

COMMUNITY PĀNUI | UPDATE



14 DECEMBER 2023

Meri Kirihimete from the Mayor | Kahika

Tēnā tātau katoa – warm greetings to you all, to us all, to everyone in our community of Kawerau. As was signalled at the start of our term, our focus continues to be whakawhanaungatanga | collaboration and we are committed to keeping you informed of Council work, projects, successes, and challenges ahead.

During the year Councillors, the Chief Executive and myself have attended regional Local Government NZ meetings and also the Local Government NZ Rural and Provincial forums, including meeting our Members of Parliament (MPs). We continue to foster relationships with our neighbouring Councils, including progressing Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan strategic planning forum.

Closer to home, throughout the year, we have been meeting with Tangata Whenua and Iwi, and the community through the cultural advisors, iwi liaison, Ngāti Tūwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust and Tūwharetoa Ki Kawerau Hauroa. We also met with different community groups such as Kawerau and Districts Ageing in Place (KADAP), Grey Power, Tarawera High School, and industry stakeholders Essity, Oji Fibre Solutions and Industrial Symbiosis Kawerau.

It is timely to acknowledge the contribution of our education sector in Kawerau, which continues to deliver quality education for our pēpi through to our adults. We wish to acknowledge all the pēpi, rangatahi and adults for their commitment to learning and the time and effort everyone has put into studying and developing themselves this year. It was an honour to represent council at various events for different schools and education levels.

Within our Council whānau, we held our Staff Christmas event and awards presentation. Thank you to our community for your support with our services to enable this. Thank you to our Council staff and their whānau for their ongoing support and commitment to do our best to serve our community. We are now preparing for the Christmas and holiday period.

It is our pleasure to welcome whānau and our community to attend the annual Christmas in the Park event on Saturday, 16 December at Prideaux Park. The event comprises an amazing depth of talent and will feature a new special memorial tribute for loved ones:

11.00am

Kawerau New World Santa Parade

12 noon to 5.15pm

Radio 1XX Community Concert

6.45pm to 10.30pm

Evening Variety Show and Fireworks

Looking ahead, we are planning to complete various major projects and work in 2024, including further drinking water pipe replacements.

Thank you for your feedback through the early engagement for the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034. We will meet with you again about the 10 year strategic plan in the next year.

With the support of our the Delamere whānau, we look forward to opening the Rangi Delamere Pavillion in early 2024 and will share these details with you.

On behalf of Council, we wish you all a safe and happy Meri Kirihimete | Merry Christmas with whānau and friends.

Ngā mihi nui,

Kahika | Her Worship the Mayor Faylene Tunui

The New World Santa Parade is only a couple of days away!

With the theme: The History of Kawerau we are excited to see what everyone has in store for us. If you are a part of the Santa Parade, please meet at Ron Hardie Recreational Centre at 10am on Saturday 16 December. If you are not participating but want to watch as all the floats circle the city that will start at 11am. The Santa Parade starts and finishes at Ron Hardie Recreation Centre. We are expecting a good turnout for both the New World Santa Parade and Christmas in the Park.



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KAWERAU

**Empowering Tomorrow's Workforce:
A Celebration of Success**

In the heart of Kawerau, a powerful force is shaping the future for our young talents- the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ). As we celebrate the strides made by this initiative, we are thrilled to highlight the achievements of the young electrical apprentices with Jones & Cole Electrical.

It is not just about jobs; it is about empowerment, resilience, and the belief that every young person in Kawerau can achieve greatness. MTFJ has been a guiding light for our rangatahi | youth, providing them with the tools, mentorship, and opportunities they need to step confidently into the workforce.

What is inspiring is the visibility of these young individuals in our community. They are contributors, builders, and ambassadors for the potential that lies within. The ripple effect of MTFJ is becoming increasingly visible as more and more success stories unfold.

As we celebrate the accomplishments of these electrical apprentices, we are also celebrating the achievements of every young person who has been supported by MTFJ. Their journey is a testament to the strength of our community when we come together to invest in our future leaders.

