



COMMUNITY UPDATE

30 APRIL 2021



Top: Commodore Ross and Mayor Malcolm Campbell.
Above: Commodore Ross, Mayor Malcom Campbell and Ex Navalmen's Club past president Brian Reed.

from the Mayor

It was an honour to recognise Anzac Day with our Kawerau dawn parade and memorial service last weekend. We were proud to conduct such a special parade and service and acknowledge our headquarter party, our distinguished guests and the many community organisations who took part.

It was an honour to march alongside one of Kawerau's own, Commodore Melissa Ross the Deputy Chief of Navy, who was guest speaker at our dawn parade and then later for Whakatāne at their Civic Service.

We wish to acknowledge all those involved with the event and the public for their attendance to remember those who served our country and the fallen.

We will remember them.

Meanwhile, we are working to finalise the upcoming Long Term Plan for 2021-2031.

We look forward to talking with members of the community and our stakeholders about the plan in the coming weeks.

We will outline the areas that we are consulting on in coming issues of the newsletter and there will be a number of public and stakeholder meetings.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that the Council this week voted to reappoint Chief Executive Russell George for a further two year period until October 2023.

This was done according to the requirements of the Local Government Act and recognised Russell's achievements to date and his personal attributes.

Local Government is currently undergoing significant change and we wish to maintain an experienced and respected manager at the helm to navigate these changes for Kawerau District Council and the community for the next two years.

Mayor Malcolm Campbell



Top: Members of the Kawerau Scouts Group.
Middle: Navy crew salute.
Above: Commodore Ross' inspirational address.

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Long Term Plan 2021 – 2031

Council is working on the Long Term Plan for 2021 to 2031. A consultation document is being prepared which outlines the major projects planned. Council is currently organising both public meetings and stakeholder group meetings to discuss the Long Term Plan.

After Council adopts the draft Long Term Plan more information about the projects and options will be posted on the Council website and onto the Council's Facebook platform.

Long Term Plan 2021 – 2031 Timeline

Consultation period	14 May to 14 June 2021
Hearing - Submitters talk to their submission	22 June 2021
Council deliberates regarding submissions	29 June 2021
Council adopts Long Term Plan*	27 July 2021

*Rates are set for the coming year

Digital Workshops

Kawerau District Library has been boosted with a successful application to the New Zealand Libraries Partnership Programme.

The Partnership Programme is part of a \$58.8 million package announced in May 2020 to help boost reading and digital literacy throughout New Zealand. Through the programme, three seconded staff are employed at the Kawerau District Library until June 2022.

One role will focus on digital inclusion, improving users' access to digital resources, and supporting the community in their digital skills. This will build on the work the Library already does and existing team members, Wendy Montrose and Janice Tekii, have already begun with activities. These include improving access to our e-databases, work with local schools and upcoming workshops on Better Digital Futures, which encourage non-computer users to have a go.

A second role will be focused on reading for pleasure and supporting well-being. Aimee Ratana recently began this role and is looking forward to meeting the community to see where the needs lie. Both roles will also be involved with creating and adding local digital content to our resources at the Library and Museum.



Above: Wendy Montrose, Aimee Ratana and Janice Tekii.

The programme includes assistance to national databases and online subscriptions such as EPIC that will benefit library users and new resources such as a camera for filming digital content.

Kawerau District Librarian Susan Harris said, "The library is an extremely valuable community resource, and the Partnership Programme will enable us to do some important work and gives us a boost to improve what we do for the community".

Rates Instalment 4

The fourth rates instalment for the 2020/21 year (from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021) has been posted out to ratepayers. People who receive their rates instalment by email will have also received them. Please check your spam folder if it hasn't arrived in your email inbox. If you would like to receive your rates instalments by email, please contact Council on 07 306 9009 or email kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz

Dog Registration Renewals

The dog registration renewals have also been sent out to owners of the 1,481 registered dogs in the Kawerau District.

Payment of dog registration needs to be made by 31 July. Payment after this date will incur a 50% penalty.

Payments can be made online via kaweraudc.govt.nz or at the Council Offices between 8am and 5pm weekdays.



