



COMMUNITY UPDATE

2020 CHRISTMAS EDITION

Meri Kirihimete
 to you and your whānau



Council had its final meeting last Tuesday and we look forward to a full programme of work in 2021, including consultation for the Long Term Plan.

A huge thank you to all our volunteers who helped make the Kawerau Christmas in the Park event such a success. It was great to be able to put on such a wonderful show for our Kawerau community and the district after the challenges of 2020.

Despite the pitfalls of the year, being able to celebrate Stacked Kawerau last month and Christmas in the Park has meant finishing the year on a high.

Let's continue to 'Make Summer Unstoppable' by scanning the QR codes, staying home if sick and keeping up the good hand hygiene.

A reminder that at midday on Thursday, 24 December 2020 the Council Offices and facilities will close (including the Transfer Station which is open from 8am until 12noon that day).

As always, if you have an urgent issue with water, noise, waste or animal control please contact Council on 07 306 9009 anytime.

Please keep a close eye on all fire hazards at home and work. The hot, dry weather makes even long grass a high fire risk – so please keep sections cut and take care with machinery. Finally can we all please use the town water sensibly, so we can avoid restrictions.

On behalf of all your elected members, we wish you all a safe, happy and relaxing festive and holiday season.

- Mayor Malcolm Campbell



Kawerau Youth Council

Kawerau Youth Councillors Matariki Turuwhenua and Nikki Hendle (pictured) presented a summary of their activities to the Councillors last week.

The pair talked about the challenges of COVID-19, their highlights, projects, events and learnings on the Kawerau Youth Council in 2020.

The Youth Council had to adapt this year, meeting by zoom and presenting a virtual Kawerau Young Achievers event.

As first-year Councillors, Matariki and Nikki credited the Youth Council for providing them with leadership roles and opportunities. A year-13 at Tarawera High School, Nikki will be studying Veterinary Science at Massey University in Palmerston North. Matariki will return to Tarawera for year-12 in 2021 and will be the student rep for the Kawerau District Council.

Kawerau Youth Council deputy chair Munro Brooking is the 2021 Tarawera High School head boy.



River Road Culvert Projects

River Road (by Cobham Drive) will be open over the Christmas and New Year holiday period. Weather dependent, it will close on Tuesday, 5 January to complete the resealing of the road for a maximum of two weeks.

After this road is finished and re-opened, work will begin at the Water Pumphouse area of River Road. The planned closure is from Monday, 11 January until Friday, 2 April 2021. The Pumphouse water tap will be available during this road closure.

Council apologises for the inconvenience.



Resolution to keep alleyway open

The Pollen Street Alleyway between 22 and 24 Pollen Street will remain open. The Council resolved to keep the alleyway open following an application to close it at the Council Meeting on Tuesday, 15 December. The decision was based around the overwhelming public submissions opposing the closure. Thanks for your feedback. Council also resolved to work with residents living near the alleyway to reduce the negative behaviour.

Kawerau Police Safe Summer Tips

Keep safe on our roads this summer

- Plan your trip
- Travel to the road conditions
- Regularly check oil, water, tyre tread and inflation
- Keep children safe and in approved child restraints

Make it a happy festive season

- Check in with your neighbours
- Ensure pets are secure in your section
- Try not to stress about the small stuff

Going away on holiday

- Let your neighbours know you're going away
- Leave a light on and washing on the line
- Ensure your mail is collected or stopped with NZ Post
- Make sure your pets are looked after



Bay Hopper: Thanks for your Feedback

Thank you to everyone who gave feedback about the two timetable options for the Bay Hopper bus from Kawerau to Whakatāne. The Bay of Plenty Regional Council are now compiling this feedback and plan to meet again with the Seniors Forum to discuss the report. Feedback was fairly evenly divided on the two weekly timetables.

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Kawerau and the Pumicelands District moved to a Restricted Fire Season on Wednesday, 16 December. Permits are now required.

The dry weather increases the risk of fire. Even machinery can start fires in the long, dry grass. If you see a fire hazard please contact the Kawerau Fire Brigade.