Let's continue to support and celebrate the MTFJ, ensuring that every young person in Kawerau has the opportunity to shine. Through empowerment and celebration, we pave the way for a brighter, more prosperous tomorrow.

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The Jones and Cole Electrical crew proudly wearing their MTFJ tees (left to right). Te Raina Milosevic, Maia Bellas, Garry Cole (owner), Elias Te Rire, Ron Westland, Te Maikoha Paul. Absent: Destrii Prout.

KTown Community Animal Welfare Society

Dogs are man's best friend and plenty of them were treated at the recent Dog Welfare Community Clinic held on Saturday, December 2. The turnout was incredible, filled with dogs and owners. The Animal Management team and their contractors First Security provided numerous services, including onsite flea and worm treatments, microchipping, and advice. Free dog and puppy desexing vouchers were available and the Dog Welfare Community Clinic provided 40 desexing vouchers and over 80 flea and worm treatments. The goal of this clinic was to allow people who want a dog but do not have the disposable income for numerous visits to the vet to get and support a dog.

Kawerau District Council and North Auckland Dog Rescue supported the dog clinic. Thank you to all the people who made this event possible and to all the dog owners who came to ensure the well-being of their dogs.

KTown Community Animal Welfare Society is a Kawerau-based charity run entirely by volunteers and funded by donations and Op shops. They focus on providing good homes and looking after the welfare of animals.



Holiday Safety Tips

Make it a happy festive season

- Christmas is a time for family
- Check in with your neighbours
- Ensure pets are secure in your section

Going away over summer here are some things to remember.

- Keep off social media about your trip if no one is home.
- Let someone know that you are away, either your neighbour, a friend, or a family member, that can check your house and bring in your mail.
- Leave a light on or washing on the line.
- Keep the house and valuables locked up and out of sight.

Keep safe on our roads this summer

- Plan your trip
- Travel to the road conditions
- Regularly check oil, water, tyre tread and inflation
- Keep children safe in approved car restraints

For more information visit
Keeping Your Home Safe While You're Away |
Neighbourhood Support New Zealand

KAWERAU CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

11.00am KAWERAU NEW WORLD SANTA PARADE

12.00pm RADIO 1XX COMMUNITY SHOW

OPENING KARAKIA |
WINNERS OF SANTA PARADE
ANNOUNCED
KAWERAU SOUTH SCHOOL KAPA HAKA
RERETAU BAND
LYLLA-GRACE
URA FITNESS
BANDED BROTHERS
FUSION AOTEAROA
HI-NESS & TAHU KINGI
THE LADS FROM THE MIST
NIKITA
CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK TRIBUTE BAND
AND MEMORIAL VIDEO
STEPS DANCE
CLOSING THE AFTERNOON SHOW IS
KAWERAU BAND MELLOW

**5.00pm AFTERNOON SHOW FINISHES
DINNER BREAK**

**6.45pm CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK EVENING
SHOW TAKE 1**

MIHI WHAKATAU
MAYOR'S ADDRESS AND WAIATA
MASTER OF CEREMONY
HOWIE MORRISON JNR
TJ TAOTUA
NIKAU GRACE
LAVINA WILLIAMS
RAY WOOLF
JAYA
TAKEREI HIKUROA-PECK
FAOSTER DANCE CREW
JAMEY FERGUSSON WITH SON AND WATER

**8.40pm CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK EVENING
SHOW TAKE 2**

TE PUMANAWA TOKU ATE ROGERS
TJ TAOTUA
EDDIE LOW
JAYA
HOWIE MORRISON TRIO
NIKAU GRACE WITH REWA UTUTAONGA,
DELAYNE UTUTAONGA
LAVINA WILLIAMS
MASTER OF CEREMONY HOWIE MORRISON JNR
MEMORIAL TRIBUTE VIDEO
CORRELLA
VISIT BY SANTA
CHRISTMAS MEDLEY and FIREWORKS

