



NOVEMBER 2019



Community Update



Pictured are the 2019 Kawerau District Mayor and Councillors with Kaumatua Boycie Te Rire, Kaumatua Reverend Graham Te Rire and Kaumatua Te Waraki (Chic) Te Ruki.

From the Mayor

It is good to have the team back around the Council table with the start of the new triennium. And a big welcome to Aaron Rangihika who joins our elected team. Aaron's experience in governance and his passion for Kawerau will be a great addition to our Council.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank all the people who put themselves forward as candidates in the election. It takes a certain bravery to put yourselves forward in this very public process. Now the election is behind us, it is business as usual. The Council have begun the new term with a call for more inclusion of community representatives on our community committees.

We have called for interest for three community representatives to be on the Creative Communities Assessment Committee to join three councillors, two iwi representatives and an arts representative. Nominations close this Friday, 29 November (more details in this newsletter).

Council are also looking for community representatives to become involved with decision-making regarding access for those with a disability and the elderly.

Water is again in our scope with the Government briefing on the Fresh Water Reform and Three Waters Review which myself and chief executive Russell George attended in Wellington last week. These reforms and reviews will guide our decision-making.

In parallel, Council is progressing the planning of the water reticulation system replacement programme. This is likely to be an on-going project as investigations show that much of the pipework is still in good working order. We are also starting a review on rubbish and recycling which is an issue for all of us, Council, businesses and consumers, as we all have a part to play. The Council has increased costs at the Transfer Station this year to cover the costs of its operation and to transport our district's general waste to the Tirohanga landfill.

The annual King of the Mountain Race was a great event held recently. In my usual post at the top of Putauaki maunga, I enjoyed greeting the entrants when they reached the summit. Congratulations to all the entrants especially those from Kawerau and the Eastern Bay. Full credit to Lee Barton, Amy Hayes and their team, and all our volunteers for putting on another quality event in Kawerau.

We look forward to next year's 65th 'gold card' anniversary event and increased participation from our locals to celebrate this special milestone.

In the lead-up to Christmas we have the Kawerau Christmas in the Park event on Saturday, 14 December.

Finally, a note of caution, as with a dry hot summer predicted, we ask all residents to be vigilant with the risk of fire to our district.

Malcolm Campbell

Summer reading gains are in the bag

Children who do not read much over the long summer holidays can lose the gains they have made in their reading levels and fluency over the year. This is true for all children, but especially for children who are already struggling readers.

Kawerau Library's annual summer learning programme aims to bump these reading gains for children with a goody bag full of rewards.

Children from pre-school to pre-teen can join the programme. No registrations are required, simply pick up a free ticket at the library from Thursday, 12 December onwards. Then every time the child reads a book or joins in holiday activities at the library and museum they get the ticket clipped.

When children have their ticket clipped ten times, they can collect their goody bag full of rewards, from LEGO packs to playing cards and juggling balls.

A free book is also on offer for those who pickup their tickets before 12 noon on Christmas Eve.



(L – R): Kylie Peck, Katelyn Bach-Christensen, Mikayla Bailey-Reece and Danielle Bach-Christensen get a head-start to the holiday reading programme

Spaces are limited so get in quick. Tickets are available for pre-school to pre-teen children at the library from Thursday, 12 December 2019.

For more information, contact the library, visit www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/services/library or Facebook page @kaweraulibraryandmuseum

PechaKucha



The fifth Kawerau Library PechaKucha Night went off with a blast. Thank you to all who made it another successful event, including our presenters who were:

- Gloria White who sang to the Queen
- Justine McLeary in the best job in the world
- Scarlett Clarke and her adventure at Outward Bound
- Helen Purcell saving the world's livers
- Greg Moorcroft and his love of native birds
- Hannele van der Molen and her alter ego, Lady Hermione the Steampunker
- Helen Dobbin educating our kids on the environment
- Angus Ririnui-Tioke the best advertisement ever for Rotary (pictured), and
- John Rosanowski who shivered in Antarctica.

It's was a massive team effort and thanks to the helpers including: Ruth the MC; Library and Museum staff for doing all the food and service; Ross for setting up the chairs; JJ and the Youth Council for the use of the sound equipment; Tom and Pete at Maintenance for everything you do whenever I ask and the audience for your support.

Also thanks to the community for supporting these events.

