

COMMUNITY UPDATE

10 July 2020

Message from the Mayor

During COVID-19, Council received positive feedback about the Community Updates and we will continue to publish and deliver these on a fortnightly basis.

The livestreaming of Council meetings has been well received and we are pleased to continue to provide this service and give Kawerau residents and ratepayers the opportunity to see the Council in operation.

On Tuesday, following the monthly Regulatory and Services meeting, the Council will hear from those who wish to speak to their submission on the 2020/21 Annual Plan. The Hearing and subsequent Deliberations will be livestreamed and available on the Council Facebook and website.

Thank you to those who took the opportunity to make a submission about Council's plan for the upcoming year.

Earlier this year, the Kawerau Putauaki Industrial Development awarded \$19.2m of Provincial Growth Funding (PGF) from the Government.

Despite the challenges due to COVID-19, the PGF agreement for all three projects has been signed by all parties.

There will be considerable progress with these developments in the coming year including;

- Kawerau Container Terminal: land contracts and the terminal design are being finalised. Construction is expected to start in the next six months;
- Putauaki Trust's roading infrastructure project to connect industrial zoned land within the Trust's property to the State Highway. The construction contract has gone out to tender and the contractor will be appointed by the end of July. Preliminary work is planned to start in August/September and construction of the State Highway roundabout is planned to start in October, with completion expected by the end of March 2021.
- Land negotiations are being finalised and Waitotahi Contractors will be leading the construction of the off-highway road.

Meanwhile, on Saturday 18 July at 9am, we extend a public invitation to attend the official blessing and opening of the Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village.

- Mayor Malcolm Campbell



IMPORTANT COUNCIL DATES

Tuesday, 14 July

9:00am Regulatory and Services Meeting
10:30am 2020/21 Annual Plan Hearing
(Public Speak to their Submissions)
and Deliberations

Saturday, 18 July

9:00am Karakia/Blessing Porritt Glade
Lifestyle Village

Tuesday, 21 July

1:00pm Audit and Risk Meeting



Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village Official Opening

Saturday, 18 July 2020

- 9am Official blessing and opening of the Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village
- Karakia to Bless the Porritt Glade Retirement Village
- Official Opening by His Worship the Mayor
- 9:30am to 12:00 noon Open Home Viewing of one of the finished units

2020/21

Annual Plan Process

Thank you to the residents and ratepayers who took the opportunity to Have Your Say!

There were 41 submissions lodged by members of the public during the submission period of May 29 to June 30. The issues raised relate mostly to the 2020/21 Annual Plan Consultation Document that outlines the Council's plans for the upcoming year.

Council is holding an extra ordinary meeting to hear submitters and make their deliberations on Tuesday, 14 July. The 2020/21 Annual Plan will be adopted at the Council meeting on Tuesday, 28 July.

Due to COVID-19, the 2020/21 Annual Plan process has been delayed and this will delay the setting of the rates for the upcoming 2020/21 year (1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021). It also means that applications for Rates Rebates will be delayed until the first rates instalment is sent out to residents in mid-August.



Official Opening of the Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village 9:00am, Saturday 18 July

The Council invites members of the public to view the first unit to be completed at the Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village which is a purpose-built village for retirees to live in good quality, accessible and affordable housing. Thanks to Smiths City Kawerau, the public will be able to see how great these two-bedroom units look fully furnished. The units comprise an internal garage and are ideal for those in their golden years to enjoy with wide doorways, a spacious bathroom, additional power outlets in the garage, and easy care sections. Residents purchase a 'Right to Occupy' and pay an annual fee that covers rates, insurance, gardening and mowing, exterior maintenance and statutory supervision and administration. The Kawerau District Council has an information package available for those who are interested. Please contact Council on **07 306 9009**.

Nau Mai Haere Mai – All Welcome.



Thank you

Mayor Malcolm Campbell on behalf of the Kawerau District Council and the Civil Defence Emergency Management team would like to thank the following Kawerau organisations for their support of the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- House of Hope Foodbank
- Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora
- Future Leaders
- KADAP (Kawerau and Districts Ageing in Place Inc.)
- Kawerau Neighbourhood Support
- Kawerau Youth Council
- Seniors Forum/Grey Power
- SeniorNet Kawerau
- Kawerau Branch of the Ministry of Social Development (MSD)
- Kawerau Fire Brigade
- Kawerau Police
- The Order of St Johns, Kawerau
- Council Staff
- Maggie's Op Shop
- Life Konnect

Thank you also to all the essential workers who worked across many sectors. We could not have done it without your hard work, effort and dedication. Nga mihi nui.



Call the Council

Please call in to the Council Offices see our staff or contact Council on **07 306 9009** if you a query or issue with a Council amenity or service:

- Trees – i.e. fallen tree, dangerous trees
- Water – i.e. dirty water, toby, water pressure
- Rubbish – i.e recycling, to request a new bin or crate
- Footpaths – i.e. repairs
- Roading - within the Kawerau District
- Playgrounds
- Reserves
- Venues

Please contact Council if you want to report any issues or problems (as listed above). A request for service will be lodged and the issue delegated to the appropriate team for action.

