

COMMUNITY UPDATE

13 November 2020

► Mayors' Taskforce for Jobs recognises graduates

With the pandemic putting many activities in jeopardy – Kawerau still managed to host several successful events.

At the end of October, we held the 65th anniversary of the King of the Mountain Race. Thank you to the landowners, volunteers and the competitors of all ages who took part in the main race, the school relays and the Pūtauaki Prince and Princess of the Mountain.

Last week we had the privilege of hosting the Mayors' Taskforce for Jobs annual graduation event at the Kawerau Cosmopolitan Club. This initiative is a commitment by myself and my fellow Eastern Bay Mayors to recognise the achievements of industry graduates. It also reinforces the region's commitment to industry training to benefit the community and economy.

Thank you to Tūwharetoa Kaumatua Te Haukākawa (Boycie) Te Rire and Master of Ceremony Colin Magee who both supported the event, guest speaker Sequel Lumber director and co-founder David Turner and to all the employers who support their people to train.

Congratulations to the 60 graduates who attended and received a certificate of completion after completing a National Certificate qualification with an Industry Training Organisation. Graduates represented many organisations and pictured is the Council's i-SITE graduate Jacqui Roberts with myself and Ministry of Education rep Julia Pura-MacKenzie.

This week I also attended Tarawera High School's Senior Prizegiving. What a fantastic turnout from whānau, stakeholders and sponsors. Thank you to Principal Helen Tuhoro and her team for their support and efforts which are resulting in some amazing young people coming out of Tarawera with great achievements and future pathways.

Congratulations to the 2021 Head Boy Munro Elliott-Brooking and Head Girl Opal Herbert and all the best to the outgoing Head Boy Majeau Rogers and Head Girl Destiny Maxwell.

Council continues to make good progress with major infrastructural projects. The tenders have been accepted for the riser main upgrade and the first stage of the water reticulation replacement. Work is also going well with the River Road culvert replacement project and I wish to acknowledge residents for their patience.

On the flood protection front, it is pleasing to see that the flood protection bunds installed earlier in the year did their job during the recent heavy rain.

Our thoughts are with residents in the Hawkes Bay.



- Mayor Malcolm Campbell



Protect yourself and others from COVID-19

65th Anniversary King of the Mountain Race Success



Congratulations to the 125 entrants who conquered the mountain on 31 October in the King of the Mountain Race. Well done also to the 80-plus tamariki who competed in the Pūtauaki Prince and Princess of the Mountain Race. Thank you to all the volunteers, funders, Rangatahi, sponsors, Kaumatua and tangata whenua ō Kawerau and safety services who came together to make this historic event a reality. In particular, thank you to Maori Investments Limited and Nga Maunga Kaitiaki Trust for the land access. Thanks also to New Zealand Community Trust (NZCT), Trust Horizon and the Kawerau District Council for supporting this iconic event.

STACKED KAWERAU EXHIBITION 27 & 28 NOVEMBER

Stacked Kawerau is a collaborative exhibition by the National Woodskills Trust, Kawerau Arts Society, the Historic Waterwheel Trust and the Whakatane Fibre Crafters.

Due to the pandemic, the event couldn't go ahead in its usual form of the National Woodskills Competition and WoodFest.

This year the 30th Anniversary of the National Woodskills Competition will be recognised by a combined exhibition with other community groups in the form of "Stacked Kawerau". The event will be held on **Friday and Saturday, 27 and 28 November 2020** in the **Kawerau Town Hall, Concert Chambers and outside in Ranfurly Court**. **Entry is free** and the exhibitions will be open to view from **9am until 6pm daily**.



7pm Wednesday, 18 November 2020, Kawerau Concert Chamber
PechaKucha 20x20 is a simple presentation format where people show 20 images, each for 20 seconds with a brief explanation. There is wine and beer, drinks and nibbles and free tea and coffee. You will laugh, you may cry and you might even learn something. Tickets \$10 available at Kawerau Library. Bar selling beer and wine for people aged 18+ Please bring cash. There will be no EFTPOS.

Alleyway Closure Requested

Council has received a request to close the alleyway between 22 and 24 Pollen Street. This alleyway goes from Fenton Street to Pollen Street. If you have any objections to its closure please contact Kawerau District Council by **12 midday on 4 December 2020**. Phone **07 306 9009** – Email **kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz** – Postal Kawerau District Council, Private Bag 1004, Kawerau 3169

Thank You residents – River Road Culvert work progressing



Council would like to thank the residents living around the Cobham Drive area where the first culvert is being replaced by a larger structure.