KEEP SAFE YOUR KEEPSAKES (KSK)

The weekend preventative conservation workshop, Keep Safe Your Keepsakes (KSK), included in-situ cleaning and rehousing demonstrations of common collection types, a display of the many conservation-grade materials useful for housing taonga at home, and a wealth of take-home resources on caring for various collection types.

The highlight for the Sir James Fletcher Museum Curator Anastajza Harding as a conservator was the opportunity to engage with future generations to whom the taonga at home would be passed onto. "To hear the stories told by the owners of the items brought in for examination and advice was really uplifting".

"An important part of conservation is honouring the people and their stories by listening and taking in the intangible contexts and meanings".

Anastajza Harding is pictured with one of the taonga bought in by the public for the Keep Safe Your Keepsakes event.



Look after your pets

It's getting pretty hot out there so make sure your pets always have access to fresh drinking water and shade.

Give your dog their own kiddy pool. When the sun is cooking hot surfaces such as asphalt or metal can cause burns; if you can't keep the band of your hand on a surface for five seconds, it's too hot for your doggy feet.

Pets get sunburn to, so talk to your vet about sunscreens. For an extra-cool treat, try putting ice in your pet's water bowl.

HEALTH & WELLBEING SHUTTLE

KDC and St John invite interested people to attend a meeting to discuss establishing a health and wellbeing shuttle service for Kawerau.

The shuttle would be available to all Kawerau residents needing transport to appointments for medical, health related and wellbeing matters.

The service would be run on a donation basis with volunteer drivers.

The purpose of the meeting is to gauge community interest and set up a project group to get the shuttle in place. All welcome.

Passionate about the arts?

The Kawerau District Council requires three people from our Kawerau community to become members of the Creative Communities Assessment Committee.

This committee comprises three councillors, two iwi representatives and an arts representative as well as the three members from the community. It will meet at least twice each year to consider funding applications from community groups seeking funding via the Creative Communities Scheme.

This is funded by Creative New Zealand (a central government agency) that funds the arts in New Zealand. If you are passionate about the arts and have time to volunteer, please send in a brief letter outlining your experience to:

Creative Communities Committee position
c/- Administration Officer Email: office@kaweraudc.govt.nz Or Post: Kawerau District Council, Ranfurly Court, Kawerau or drop it into the office in Ranfurly Court by 5pm on Friday, 29 November 2019.

COUNCIL NEWS

Rates due date

The second rates instalment was due last Friday. If you pay by direct credit it is always a good idea to review your regular payments to ensure they are covering the total cost of each instalment.

Council News

For regular updates on what is happening at the Council with the swimming pool, events, vacancies and general news – visit the website page at www.kaweraudc.govt.nz

Kawerau District Council Facebook page is another source of news and updates. Like and follow our Kawerau District Council Facebook page to keep in touch.

To lodge a request for service, advise us about rubbish dumping, rubbish collection, stray dogs or any other 'fix it' matters please,

Phone the Customer Services team on (07) 306 9009. Email office@kaweraudc.govt.nz Visit www.kaweraudc.govt.nz

Parks and Reserves

There's a sunny new planting at the entrance to the Kawerau township thanks to our Parks and Reserves team who have been working hard to finish the summer gardens. There's also a great 'Kawerau' welcome to people coming over the bridge at the garden area on the corner of River Road.

All the summer spraying for prickles has been completed at the Tarawera River swimming holes, reserves and also Prideaux Park so people and their four-legged friends can wander with ease.

The continued spate of vandalism and theft to Council reserves and gardens has been frustrating for staff and an extra expense for the community.

Domett Street Lighting

Following ongoing issues with the Domett Street lights, Horizon Networks and the Council staff have come up with a solution. Council would like to thank residents for their patience with this issue that has caused spasmodic faults with the lights. A long-term solution is being worked on.

Council Christmas / New Year Office Closedown

The Council Offices in Ranfurly Court will close early at 4pm on Friday, 6 December to enable all staff to attend the annual Kawerau District Council staff Christmas function. This is an important event to recognise and thank staff for their work during the year and we apologise in advance for any inconvenience.

The Council Offices will observe the Christmas and New Year closedown period and the offices will be closed from midday on Tuesday, 24 December 2019 and re-open for business as usual at 8.00am on Monday, 6 January 2020.

Dumping of Rubbish

People who illegally dump their rubbish are costing their friends, family and neighbours.

Illegal dumping rubbish or fly tipping as it is also known, in the Kawerau District cost ratepayers \$45,000 in the last financial year.