- ☎ Phone **07 306 9009**
- ✉ Email kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz
- 📘 Facebook Direct Message
- 🌐 Website kaweraudc.govt.nz/contact-us



Congratulations to our Prize Winners of the Early Dog Registration Renewal

Thanks to all dog owners who have already renewed their dog registration.

Congratulations to the following dog owners who are the 2020 prize winners who were drawn as they renewed and paid their dog registration fee by the 30 June 2020.

- **1st** - Kennel and Run, Leeandra Kiingi for her dog Snowflake
- **2nd** - Dog Food, Nasaire Karauria for dogs Spotlegs and Cuddles
- **3rd** - Dog Food, Sharn Turei for dog Luna

Every dog must be registered before it is three (3) months of age, and from then on, registration must be renewed each year. Payment of dog registration need to be made by **31 July** and can be made online via www.kaweraudc.govt.nz or at the Council Offices from **8am to 5pm Monday to Friday**.

Council also accepts payments over the phone with credit/debit cards contact our Customer Services Officers on **07 306 9009**.

Payments after 31 July 2020 will incur a penalty.



Museum Interns enjoying learning

The Kawerau Museum has three interns who are working through a five-week programme.

The interns are 15-year-old Jonathan Bhashkar, his 14-year-old brother Cameron Bhashkar (pictured below) and Mereana Waata (pictured right).

The concept of the internship is to offer youth the opportunity to learn about the basics of museum practice including handling and rehousing artefacts, exhibition planning, installing and presenting researched information.

The interns recently enjoyed a visit to the Water Wheel Historic Trust who kindly shared their knowledge and supported the programme.



Welcome to Council Staff - Andrew Mitchell

Andrew Mitchell (pictured) joined the Council team earlier this year as the Engineering Support Officer. This part-time role provides support to work teams across the Council as required. Formerly a self-employed contractor, Andrew has a varied day which could include locksmith duties through to installing shelves in the Council Chamber and assisting the operations team.

Although most of his spare time is used by working on the family's lifestyle property, Andrew also enjoys fishing on his boat on the ocean and four-wheel driving.



Outdoor First Aid Course coming to Kawerau

Kawerau District Council are offering free Outdoor First Aid tuition for people involved in community events.

There are **20 spaces** available for the course on **Saturday, 25 July** that consists of a mixture of instruction, facilitated discussion and outdoor scenarios.

Outdoor First Aid differs from urban-based first aid in that it may necessitate care of a patient for long periods before help arrives. The learning and teaching is interactive, so participants can expect to get involved in group discussions, practicing on each other and/or dummies in mock scenarios.

Thanks to funding from the New Zealand Community Trust (NZCT) the course is being located here at Firmin Lodge in Kawerau on Saturday, 25 July from 9:00am until 4:00pm.

Participants will receive a certificate upon completion.

The closing date for registrations is 5pm Friday, 17 July 2020.

To register please contact the Council Offices on **07 306 9009** or email kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz



Farewell to Sandra Haines

After more than 11 years with the Council, Policy Analyst and Strategic Planner Sandra Haines left recently to enjoy retirement. A farewell was held at the Council Chambers where many of the community organisations and groups that Sandra has engaged with in her role attended to wish her well. Mayor Malcolm Campbell spoke of her diligence and effort to the District during that time and on behalf of Council wished her well for the future.

Sandra is pictured (seated centre) with representatives of community groups that Council engages with and in the other photo standing with the Mayor, elected members and Council managers.



Te Pou o Kawerau

Te Pou o Kawerau is a new Tourism Cluster group, which consist of Tourism Operators and key stakeholders. A workshop was held at Firmin Lodge last week to picture what the future looks like for Tourism in Kawerau.

Guest speaker Simon Phillips from Tourism Bay of Plenty spoke about the importance of collaborating and embracing the uniqueness of our district and how to incorporate that into the visitor experience.

Anyone interested in joining the cluster can contact Council on the **07 323 6300** or email kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz



'Stacked Kawerau' a new community collaboration

The challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic this year have inspired a new community-driven event in Kawerau.

'Stacked Kawerau' is a collaboration between the National Woodskills Trust, Kawerau Arts Society and the Eastern Bay of Plenty Fibre and Fleece.

The two-day exhibition will be hosted in the Kawerau Town Hall and Concert Chambers on September 25 and 26, 2020.

The event is free for the public to enter and will be open from 9am until 6pm. It will showcase a range of creative skills and recognise the 30th Anniversary of the National Woodskills Competition.

Meanwhile, all the outdoor events and activities that are usually run as part of the Kawerau WoodFest have been cancelled for 2020.

This decision was made following stakeholder consultation during the various COVID-19 levels and a workshop with the Council which agreed to cancel the 2020 Kawerau WoodFest rather than risk damaging the reputation of the event by downscaling it. Another key factor was the lack of external funding due to the COVID-19 lockdown.

In addition, the Council's events team were redeployed into Civil Defence Emergency Management roles for the duration of the COVID-19 response which left little time to plan and organise the Kawerau WoodFest event.

Council would now look to start discussions with stakeholders about the Kawerau WoodFest in 2021.



**Celebrating
30 Years Of Woodskills**