Your patience and tolerance during the first stage of the project, which was driving the piles into place (pictured) was much appreciated.

This was a particularly noisy process and resulted in considerable vibration for nearby residents.

Also, thank you to all Kawerau residents – we appreciate that River Road is a well-used thoroughfare for people and the road block does inconvenience you all.

The project is planned for completion on 9 December which is weather dependent – the recent heavy rain has been challenging for Waitohi Contractors who are completing the works.

For any issues with noise or dust please contact **020 4135 1369 (24 hours)**.

Message from the Kawerau Police

The COVID-19 pandemic meant some offences, such as expiring Warrant of Fitness (WOFs) and Driver Licences were given a grace period.

Any vehicle licence (registration) or driver licence that expired after 1 January 2020 continued to be valid for up to six months from 10 April 2020 and avoided infringement notices being issued by the Police.

However, as of 10 October 2020, all infringement notices have been reinstated and will be issued by Police.

So, you will need to get your licence and vehicle registration in order if they are currently expired or you are liable to incur a fine if stopped by Police.

In the month of October, Kawerau recorded 133 offences, 36 were flagged as being Family Harm related and a further 59 were recorded as being a victim of that offence. This means a minimum of 59 people were victimised, either directly such as due to an assault or having your car or house burgled.

Everyone is affected in some way by having your private and personal space entered by someone that shouldn't be there.

Victim Support play an integral role with Police in providing initial and ongoing support to people that have been the victim or related to the victim of crime.

As Police our vision is to 'To be the Safest Country' and 'To prevent crime and harm'.

You can help with this by taking some simple safety measures.

- Always lock your car, motorbike, bicycle or other vehicles.
- When out and about, keep your belongings secure and close to you.
- Don't provide places for burglars to hide, keep trees and bushes trimmed.
- Don't answer the door to someone you don't know.
- Keep valuables out of sight.
- Secure your doors, windows, sheds and garages.



For more tips visit www.police.govt.nz/advice/personal-community/protect-property-vehicles

Kawerau Christmas in the Park is a family friendly event aimed to provide a safe and fun environment to enjoy local and national performers entertaining the Kawerau and surrounding communities.

- New World Santa Parade: 11:00am with prize-giving on stage at 12:15pm.
- Radio 1XX Community Christmas Concert: 12:30pm - 5:15pm
- Evening Show: 7:15pm - 10:00pm

Registration forms for Community Concert interest, Stall Holder/Vendor at the event and New World Kawerau Santa Parade are available on

www.kaweraudc.govt.nz or at Kawerau Council reception and i-SITE.

RECYCLING – Kawerau let's get our recycling sorted!



- In Kawerau, only clean and dry plastics numbered 1 and 2 can be put into your recycling crates.
- The numbers (pictured) are a plastic identification code that tells the type of plastic the item is made from.
- Plastics are numbered from 1 to 7 – but in Kawerau – ONLY plastics numbered 1 and 2 can be recycled.
- That means all other plastics, need to be put into the general rubbish bin – or re-used at home.
- The crates (pictured) won't be emptied if they contain items that cannot be recycled including takeaway coffee cups, food containers, disposable soft drink cups and aerosol cans.
- The recycling team are also finding items such as nappies in the crates – so those crates won't be emptied.
- Aluminium cans, tins and glass bottles (of any colour) can also be recycled.

Please help our recycling team to do their job by sorting your rubbish carefully.



IMPORTANT DATES

1pm	17 November	Audit and Risk
9am	24 November	Council Meeting
4pm	27 November	Council Offices close early for staff Christmas function
27 and 28 November		Stacked Kawerau event, Town Hall, Kawerau
9am	15 December	Regulatory and Services and Council Meeting
	19 December	Christmas In The Park
12pm	24 December	Council Offices close for Christmas break
8am	5 January 2021	Council Re-opens

Rates Reminder

Rates Instalment Two is due by 5pm on Friday, 20 November 2020

As there are only 11 weeks between Instalments One and Two (rather than the usual 13 weeks) ratepayers who pay by automatic payment may need to make an additional one-off payment to ensure their account has a zero balance on the due date of 20 November 2020. Notes on how to work out your payment level are on the Council's website

www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/payyourrates