

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

29 May 2020

## 2020/21 Annual Plan consultation process opens

Submissions are now open for the 2020/21 Annual Plan.

Residents can have their say on the Council's plan for the upcoming year until the 30 June 2020.

You will have received a Consultation Document with this newsletter which gives residents and ratepayers the opportunity to participate in the decision-making process.

You can make your submission using the Council's website, by email, on Facebook or using the form in the Consultation Document.

In the COVID-19 space, the increase in gatherings to 100 people is a sign of the progress in the country's fight to eradicate COVID-19.



We will be continuing to operate the Maurie Kjar Memorial Pool and the District Library with reduced services and hours. We wish to thank all the users for adapting to these changes. The positive feedback is much appreciated from the pool users and library members. The Council Offices are open 8am to 5pm weekdays as usual, with AA Services 8.30am to 4.30pm.

Following the lockdown, it is great to see the other Council projects, like the flood protection work and Stoneham Walk replanting back into full swing. Building of the first six units at the Porritt Glade Retirement Village development is also going well with the completion date of mid-September as can be seen here behind myself and Councillor Carolyn Ion.

Another positive this week was that the 31 titles were issued for the Central Cove subdivision which is being offered as house and land packages. Four titles were already issued for the Te Ariki Place and Bell Street development.

Stay safe and we look forward to receiving your queries about the 2020/21 Annual Plan.

- Malcolm Campbell, Mayor.

### 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 [submission@kaweraudc.govt.nz](mailto:submission@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



### Dog Registration Renewals

- The Dog registration renewals have been sent out and are due by the 31 July 2020. Dog owners are reminded they can pay their dog registration renewal fee: Online at [www.kaweraudc.govt.nz](http://www.kaweraudc.govt.nz)
- Phone 07 306 9009; Council's cheque drop-box on the Islington Street-side of the building or at the Council offices (8am and 5pm weekdays).



### Building Exemption

- The Government has announced there will be new exemptions for some building types. These changes are likely to come into effect by the end of August 2020.
- Council is awaiting guidance material from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment as to what these changes mean. With any exempt work, you may wish to discuss this with your insurer. Some exempt work will be required to be done by a suitably qualified person (i.e., licenced plumber, drain-layer etc.)
- If you are considering undertaking exempt building work – please feel free to phone the Council's building team on 07 306 9009 to discuss this.





**Our success is not down to luck;  
it's due to hard work from you all.**

**Unite  
against  
COVID-19**

## Thanks to the Jacksons

The Council would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank Pam and Dennis Jackson who kept busy during the COVID-19 lockdown by picking up rubbish around district's roads and highways. They have picked up truckloads of rubbish off the roadsides, on the main highway from Kawerau to both the Rotoma turnoff and the Te Teko turnoff. Thanks Pam and Dennis – for making a real difference to how people perceive the district when they are driving into Kawerau.



## Stoneham Walk armouring and planting

- Some 5,500 native plants have been planted in the Stoneham Walk reserve this week to both revegetate and to attract birds like Tuis and Bellbirds. There were 16 varieties of plants including, Titoki, Rimu, Tanekaha, Cabbage trees, Caprosmas, Manuka, Mahoe, Flaxes, Five Finger, Kawa Kawa, Lemonwood and Kowhai.
- Other work in Stoneham Walk recently has been the armouring of the Ruruanga Stream banks. Using rocks and hard materials, the armouring helps prevent the stream bank from eroding in heavy rainfall.



## Cobham Drive Playground

- After delays from the COVID-19 shutdown, the Cobham Drive Playground upgrade is underway. The upgrade is the result of a public submission to the 2019/20 Annual Plan by resident Ruth Montgomery who surveyed residents in the neighbourhood around the existing playground. The Council agreed and put \$34,000 towards the playground upgrade which is now coming to life.
- Concrete has been poured and is curing for the half-court area, and new equipment is being assembled



and installed this week which includes a see-saw, basket swing, a toddlers swing added to the existing, a tunnel, a small springy animal ride for younger children and extra seating.



## Flood Protection Work

- Work is progressing well on the stormwater detention basins in Hardie Avenue, Beattie and Valley Roads. This project will prevent stormwater run-off from rural land which in 2017, caused widespread flooding to homes and properties after intense rainfall.
- After a tendering process, Waiotahi Contractors were selected to carry out the project.



## Library

New limited operating hours will apply moving forward. These are: 10am-1pm, 2-4pm Monday to Friday (No Saturdays yet). Kawerau District Library open with restrictions and contact tracing. Foyer open for returns and pick-ups and a small selection of books available. No computers or photocopying/printing available yet but wifi is switched on and can be used outside building.