise staff of your wish to speak; what the matter is about and please keep to the three-minute timeframe.
- Just a reminder, that residents and ratepayers can contact the Council and raise a request for service should they have issues with water, roading and footpaths, parks and reserves or any other Council-related matters.



## Ministry of Health Public Notice

- Some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water standing in the fittings for several hours.
- Although the health risk is small, the Ministry of Health recommends that you flush a mugful of water from your drinking water tap each morning before use to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings.
- We are recommending this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies.



## Library Service Update at Level 1

From Monday, 15 June the Library and Museum Gallery will be open from 10am to 5pm weekdays and 10am to 1pm on Saturday.

- Customers are asked NOT to visit the Library or return books if they or others at their homes are sick or unwell. Sanitizer will be available. Cleaning of shared objects like customer computers will occur regularly.
- Customers can continue to request and collect Library material. Phone **306 9041** or email [library@kaweraudc.govt.nz](mailto:library@kaweraudc.govt.nz)
- The Library wifi is on. The majority of the APNK devices are available. The photocopier is broken and a replacement is on order.

Thank you for your patience. Everything we are doing is to make our community safer.



## Council Facilities

- At Level 1 Firmin Lodge and all other Council halls and facilities are available for hire by the public.
- Please contact the Council offices on **07 306 9009**.



**Greenwaste collection** will resume on **Monday, 15 June**. Information, Zone Map and Schedule are available on Council's website and Facebook

## Regulatory and Services Committee

9am Tuesday: 16 June, 14 July, 11 August, 15 September, 13 October, 10 November, 15 December

## Creative NZ Committee Meeting

2pm Tuesday: 23 June

## Council Meeting

9am Tuesday: 30 June, 28 July, 25 August, 29 September, 27 October, 24 November, 15 December

## Audit and Risk Meeting

Postponed until 1pm Tuesday 21 July (from 23 June)