10.30pm EVENING SHOW FINISHES

Thank you to all our valued sponsors. This event would not be possible without New Zealand Community Trust (NZCT), the Lion Foundation, Lotteries, BayTrust, Trust Horizon, Kawerau New World, Kawerau District Council, Ngāti Tūwharetoa (Bay of Plenty) Settlement Trust, Mercury, Sequal Lumber, Māori Investment Ltd, Pūtauaki Trust, Kajavala Forestry Limited (KFL)

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, THE PROGRAMME MAY CHANGE ON THE DAY.

LIBRARY SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Wednesday 3 January 10:30am-12pm

Lego Day

Friday 5 January 10:30am-12pm

Dino Eggs and Scent Detection

Monday 8 January 10:30am-12pm

Book Detection

Wednesday 10 January 10:30am – 12pm

Puzzles and Board Game

Monday 15 January 10:30am- 12pm

Mystery Box and Clues

Wednesday 17 January 10:30am-12pm

Design a Planet

Monday 22 January 10:30am-12pm

Genetic Bracelets

Wednesday 24 January 10:30am-12pm

Travelling Tuataras

Friday 26 January 10:30am-12pm

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Kawerau District Council Christmas and New Year 2023–2024 closure times

KAWERAU DISTRICT OFFICE AND AA SERVICES

CLOSED District Office 12 noon
Friday 22 December 2023

CLOSED AA New Zealand Services closed 11:00am
Friday 22 December 2023

RE-OPEN 8.30am Wednesday 3 January 2024

TRANSFER STATION

CLOSED 24 December 2023 (Christmas Eve day)

CLOSED 25 December 2023 (Christmas Day)

OPEN all other days during the holiday period.

KERBSIDE REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

NOTE: Collections scheduled for Monday 25 December
(Christmas Day) will be brought forward to Saturday 23
December

NOTE: Collections scheduled for Monday 1 January
(New Year's Day) will be brought forward to Saturday 30
December

Usual Monday's kerbside collections resume the following
week.

Other Kerbside collections on Tuesdays and Wednesdays
will be as collected usual.

DISTRICT LIBRARY

OPEN Friday 22 December 2023 10am to 12 noon

CLOSED 23, 24, 25 and 26 December 2023

OPEN 27, 28, and 29 December 2023 10am to 5pm

CLOSED 30 and 31 December 2023 and
1 and 2 January 2024

Usual hours resume Wednesday 3 January 2024

MAURIE KJAR AQUATIC CENTRE

OPEN Friday 22 December 2023, 8am to 6pm

OPEN Saturday 23 December 2023, 8am to 3pm

OPEN Sunday 24 December 2023, 8am to 12 noon

CLOSED Christmas Day (no private hires)

Usual hours resume 26 December 2023
Monday to Sunday 8am – 6pm

KAWERAU ISITE

OPEN Friday 22 December 2023, 10am – 12 noon

OPEN Saturday 23 December 2023, 10am - 2pm

OPEN Sunday 24 December 2023, 10am - 2pm

CLOSED Christmas Day

OPEN 26 December 2023, 10am - 2pm

OPEN 27, 28 and 29 December 2023, 9 am - 4pm

OPEN 30, and 31 December 2023, 10am - 2pm

OPEN 1 and 2 January 2024, 10am - 2pm

OPEN 3, 4, and 5 January 2024, 9 am - 4pm

OPEN 6 and 7 January 2024, 10am – 2pm

FOR URGENT ASSISTANCE 24/7 OUTSIDE OF OPENING HOURS

Please contact Council on 07 306 9009

- Select 1 for Noise and Animal Issues
- Select 2 for Duty Supervisor
(water, refuse, trees etc.)

REPORT AN ISSUE

Contact Council to lodge a request for a service for a
non-urgent issue or service

Email kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz

Via the kaweraudc.govt.nz website