

Community

Pānui Update

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Above: Tina Lloyd the new Digi-Coach for Kawerau District Library

Need Help? Just Ask a Digi-Coach!

Got a new smartphone or tablet that's driving you crazy?

Unsure how to use that app everyone's talking about? Curious about artificial intelligence but don't know where to start?

Good news – help is arriving at the Kawerau District Library. For the next 12 weeks, a friendly Digi-Coach will be on hand to solve your digital headaches.

Look out for the bright blue vest and Digi-Coach flag between 10am-2pm, Monday-Friday.

What's on offer?

- One-on-one help with phones, tablets, apps, email, and online services
- Drop-in support – no appointment needed
- A chance to try out virtual reality (VR) and explore different work experiences (bookings required for VR sessions)

“We're excited to welcome our Digi-Coach,” said Susan Harris, Manager, Kawerau District Library. “There's a huge demand for digital support in our community and having a dedicated coach means we can help so many more people.”

This initiative is part of a work experience programme for jobseekers, backed by the Ministry of Social Development and delivered by the Digital Inclusion Alliance Aotearoa in partnership with local libraries and community groups. A special shout-out to local businesses. “Employers looking for tech-savvy staff should definitely come and meet these Digi-Coaches,” said Laurence Zwimpfer from the Digital Inclusion Alliance. “Bring them your digital challenges – you might be so impressed they become your next hire! Our goal is for every Digi-Coach to find job opportunities during their 12-week placement.”

Stoneham Park Residential Development Open Day for Neighbours *and the Community*



4.30-6.00pm
Wednesday, 25 March 2026

Peter Lippa Drive entrance

Come on down from 4.30pm, followed by mihi whakatau, welcome, discussions and light refreshments.

HOW TO RECYCLE: PLASTIC



WHAT CAN I PUT IN MY KERBSIDE RECYCLING CRATE?

- ✓ Only empty clean plastic trays and containers numbered 1, 2 and 5 (lids removed)
- ✓ Clean fruit punnets and meat trays - usually made from plastic numbered 1
- ✓ Large containers for vitamins, milk bottles - usually made from plastic numbered 2
- ✓ Large clean yoghurt, take-away and square ice cream containers - usually made from plastic numbered 5.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I RECYCLE?

- Check the number on the tray or container. It is usually on the bottom.
- Remove the lid.
- Rinse any dirty containers

WHAT CAN'T I PUT IN MY KERBSIDE RECYCLING CRATE?

- ✗ Containers you normally find in the garage or garden (such as chemicals, paint and plant pots)
- ✗ Items made of plastic numbered 1, 2 and 5 that are not trays, bottles or containers (such as toys)
- ✗ Trays and containers with no number or numbered 3, 4, 6 or 7
- ✗ Compostable and biodegradable plastic containers
- ✗ Lids
- ✗ Containers with food residue in them

Puzzle Swap Shelf at the Kawerau District Library

A community puzzle swap shelf has been set up at the Kawerau District Library. Bring your completed puzzles in and swap them for new ones, free of charge! Borrow a puzzle and share one if you can. Visit the Kawerau District Library today and join other puzzle lovers by making the most of the swap shelf.



Annual Plan Consultation Dates

Nau mai haere mai | All welcome

- **Monday 13 April, 1pm - 2pm**
Public Meeting KADAP, Concert Chamber
- **Friday 17 April**
Annual Plan submissions open
- **Wednesday 22 April, 11am - 12noon**
Public Meeting, Rautahi Marae
- **Tuesday 28 April, 11am – 12noon**
Public Drop-in session, Rangī Delamere Centre
- **Thursday 30 April, 10am – 12noon**
Drop-In Session, Kawerau Community Markets
- **Wednesday 6 May, 5:15pm – 6:15pm**
Public Meeting, Concert Chamber
- **Monday 18 May**
Annual Plan submissions close



Important dates and meetings

- Wednesday 25 March, 9am**
Ordinary Council Meeting
- Wednesday 25 March 4:30pm - 6pm**
Stoneham Park Residential Development community open day
- Monday 13 April, 9am**
Risk and Assurance Committee Meeting
- Wednesday 13 April, 9am**
Regulatory and Services Meeting
- Friday 17 April**
Annual Plan 2026/27 submissions open
- Wednesday 29 April, 9am**
Ordinary Council Meeting
- Wednesday 13 May, 9am**
Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting