

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

21 August 2020

## Message from the Mayor

In COVID-19 Level 2 Council is still providing all the essential services.

The Council Meeting on Tuesday will take place with some elected members and staff appearing by video conference, and others, meeting in the Council Chambers. Due to the physical distancing requirements and size limitations of the room, we are unable to have the public attend the meeting in person. However, we will be livestreaming the meeting on our Council Facebook page.

We appreciate the closure of some facilities and changes to the opening hours of the Maurie Kjar Memorial Swimming Pool Complex are an inconvenience and impact our community.

We wish to thank the public for their support and patience with these guidelines. By restricting numbers in to the Council Office we can continue to provide a face-to-face service but reduce the risk to the public and our staff.

By all accounts, our best defense is strict hand hygiene, to stay home if we are unwell and to use the COVID-19 Tracer App or make a note of where we go and who we are in contact with.

Meanwhile, Council will table and discuss the Government's Three Waters review on Tuesday. Despite these challenging times, we are focused on continuing our planned projects and capital works.

We are also pleased with the progress of the Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village and the significant interest from residents.

Regards,  
- Mayor Malcolm Campbell



## COUNCIL MEETINGS

Due to Level 2 guidelines and physical distancing restrictions in the Council Chambers, the Council Meeting will be livestreamed on Facebook. In addition, there will be no Public Forum. Members of the public who wish to raise issues or log a service request, may do so by emailing [kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz](mailto:kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz) or phoning **07 306 9009**

9am	25 August	Council Meeting (via Zoom, Livestreaming on Facebook)
5pm	28 August	Nominations close for Kawerau Community Awards
	9 September	Kawerau Young Achievers Awards (Virtual Ceremony)
1pm	14 September	Council Audit and Risk Meeting
9am	15 September	Council Regulatory and Services Meeting
9am	29 September	Council Meeting and Kawerau Community Awards
9am	13 October	Council Regulatory and Services Meeting
9am	27 October	Council Meeting
9am	10 November	Council Regulatory and Services Meeting
1pm	17 November	Council Audit and Risk
9am	24 November	Council Meeting
9am	15 December	Council Regulatory and Services
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## Rates Rebates

Ratepayers can apply for a rates rebate which is a Government-funded scheme. Forms are available at the Council Office or online at [www.kaweraudc.govt.nz](http://www.kaweraudc.govt.nz)

## Rates Payments

Instalment 1 of the rates invoice has been sent out. Payment is due by **5:00pm Friday 4 September**. Payments can be made:

- Online by credit or debit card
- Over the phone by credit or debit card
- Cash, EFTPOS or cheque at the Council Office
- Via the Cheque Drop-Box in Islington Street
- Automatic payments and internet banking (see the website)

## POP UP DRIVE-THRU

COVID-19 ASSESSMENT  
STATION 10AM - 2PM

Please call your GP  
before coming in.

KAWERAU 10am-2pm

Saturday 22nd, Wednesday  
26th, Saturday 29th August

Ron Hardie Recreation  
Center, 111 Onslow Street

## COVID-19 updates

Due to the COVID-19 review on Friday, 21 August and again on Wednesday, 26 August – some of the services listed here may change. For the latest information about Council services please contact Council on 07 306 9009 or visit the [Council website](#) or [Facebook page](#) for further updates.

**Kawerau**

is at Alert

**LEVEL 2**

Unite  
against  
COVID-19

# Kawerau District Council at Level 2



## Kerbside Rubbish Collection

- Kerbside rubbish collections – Greenwaste, Recycling and General Rubbish collections will continue.
- Please be mindful of physical distancing.
- Thank you for your support to separate your rubbish.



## Transfer Station

- Open daily from 12 noon until 4:00pm during Level 2.
- Contact tracing is in place.



## Regulatory Services

- Animal Control Services operational.
- Noise Control services operational.



## Library

Open with Level 2 restrictions weekdays from 10am until 5pm and on Saturday from 10am until 1pm.

## Kawerau Community Grants Scheme

- The Community Grant Scheme is a Council fund to enhance the well-being of Kawerau people by supporting groups and/or services that improve the quality of life of local residents.
- Applications for the 2020/21 community grants open on the 24 August and close Wednesday 5:00 pm on 16 September 2019.
- More information about the grant scheme and the application forms are available at the Council Offices and on the Council website.

### The 2019 Kawerau Community Grants recipients included:

- KADAP INC - \$1000.00 to help provide a venue for meetings
- Central Kids Early Learning Centre - \$2000.00 to construct a community garden and entrance way
- Kawerau Golf and Squash Club - \$2377.74 for a Defibrillator
- Alzheimer's EBOP - \$3000.00 to deliver services in EBOP for people living with Alzheimer's
- Kawerau Blue Lights Ventures - \$1870.00 for a Whale Island fishing trip over 2 days
- Friendship Club of Kawerau - \$1000.00 for trips and activities for members
- Kawerau Community Menzshed - \$1384.00 to help cover insurance costs
- NZ Council for Victim Support - \$1500 to strengthen the volunteer programme in EBOP
- Whanau Time - \$ 1500.00 to help provide craft material and a safe venue
- Epilepsy Assn of NZ Inc - \$500.00 to help with a field service programme



## Council Office

- At Level 2 the Council Office are open weekdays 8am until 5pm with physical distancing.
- Contact tracing is in place.
- New Zealand Transport Authority (NZTA) services are available from 8.30am until 4.00pm weekdays.



## Maurie Kjar Memorial Pool Complex

- At Level 2 the main pool is open weekdays with restrictions from 9am until 5pm. Please check the Council Facebook or website for details.
- Also please note the lower temperature of the main pool has been traced to a leaking steam pipe. The project to repair the steam line has been scoped and will be tabled for discussion and approval at Tuesday's Council Meeting.

## Public Notices

- Digital Banking Classes – scheduled for 31 August and 1 September are postponed due to travel restrictions out of the Auckland region.
- Weight on My Shoulders – 22 August (postponed until further notice)
- Public Engagement Course (IAP2) – applications are still being taken for this course as it is still scheduled to run on 3 September.

## Young Achiever Awards

There will be a virtual ceremony to recognise the Kawerau Young Achievers in 2020. This virtual ceremony will take place on Wednesday, 9 September and will be available for parents, whanau and the community to view via the Council Facebook page. Please check the Facebook and website for more details soon.

## Kawerau Community Awards

The annual Kawerau Community Awards recognise significant contributions of individuals and groups.

Kawerau residents can be nominated for their contribution in the following areas:

- Contribution by a young person
- Voluntary work
- Community impact
- Group contribution

Nominations must be made by two people on the official nomination form that is available from the Council Offices and online via

[www.kaweraudc.govt.nz](http://www.kaweraudc.govt.nz)

Nomination forms must be received by 5.00pm Friday, 28 August 2020.