Thanks to vigilant residents, Council received more than 41 requests to pick up rubbish illegally dumped in the district.

Usually it is Kawerau District Council staff who picks up the illegally dumped rubbish, which still has a cost, as it diverts staff from their usual responsibilities. Contractors are also used, particularly after-hours.

For a small district spending \$45,000 on picking up rubbish that is illegally dumped is a big "waste" of resources.

If you separate your rubbish the cost will be less at the Transfer Station which has had to increase the charges to cover the operating costs.

Rubbish is an issue for everyone, not just Councils, we as consumers are all responsible for what we buy, use and re-use, recycle and dispose of.

Sir James Fletcher Kawerau Museum is reopening!



With an exhibition on

⇒ Queen's Carnival! ⇐

Come learn how six elected Carnival Queens raised money to renovate Kawerau's Recreation Hall in 1966!



When? Friday 13th December, 2019

Where? Sir James Fletcher Kawerau Museum, 29 Jellicoe Ct,
Kawerau 3127 (Inside the library)

Pre-opening Children's Events: 3pm - Come participate in some classic 1960s games, competitions and activities that children at Queen's Carnival enjoyed!

Exhibition Opening Wine & Cheese Evening: 6pm - 18yr+ are welcome to attend a wine and cheese evening to enjoy the exhibition and hear stories about the Queen's Carnival from those who were there! Come in your best 1960s outfit, best dressed gets a prize!

**WIN
PRIZES!!**



**NEW WORLD
KAWERAU**

SANTA PARADE

Saturday 14th December 2019

Departs Ron Hardie Rec Centre at 11am

CATEGORIES

- * BUSINESS
- * PRE-SCHOOL \$ KOHANGA REO
- * INDIVIDUALS
- * COMMUNITY



site



Visitor
Information

**Entry Forms contact the Kawerau
Information Centre 07 323 6300**

COUNCIL PEOPLE

Welcome James

The Council's new dog ranger and general inspector James McDaid (pictured) joined the team last week.

With a background in building, security and customer services James is born and bred in Kawerau. He is looking forward to working with people within the community.

A week into his new role, James said there were similarities with working in security but it was an interesting new challenge with animal control.



Welcome Tanaya

Tanaya Rudolph-Wilson started working at the Kawerau District Council's i-SITE in November.

Tanaya is the first cadet employed under Industrial Symbiosis Kawerau (ISK)'s Kawerau Pathway to Work programme.

The 13-week cadet programme will provide Tanaya with a good background in general tourism operations and will build on her existing experience in the hospitality industry.





Christmas in the Park

The Kawerau Christmas in the Park show is calling for talented performers for the Radio 1XX Community Concert (afternoon show) on Saturday, 14 December.

If you are a talented local who can sing, dance or entertain the family crowd at this year's Kawerau Christmas in the Park Show we are keen to hear from you.

Kawerau Christmas in the Park @ Prideaux Park, Kawerau

11:00am Santa Parade

12:30pm - 5:15pm Radio 1XX Community Concert

Performers are required for this afternoon show.

7.15pm - 10:00pm Evening Show ends with a fireworks display (weather permitting).

Kawerau Christmas in the Park is a family-friendly event. It is smoke-free, drug-free and alcohol-free. Drugs, alcohol and gang regalia are not permitted.

The organisers would also like to remind people who attend the event that Prideaux Park is a smoke-free venue.

For any further information or to register your interest in performing please, please submit a video of a performance or advise when you may be performing to:

Pari Maxwell, CEO's PA Phone (07) 306 9009
Email pari.maxwell@kaweraudc.govt.nz

Kawerau Seniors Forum

The Kawerau Seniors Forum has been formalised with new officers Leo Meharry chair, Richard Darling deputy chair and Lyn Hughes as secretary. Councillor David Sparks is the representative on the forum, with Councillor Berice Julian the deputy representative. The Council's strategy and policy analyst Sandra Haines attends meetings and provides advice.

The purpose of the forum is to engage with Council to ensure the needs and interests of older people living in Kawerau are considered in Council decisions.

The Kawerau Seniors Forum meets on the second Thursday every month at the Council Offices in Ranfurly Court from 2pm to 4pm.

For further information contact Leo Meharry on 027 655 8839 or email leomeharry@extra.co.nz or Lyn Hughes on (07) 323 8630 or by email at seniorsforumkawerau@gmail.com