In the event of an emergency, please call 111.

For more information or to apply for a fire permit please visit www.checkitsalright.nz



WHAKARATONGA IWI

FIRE
EMERGENCY

NEW ZEALAND

IN EMERGENCIES CALL

111

HARD OF HEARING

TEXT 111



NEW ZEALAND

POLICE

Ngā Pirihimana o Aotearoa

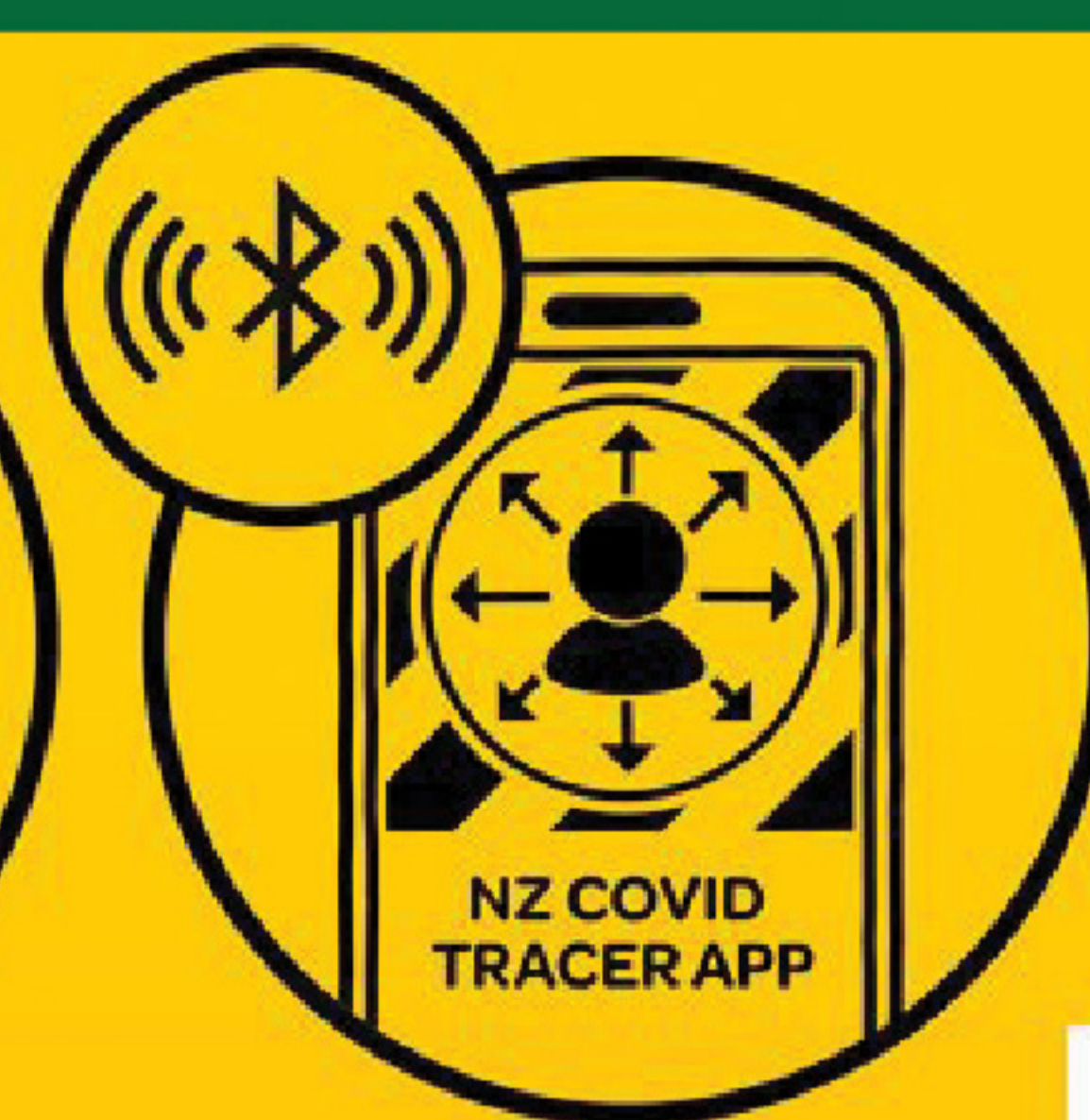
MAKE SUMMER UNSTOPPABLE



Wash your
hands



Stay home
if sick



Scan QR
codes

Unite
against
COVID-19

New Zealand Government

Recycling and Greenwaste checklist



What and How to Recycle

Glass



- Glass bottles and jars only (all colours)
- Please rinse all bottles and jars
- Place in your crate
- **NO** broken glass or any other types of glass
- Broken glass and light bulbs go into the general waste bin

Plastic



- **Grade 1 – 2** only e.g. milk and cream bottles, water bottles, fruit juice, all other plastic goes into your residual waste bin,
- Please remove caps, wash and squash
- Place in your crate

Cans



- Please rinse all food cans
- Remove the lids and place inside of cans (flattened preferred - no need to remove labels)
- Place in your crate

Paper



- All grades of paper and cardboard
- Please flatten all cardboard and tie together if needed to reduce flying away
- Place beneath your bin if oversize

Cardboard



Greenwaste

80 kg weight limit

The 240 litre Greenwaste bin can be used to dispose of:



- Lawn clippings
- Weeds
- Leaves (no flax)
- Old plants
- Soft prunings



DO NOT load with **soil/concrete/bricks** or put any food waste contaminants in your bin.



Christmas and New Year Dates 2020 - 2021

COUNCIL OFFICE and NZ AA SERVICES

The Council Office and NZ AA Services will close at 12.00 midday on Thursday 24th December 2020 and re-open 8.00am on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

REFUSE and RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

Refuse and recycling collections will NOT be affected during this period.
Please ensure all bins are at the curbside by 7.30am on the day of collection.

