

Community

Pānui Update



18 SEPTEMBER 2025

LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS 2025



Where can I vote?

Voting documents must be returned by noon, Saturday, 11 October 2025 to the electoral officer.

Voting documents can be returned by post before 7 October or dropped to the following locations during normal business hours between Tuesday, 9 September 2025 and Friday 10 October 2025.

On Saturday, 11 October 2025 voting papers can be dropped to:

- District Office, 2 Ranfurly Court, Kawerau 8:00am - noon
- District Library, Jellicoe Court, Kawerau 10:00am - noon
- Kawerau New World, Tarawera Court, Kawerau. 7:30am – noon

Check you are enrolled

It's not too late! You can still enrol and make a special vote.

- ✓ Online [vote.nz](https://www.vote.nz)
- ✓ Phone 0800 36 76 56
- ✓ Text 3676

Check if you are enrolled, enrol or update your details so you can vote in the 2025 Local Elections.

Your Voice, Your Vote, Your Town



CANDIDATE NOMINATION
CANCELLED

Please note: Notice of nomination cancellation published with approval and on behalf of Lyndal Kennedy:

To the Kawerau Community and Supporters,

It is with a heavy heart that I announce my withdrawal from the upcoming 2025 council election as a candidate for Kawerau District Council, in the general ward.

Due to recent health-related issues, I have made the difficult decision to step back to focus fully on my well-being and recovery. Serving our community is something I care deeply about, and this decision was not made lightly.

However, I believe it is important to be honest about what I can commit to at this time.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who supported my campaign and believed in my vision for our community. Your encouragement has meant the world to me, and I remain committed to contributing in other ways where I can. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Sincerely, Lyndal Kennedy

Council wishes Lyndal Kennedy all the very best with her recovery. Please note, despite the cancellation of this nomination, the voting papers will still have Lyndal Kennedy listed as a candidate. Any votes for Lyndal Kennedy will not be counted. Voters are therefore advised not to vote for Lyndal. We know our Kawerau community will warmly offer their aroha and support to Lyndal Kennedy.

(Cancellation Notice under section 71(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 for the nomination of Lyndal KENNEDY for the 2025 triennial election of the Kawerau General Ward is available on the Council website)



AKE AKE AKE
A FOREVER LANGUAGE
KIA KAHA TE REO MĀORI

TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI 2025

This week we celebrate Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori.

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori aims to inspire New Zealanders to speak the Māori language proudly. Māori Language Week is part of a larger effort to revitalise Te Reo and make it a more common place in everyday conversation and media.

The week grew from a single 'Māori Language Day' set up in 1972. The seeds of a full week dedicated to te reo Māori were planted in 1974. By 1975 Te Wiki had found its footing and was off! Its growth and gains are what we celebrate 50 years on.

Te Wiki takes place from 14 – 20 September 2025. Visit reomaori.co.nz, for more information and resources.

Kawerau District Council, Ranfurly Court, Kawerau, Waea Phone 07 306 9009, Īmēra Email kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz
Pukamata Facebook [KawerauDistrictCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/KawerauDistrictCouncil), Pae Tukutuku Website [kaweraudc.govt.nz](https://www.kaweraudc.govt.nz)

Welcome to Council's waste services manager Yasas Rupananda



Kawerau District Council extends a warm welcome to Yasas Rupananda as our new waste services manager.

Before working at Council, Yasas worked as a district engineer in the solid waste management division at the Colombo Municipal Council in Sri Lanka for 10 years. He moved to New Zealand in 2024, where he

completed his master's at the Auckland University of Technology in construction management.

Yasas is excited to enhance our waste management system. He aims to facilitate continuous improvement in order to achieve our waste diversion targets and contribute to a healthier environment for future generations.

In his spare time, Yasas is enjoying travelling around Aotearoa New Zealand with his friends. His latest trip was to Taupō where he visited Huka Falls and then went further south to Mount Ruapehu.

Haere mai | Welcome to the team, Yasas

KAWERAU CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK 2025

Save the date, Kawerau Christmas in the Park is back on SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER!

The Afternoon Show will run from 12 noon to 5pm and focuses on promoting and providing a platform for up-and-coming local musicians, dancers and singers.

Our aim is to provide a variety of performances from solos, duets, trios, acoustic, backing tracks, full band, dance etc. for our community to enjoy in the lead up to our Evening Show.

If this sounds like you, then fill out a Registration of Interest form and return it to the Council Offices, District Library or isite or email Liana.apiata@kaweraudc.govt.nz no later than Friday 17 October 2025.

The Registration of Interest form is available on our website.



How to report issues after hours

Council monitors the phone lines 24/7, this is to ensure that if you run into an issue at any time, one of our on-call Duty Supervisors or contractors can assist with the issue.

FOR IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE (ANYTIME)



07 306 9009

press **1** for noise and dogs

press **2** for the duty supervisor (water, trees etc).

TO MAKE A NON-URGENT REQUEST FOR SERVICE



info@kaweraudc.govt.nz



Via the Antenno app



fix it form: my.kaweraudc.govt.nz/do-it-online

Please note: any dog issues or incidents (for example dog attacks or roaming), please contact Council immediately by phone 07 306 9009 so we can try resolve the issue, as soon as possible.



Important dates and meetings

Monday 22 September

All voting papers should be delivered, if you have not yet received your voting paper, please contact Council via phone or come into the Council Offices

Wednesday 24 September 9am

Ordinary Council Meeting

Friday 26 September, 4:30pm

Kawerau Young Achievers Awards, Kawerau Town Hall

Monday 6 October

Start of the Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre Annual maintenance closure

Tuesday 7 October

Last day to send your voting papers by post

Thursday 9 October, 9:30am – 11am

Community Composting Day, Kawerau Urban Food Forest, Monika Lanham Reserve, River Road

Friday 10 October

Last day to enrol and make a special vote

Saturday 11 October

Voting closes 12noon

District Office, 2 Ranfurly Court

8:00am - noon

District Library, Jellicoe Court

10:00am - noon

New World Kawerau, Tarawera Court

7:30am – noon

16 – 19 October

Final results announced

Wednesday 29 October

Council inauguration at Rautahi Marae

Saturday 6 December

Christmas in the Park 2025