Community

Pānui Update



11 DECEMBER 2025



KAWERAU CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK 2025

Thousands of people from the Eastern Bay of Plenty and beyond gathered for the Kawerau Christmas in the Park 2025. Held on Saturday, 6 December, the event kicked off with the New World Kawerau Santa Parade. This year's theme, "Christmas songs and carols," was beautifully showcased by the awesome floats parading through town.

The afternoon show, Community Christmas Show Concert Director Liana Kerei, featured an amazing lineup of local singers, bands, dancers, and Kapa Haka performances.

The evening Show Director Pari Maxwell, brought a fantastic array of performers to Kawerau. Highlights included performances by Dillion Rhodes, Vince Harder, Luke Whaanga, Nikau Grace and Takerei Hikuroa-Peck. The New Zealand R'n'B duo Adeaze headlined the event, delighting the audience with their hit songs.

Throughout the event, there were food and craft stalls along with amusements and rides for tamariki. The evening show concluded with a spectacular fireworks display.

Thank you to the generous support of funders and local business donors, including Four Winds Foundation, Lion Foundation, Lotto New Zealand, Trust Horizon, Bay Trust, Sequal Lumber, Ngati Tuwharetoa (BOP) Settlement Trust, Putauaki Trust, Kajavala Forestry Limited, Essity, Oji Fibre Solutions, Mercury Energy, Eastland Generation, Māori Investment Limited, New World Kawerau and Foote Bins.

1: Filipino Community float 2: Kawerau Boxing Club 3: Fire Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) float 4: Culham Engineering float 5: Marley Tane, Reign Martin, Santa and Reo Martin











Let's talk about wai

With another hot summer approaching, it's important to use water wisely.

In Kawerau we are currently using 227 litres of water per person per day*. This is in line with the New Zealand average, however, we are only just starting to feel the summer heat. Please be mindful of your water usage, and reduce water consumption where possible.

WHY DOES THE COMMUNITY NEED TO CONSERVE WATER?

Kawerau currently only uses one source for drinking water, the Tarawera Bores. Last summer, due to the high demand, Council was given permission from the landowner, Māori Investments Limited (MIL) to use wai from Umukaraka Spring for the summer period. With MIL's support, Council was issued a temporary resource consent.

The Kawerau community is permitted to take a maximum of 12,000 cubic metres of water per day from all sources.

There are limitations on the volume of drinking water that can be pumped from the source, processed, pumped to the reservoirs and then supplied to the community.



Council, on behalf of the Kawerau community, is responsible for preserving this resource, and being a good kaitiaki by encouraging water conservation.

WAYS WE CAN ALL REDUCE OUR WATER USAGE:

- Only use handheld hoses for watering lawns and gardens in the morning or late evening
- Checking your tank, taps, hoses etc. for leaks and drips
- Reducing shower time/frequency
- Turning off the tap when brushing your teeth and shaving
- Limiting use of appliances such as dishwasher, washing machine
- Not using town supply for stock
- Limiting washing of boats and vehicles

*Water usage figures exclude commercial and industrial users that generally have resource consents to take water directly from the Tarawera River. Commercial businesses supplied by Council are metered and charged for the volume they use.

Let's work together whānau, to be good kaitiaki l stewards for our water.



Reporting streetlight outages

We welcome a heads up about any street lights that are not working within the district.

Repairs are carried out by Horizon Energy, albeit Council passes on all requests for services immediately. In the past two months, 100% of all reported street lights were fixed within target timeframes.

Most issues are resolved quickly; however, lights with cable faults may take longer to repair due to the complexity of the work.

In September and October 2025, the service request system indicated that there were zero overdue street light faults.

The set target is to complete 90% of faults within 14 days and the remaining 10% of faults within 28 days.

Report a streetlight outage:

- Antenno app, please attach a photo (this will give the exact gps position)
 Take a note of the exact location or number on the streetlight base
- Email info@kaweraudc.govt.nz
- Phone 07 306 9009

Thanks for your support to keep our community well lit.

Ngā Mihi Thank You Christmas in the Park Volunteers

We wish to acknowledge the following groups for supported the 2025 event:

Backstage Crew Volunteers
Fire and Emergency NZ
Hato Hone St John
Kawerau Boxing Club
Kawerau Community Patrol
Kawerau Athletic and Harrier Group Inc.
Kawerau Police, Kawerau Scouts Group
Legion of Frontiersman
Mataatua District Māori Wardens

Operations Crew and Kawerau Youth
Council Volunteers

Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora



Wednesday 17 December, 9am Ordinary Council Meeting

SORT IT. SAVE IT.

PUT WASTE IN THE RIGHT PLACE

KERBSIDE RECYCLING Please rinse your recyclables and crate



PLASTICS 1, 2 and 5 only. Bottles with lids removed.



TINS AND CANS



CARDBOARD

Paper isn't collected at kerbside. Recycle for FREE at the Transfer Station



GLASS BOTTLES **AND JARS**

TRANSFER STATION

IT'S FREE TO DROP SORTED RECYCLING AT THE KAWERAU TRANSFER STATION



- LPG bottles
- 2 Automotive Batteries
- All Other Batteries
- Paper Waste Oil
- Cardboard
- Mixed Plastic, Aluminium Cans. Tin Cans
- Glass Bottles and Jars
- O Scrap Metal
- Broken Concrete
- Green Waste
- Wood Waste
- General Waste
- Weigh bridge
- Clean soil

TRANSFER STATION CHARGES

There is a \$334 per tonne charge for rubbish destined for the landfill. Cost to drop off other items:

Treated Wood	\$334 per tonn
Mixed Recycling	\$334 per tonn
Construction and Demolition Material	\$334 per tonn
Green Waste	\$82 per tonn
Soil and Broken Concrete	\$70 per tonn
All Fridges, Freezers, Air-Conditioners and Dehumidifiers that contain F-gases. Please advise kiosk attendant.	\$47 per iter

GREEN WASTE

80KG WEIGHT LIMIT

- Tree leaves and lawn clippings
- Trimmed small branches and roots
- Fruits, twigs, flowers.
- (Cabbage trees, flax, palm fronds, yucca
- Stumps, soil, ash, refuse or nongreenwaste items.

Help your community! Rubbish, like plastic is not greenwaste. Three instances of rubbish in your greenwaste bin may result in further action.





For more rubbish and recycling info, all fees and charges to drop and purchase materials visit

kaweraudc.govt.nz



Te Kaunihera ā rohe o Kawerau Kawerau District Council



Christmas and New Year 2025-2026 closure times

KAWERAU DISTRICT OFFICE and AA Services

CLOSED 12 noon Tuesday 23 December 2025

CLOSED AA New Zealand Services closed 11am Tuesday 23 December 2025

RE-OPEN 8am Monday 5 January 2026

TRANSFER STATION

CHANGE OF HOURS Wednesday 24 December 2025 8am – 12 noon

CLOSED Thursday 25 December 2025 Christmas Day OPEN all other days during the holiday period.

KERBSIDE REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

NOTE: Kerbside collections will continue as usual and will not be affected by the public holidays.

DISTRICT LIBRARY

CLOSED 12 noon Tuesday 23 December 2025

RE-OPEN 10am Monday 5 January 2026

Please note, the District Library is closing for the holiday period. Please, plan ahead and make sure you get all the books you have been wanting to read over the holiday period, before 12 noon on Tuesday 23 December.

MAURIE KJAR AQUATIC CENTRE

OPEN Wednesday 24 December 2025 8am – 12 noon

CLOSED Christmas Day (no private hires)

Usual hours resume 26 December 2025 Monday to Sunday 8am – 6pm (please exit the pools by 5:30pm)

KAWERAU ISITE

CLOSED 12 noon Tuesday 23 December 2025

CLOSED Christmas Eve

CLOSED Christmas Day

OPEN 26 December 2025 9am - 1pm

OPEN 27 and 28 December 2025 9am – 1pm

OPEN 29 December 2025 9am - 4pm

OPEN 30 December 2025 9am - 4pm

OPEN 31 December 2025 9am – 4pm

OPEN 1 and 2 January 2026 9am – 1pm

OPEN 3 and 4 January 2026 9am - 1pm

For urgent assistance outside of Council opening hours please phone our 24/7 line - 07 306 9009

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

Report a non-urgent issue

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

- Email info@kaweraudc.govt.nz
- Web Kaweraudc.govt.nz website
- Antenno

