

Community

Pānui Update



**KAWERAU
DISTRICT COUNCIL**
Te Kaunihera ā rohe o Kawerau

2 SEPTEMBER 2025

LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS 2025



Upcoming Meet the Candidates events

This elections Kawerau has four events to get to know the candidates standing for your council.

Thanks to Rotary Club of Kawerau for hosting the first event on 2 September at Firmin Lodge. If you missed that event, there are three more:

- Grey Power Kawerau and Districts, 1:30pm Friday 12 September, Concert Chamber (all welcome)
- It's in the Ballot, Saturday 13 September, starting at 10am, Town Hall
- Kawerau Mayoral Debate, 11:10am Wednesday 17 September, Radio 1XX Day Show

These events are a great way to make informed decisions, before you cast your vote, for the 2025 Local Body Elections. Come along and hear where candidates stand on important issues affecting the district.

For more information about these events, please visit our Council website.



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

Please note, voting documents returned by post must be sent by Tuesday 7 October 2025 to ensure it gets back to the Electoral Office in time.

Check you are enrolled

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

- Online 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

Key Dates Local Elections 2025

- **9-22 SEPTEMBER**
Voting papers sent to enrolled voters
- **9 SEPTEMBER – 11 OCTOBER**
Voting open
- **FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER**
Doors open at 1.15pm
Meet the Candidates event hosted by Grey Power Kawerau and Districts
- **SATURDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER**
From 10am It's in the Ballot, Town Hall
Available online
www.youtube.com/@itsintheballot
- **17 SEPTEMBER**
11.10am Radio 1XX Kawerau Mayoral Debate 90.5FM or www.1xx.co.nz/
- **7 OCTOBER**
Last day to send your voting papers by post
- **11 OCTOBER**
Voting closes at 12 noon.
Drop your vote to
District Office, 2 Ranfurly Court
8am - noon
District Library, Jellicoe Court
10am - noon
Kawerau New World, Tarawera Court
7:30am – noon
- **16 – 19 OCTOBER**
Final results announced
- **29 OCTOBER**
Council inauguration at Rautahi Marae

LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS 2025

MAYORALTY (1 Vacancy)



ION, Carolyn



TUNUI
Faylene Karen Ngareta

KAWERAU DISTRICT WIDE WARD (2 Vacancies)



ANDREWS, Wayne



ION, Carolyn



JULIAN,
Berice Joyce



KINGI, Sela

YOUR VOICE
YOUR VOTE
YOUR TOWN

Are you enrolled to vote?

To enrol or check if you are enrolled, please visit vote.nz,
text 3676 or phone 0800 36 76 56

If you are not enrolled, you can enrol right up to **Friday 10 October**
(the day prior to election day) and cast a special vote, at the
Council Offices located at 2 Ranfurly Court, Kawerau.
Have your say, in this year's local body elections. **Enrol now!**

Thank you for standing up for your community!

Kawerau General Ward (3 vacancies)



DRUMMOND,
Melissa Joy



HILL, Tracy
(Independent)



KENNEDY, Lyndal



ROSS, Justin



WORSLEY,
Anthony Ross

Kawerau Māori Ward (3 vacancies)



APIATA, Waikite



DOWIE, Mal



HOWARD, Lyzette



LEOKAVA-TAANI,
Gloria Te Pahi



Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Eastern Bay of Plenty Regional Constituency Candidates (2 vacancies)

CAMPBELL, Malcolm (Independent) **GAULT, Adrian**
GRAY, Jessica Sneha (Independent) **VAN DER BOOM, Sarah** (Independent)

Kōhi Māori Constituency Candidates (1 vacancy)

INSLEY, Karama (Chris) **KARETAI, Mawera** **RANGIAHO, Ngapera** (Independent) **TE AMO-TE KURAPA, Jackie**

**THE CANDIDATES
HAVE STOOD UP,
WILL YOU?**

**Voting opens on Tuesday 9 September 2025 and closes
12 noon Saturday, 11 October 2025**

Who do you want to represent you and your town for the next three years?

Fill out your voting document, and drop it off at the Council Offices, District Library or Kawerau New World by 12 noon Saturday 11 October 2025.

Get to know more about who is standing up for your community!

SCAN ME





Attention all dog owners!!

Please take note of the following timeframes for dog registrations.

28 May 2025

Dog registration renewal notices issued

30 June 2025

Dog registration fees are due

1 July 2025

Reminder notices issued that registration is overdue

1 August 2025

Last day for Dog Registration payment to avoid penalties

2 August 2025

Last reminder issued advising 50% penalty added to registration fee.



1 September 2025

Infringements will be issued for all unpaid dog registrations. Dog registration fees are still required to be paid, along with the infringement fee.

1 October

Reminder Notice for unpaid infringements issued

November 2025

Infringements must be paid by November to avoid being sent to court for collection of the infringement fee. Dog registration fees are still required to be paid.



Important dates and meetings

Wednesday 10 September, 9am

Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting 9am

Wednesday 24 September, 9am

Ordinary Council Meeting 9am

Friday 26 September

Kawerau Young Achievers Awards

Monday 6 October

Start of the Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre Annual maintenance closure

Saturday 6 December

Christmas in the Park 2025

Updates to street signs

We have replaced 42 Give Way signs, around Kawerau!

Waka Kotahi | NZTA has updated the Traffic Control Devices Rule and Manual, affecting how Stop and Give Way signs are designed and installed across New Zealand.

Key Changes:

- New and revised standards for Stop and Give Way signs to improve clarity and consistency.
- Sign sizes have been aligned nationally to reduce material waste and streamline production.
- The Traffic Control Devices Manual (TCD Manual) now fully replaces the older MOTSAM system, offering clearer guidance and legal requirements.
- To enhance road safety and simplify compliance for councils and contractors.

These updates are part of the Regulatory Systems Rule Amendment (RSRA) 2025, which is designed to modernise and future-proof New Zealand's road signage system.

Council paid for 25% and we were able to use the NZTA Waka Kotahi 75% subsidy to fund the remainder of the project completed in June 2025.

Solid waste hearing

The solid waste hearing took place on Wednesday, August 27.

Thank you to the 79 people who submitted on the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2025 – 2031, and a special thank you to Patrick Condon for presenting to the Mayor and Elected Members.

There was excellent feedback, information and data provided by the submitters, which will be considered following the hearing.

We will be responding to submitters soon. Check our website for more information.



Mobility parking

Last year, the government significantly increased fines for individuals who misuse mobility parking spaces. In October 2024, the penalty for parking in a space reserved for people with mobility difficulties without displaying a permit increased from \$150 to \$750.

Recently, Council has noticed an increase in people parking in these mobility spaces without a permit. Warnings have been issued, but infringements will start being enforced.

Please be considerate of people when parking and park in the non-mobility spots available, if you do not have the appropriate permit.