

COMMUNITY UPDATE

24 July 2020

The Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village is officially open

Mayor Malcolm Campbell (pictured below) declared the village officially open and cuts the ribbon with our special guests Kath Cook, Averil Edhouse and Zita King (Councillor Rex Savage obscured). Our gratitude to Tuwharetoa Kaumatua and Reverend Tumuhitai (George) Raerino (below right) and Te Haukākawa (Boycie) Te Rire (below left) for the Nga Karakia Whakatuwhera Whare Kainga, Mihi and sharing the historical connections to the name Piripiri Crescent. Some 100 people attended the opening and took the opportunity to view one of the units which received positive feedback.

Four of the first six units being built have owners. The two remaining units will be available in mid-September.



Discover Our Local

The three Eastern Bay Councils are backing a Discover Our Local marketing campaign to promote businesses and organisations following COVID-19. The concept is to discover everything great about what's here locally in Kawerau and the Eastern Bay. The Discover Our Local video and audio trailers can be viewed on Radio 1XX's website and Facebook page and links to these pages are on the Council's website and Facebook. If you own a business in Kawerau and would like to know more about the campaign please contact Council on **07 306 9009**.

Central Cove development underway

Work has started on the first two house sites at Central Cove in Kawerau. The new housing development situated at the former Central School grounds is being completed in partnership with Generation Homes and the Council. These are house and land packages starting from \$399,000 that can be purchased outright. Six of the 31 sections have been sold. Three consents have been issued by the Council and a fourth is being processed.



Creative Communities NZ

The Council's committee that manages the Creative Communities NZ funding met recently regarding the five applications for funding from community groups and organisations. After considering the applications the committee approved the following applications:

- Jordaan Tuitama for an Ancient Arts Modern Tools Community Workshop - \$2,000.00
- The National Woodskills Trust for the National Woodskills Competition 2020 - \$3,832.58
- Kawerau Cottage Craft for Pot People and their project 'Garden Art' - \$660.00
- Eastbay Timebank / Pou Whakaaro to co-ordinate a mural on the wall at Larry's Takeaways on Islington Street - \$2,966.00
- Whaiora Patrick for her project 'Dear Incredible Me' A workshop to remind young girls and women of their worth. \$650.00

IMPORTANT COUNCIL DATES

NOW	Nominations open for Kawerau Young Achievers Awards
28 July	Council Meeting
14 August	Nominations close Kawerau Young Achievers Awards
15 August	Gravity Sports 6-Hour Adventure Race
22 August	Weight On My Shoulders
26 August	Kawerau Young Achiever Awards
26 & 27 September	Stacked Kawerau – National Woodskills
31 October	King of the Mountain Race 65th Anniversary
19 December	Christmas in the Park

2020/21 Annual Plan Hearing and Deliberations

The Council received 41 submissions to the 2020/21 Annual Plan. The Hearing and Deliberations were held on Tuesday, 14 July.

The Hearing consisted of seven submitters speaking to their submissions and then the Council considered the remaining submissions.

In the next stage of the 2020/21 Annual Plan process, the Council discussed and deliberated on those submissions that included the following:

- Water supply and chlorination
- Parks and Reserves (including playgrounds and dog waste disposal bins)
- Maurie Kjar Memorial Swimming Pool Complex upgrade
- Residential developments
- Roading issues (including speed)
- Rates increase

The Council will respond to all submitters and the 2020/21 Annual Plan will be adopted at the Council meeting on Tuesday, 28 July 2020.

Welcome our new team members

Ko Maungaroa te Maunga
Ko Kaiaio te hapu
Ko Te Whānau ā Apanui te Iwi
Ko Rangi ahau.

Rangitahi Wharepapa (known as **Rangi**) joins the Kawerau District Council as the Kawerau District Council's i-SITE is a proud wahine Māori and a loving mother of three. Previously, Rangi worked for the Whakatāne District Council for seven years as the Team Leader for the i-SITE.

Transitioning to Kawerau has been a beautiful surprise for Rangi who says she is "loving this new adventure and working with an amazing team proudly for Kawerau District Council". Rangi is pictured centre with Riverbug Tourism Operators at Te Pou o Kawerau recently.



Council welcomes **Glenn Penny** to the Three Waters Operations Team. Employed as the Waterworks Assistant, Glen will be working with water supply, wastewater treatment and stormwater. It seems like a big change from his former career as a dairy farm manager, which he held for the previous eight years with a team of five. However, there are similarities and water played a large part in the role on the farm that had between 760 and 900 cows. There were always pumps, valves and irrigation schemes to maintain and effluent management on the farm. Translating that to the Kawerau District is an enjoyable learning curve for Glen who is completing the Level 4 Trade Certificate in Utilities through Connexis Industry Training Organisation. Glen is married to Crystal and the couple have a 10-year-old child and eight-year-old twins. He enjoys spending time with his family in his spare time.

Town Centre Redevelopment

Following considerable planning and design work, the first stage of the Town Centre Redevelopment started two weeks ago with the removal of three large Phoenix Palm trees that were costly to maintain and keep to a safe standard. This part of the development will see changes made to Ranfurly Court area including the replacement of the cobblestones with concrete surfacing. The balance of the area will be landscaped areas. Council will be looking to install bollards and seating to limit vehicular access. In the 2020/21 Annual Plan process Council received one submission regarding a dual carriageway (for walking and vehicular access) through this area. However, during the Council deliberations the elected members resolved that the safety concerns of vehicular access through this area outweighed the benefits. Therefore, there are no plans for a roadway through the Town Centre. Access to the Kawerau District Library will be provided via the grass next to Appliance Plus. The work is likely to take three weeks to finish.



Rangi Delamere Netball Pavilion

Following arson of the Rangi Delamere Netball Pavilion prior to lockdown, the building has been stripped of all asbestos and taken back to the concrete block foundations. Discussions are underway with community groups who use the pavilion and then a report will be taken to Council for discussion and decisions about whether to reinstate or rebuild the pavilion.

Dog Registrations Due

All dog registration payments are due by 31 July 2020, otherwise a 50 percent penalty will apply. Payments can be made online via kaweraudc.govt.nz over the phone **07 306 9009** or in the Council Offices between 8am and 5pm weekdays.



The Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village is perfect for those looking to downsize while keeping their independence. Situated just off River Road, Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village is in a popular location close to all the amenities including beautiful scenic walking trails and views of Mount Putauaki and the Tarawera River.

PORRITT GLADE
LIFESTYLE VILLAGE

➤ The Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village is a partnership between the Kawerau District Council and Generation Homes to provide high-quality housing for retirees and people aged 60-plus.

- The modern brick units are 109m² and feature two-bedrooms, a spacious bathroom, wide internal doorways and an internal access garage. The Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village will be a secure, gated complex with 29 units.
- The units are purchased on a 'Occupation Right Agreement' as they are built on reserve land which cannot be sold. The first six units being constructed are priced at \$310,000. In addition, an annual fee of \$6,400* covers rates, insurance, gardening and mowing, exterior maintenance and statutory supervision and administration. *The annual fee will be adjusted.
- For more information, please contact Council on **07 306 9009** or email kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz or visit kaweraudc.govt.nz