Time to Cheque out



From 1 July 2021, Council's bank, BNZ will no longer accept or process cheques. If you make any payments to Council by cheque, we encourage you to think about other payment methods in the future. A range of options are listed on the Council website including automatic payments, direct debits, online banking or via the website www.kaweraudc.govt.nz



Town Centre



Work on the Town Centre re-development has been continuing and the garden and grassed areas are starting to take shape. The new bike stand and further concrete bollard seating has been installed. Work will also be starting on the second stage opposite the skate park area.

Solid Waste Updates

Did you know about wire and steel recycling?

Residents and commercial users please be aware that if you're bringing general rubbish to the Kawerau Transfer Station and have wire or steel items (like gates or old fence wire), please:

1. Report to the Weigh Bridge and let the Council staff know.
2. Deposit the steel, mesh, metal and wire items in the appropriate steel recycling skip.
3. Weigh the remainder of your load and unload it into the pit.
4. You will be charged a flat \$5 fee for the steel and wire materials. Plus, you will be charged the cost for your general rubbish.

The reason for this reminder is that steel and wire items (pictured) have been getting sent to the Tirohia Landfill amongst Kawerau rubbish and jamming the landfill machinery.

For more information, please contact the Kawerau Transfer Station between 12 noon and 4pm daily on 07 323 9035 or Council Offices between 8am and 5pm weekdays on 07 306 9009.



Old Paint No Longer Accepted at Transfer Station

Waste Management is no longer accepting paint from the Kawerau Transfer Station.

Their hazardous materials collection categories/criteria have changed and now excludes paint. Therefore, Council will no longer accepting paint at the Transfer Station.

Resene Colour Shop in Whakatane does accept old paint which meets the following criteria:

- ▶ Old paint in tins that have no rust
- ▶ Tins must be able to be opened to remove the paint and recycle the tins
- ▶ They accept Resene paint and there is no cost
- ▶ Paint that is other brands, Dulux etc is accepted but costs 25 cents per litre
- ▶ Again, other paint brands can only be accepted if the paint tins are in good condition (no rust) and the lids can be opened
- ▶ Only small quantities can be taken by Resene Colour Shop at one time

Please check with the Resene Colour Shops in advance.

Vandalism Disheartening

The ongoing vandalism of community assets is disheartening to Councillors and staff. In particular, the vandalism of the safety fence around the playground in the Town Centre continues creating safety issues for young children and their whanau.

In addition, fences in Tarawera Park and Waterhouse Street have also been damaged by vandalism.



Call 105 to report a Police non-emergency or online to 105. police.govt.nz



Parks and Reserves thank their Volunteers



The Parks and Reserves team has been having assistance from a number of volunteers organised through a community work experience training scheme. These volunteers are Hauwaho Taipeti, Nasire Hemopo and Kawharu Cullinan pictured with Tuwharetoa To Ara Mahi training co-ordinator Tony Gardiner. The team has recently been removing dead trees from Stoneham Walk,

and lifting the low-hanging branches of trees in Porritt Drive and Waterhouse Street.

In addition, the team has been preparing the town garden beds for the winter displays and completing the new planting in the Town Centre.

The team has also been completing repairs of fences in Tarawera Park and Waterhouse Street.

Creative NZ Communities

The application timeframe for the first round of the 2021 Creative NZ Communities grants has been extended until Friday, 28 May 2021.

The Creative Communities Scheme supports and encourages local communities to create and present diverse opportunities for accessing and participating in the arts.

Applications can be made by individuals or a group as long as your project:

- ▶ Has an arts or cultural focus
- ▶ Takes place within the Kawerau district
- ▶ Benefits local community
- ▶ Has not started before an application or funding is assessed
- ▶ Is completed within 12 months of funding being approved
- ▶ Has not been funded by Creative New Zealand's other arts funding programmes for the same purpose

Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh visit to Kawerau

10 June 1921 - 9 April 2021

The world recognised the passing of Prince Phillip Duke of Edinburgh and so did we.

Some Kawerau residents will also remember that back in 1956 His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh made a visit to the district and to Tasman Pulp and Paper Mill, Kawerau.

Photographs from this historic visit are on display in the foyer of the District Library and Museum (pictured).

The tour of the Tasman Pulp and Paper Mill was carried out by Mr Prideaux, Sir James Fletcher and Mr Dougal who was the Director of Operations at Tasman Pulp and Paper.

Photographs courtesy of Sir James Fletcher Museum and Archives