TRANSFER STATION

Thursday (Christmas Eve day)	24 December	8.00am – 12 noon
Friday (Christmas Day)	25 December	Closed
Saturday (Boxing Day)	26 December	Normal hours 12 noon until 4.00pm daily

Normal hours resume Saturday (Boxing Day), 26 December 2021

THE DISTRICT LIBRARY and MUSEUM

Thursday (Christmas Eve day)	24 December	10.00am – 12 noon
Friday (Christmas Day)	25 December	Closed
Saturday (Boxing Day)	26 December	Closed
Sunday	27 December	Closed
Monday (observed Boxing Day)	28 December	Closed
Tuesday	29 December	10.00am – 5pm
Wednesday	30 December	10.00am – 5pm
Thursday	31 December	10.00am – 5pm
Friday (New Year's Day)	01 January	Closed
Saturday	02 January	Closed
Sunday	03 January	Closed
Monday (observed day after NY's day)	04 January	Closed
Tuesday	05 January	Normal hours 10.00am until 5.00pm, Mon - Fri 10.00am until 1.00pm, Saturday. Sunday closed

KAWERAU i-SITE

Thursday (Christmas Eve day)	24 December	8.30am – 12 noon
Friday (Christmas Day)	25 December	Closed
Saturday (Boxing Day)	26 December	Normal hours 9.00am until 4.00pm daily

DOG, NOISE AND STOCK CONTROL AND COMPLAINTS

For assistance with dog, noise and stock control problems, please phone **306 9009 option 1** (anytime).

DUTY SUPERVISOR

During the office closure period, please phone **306 9009** and choose **option 2** to talk to the duty supervisor.

MAURIE KJAR MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL

Thursday (Christmas Eve)	24 December	8.00am - 12 noon
Friday Christmas Day	25 December	Closed
Saturday and Sunday	26 -27 December	8.00am - 6.00pm
Monday	28 December	Normal summer hours 8.00am until 6.00pm, Mon - Fri 8.00am until 8.00pm, Sat - Sun

For Private Hires and BBQ Hires, please contact the pool staff, or telephone **323 6109** during pool hours.
Please note that Private Hires are only available outside pool opening hours.

His Worship the Mayor, Councillors and staff wish the residents of Kawerau a happy and safe festive season.