

COMMUNITY UPDATE

27 November 2020

► Message from the Mayor

It has been a month of highlights.

Firstly, on behalf of Council I would like to congratulate Mountain View Rest Home on the opening of the new four-bed hospital wing. This is a great addition to their existing complex and adds to the services available in our community. At the other end of the spectrum, it was a pleasure to attend Tarawera High School's senior prizegiving recently. Head boy Majejan Rogers and head girl Destiny Maxwell (pictured with myself) were the worthy recipients of the Council's annual awards. We wish both these students and their peers all the best as they move on to the next stage of their life journey. Congratulations again to the many industry graduates who celebrated the completion of their training at the Mayors' Taskforce for Jobs presentation.



The Council's Water Team are another team to be recognised after being awarded the prestigious 2020 Ixom Operations Award. Among a variety of initiatives undertaken in the 2019/20 financial year, the team's effort with the wastewater treatment plant's 10-year maintenance shut, partly in lockdown, was outstanding. The plant optimisation has resulted in a 40 percent reduction of chemical usage and most importantly, no resource consent exceedances recorded up to August 2020. Congratulations to the team of Riaan Nel, Wayne Brooking, Brett Cole, John Bremner and Glenn Penny for their initiative and hard work under difficult conditions. Council staff are now preparing work plans for infrastructure projects for the rest of the 2020/21 year. The heavy workload of projects over the recent years including the pool complex upgrade and two residential subdivisions has utilised much of the Council's reserve funds.

As proposed in the 2020/21 Annual Plan, Council will join the Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA) and borrow up to \$2.0m which will enable us to continue the work programme and keep rates increases to a minimum.

LGFA was established 10 years ago to assist local government in New Zealand to borrow funds and obtain lower interest rates for its members.

Lastly, a reminder please to dispose of our rubbish correctly and if you see rubbish dumping please report it. Our district and surrounding area should be treasured.

- Mayor Malcolm Campbell

River Road Culvert update

The River Road Culvert replacement project work continues, despite some disruptions due to the weather. Waitohi Contractors team members are shown here mixing the industrial grade grout to seal the joins of the new larger culverts. Thank you to the public for your continued patience and support with the road closure and detour.



Keep up the contact tracing



Let's get ready to enjoy a fabulous summer holiday that remains COVID-19 free. The way to do that is to keep using the COVID-19 contact tracer app. If you haven't already, download it from the app store and use it to keep track of where you are going. Or you can keep a written diary of where you go, hard copy diaries are available at the Council Office. Stay home if you're sick and keep up the hand washing.

Plan ahead for liquor licencing applications

Event organisers who want to apply for a special licence to sell or supply alcohol are reminded that they need submit applications at least 20 working days ahead of their planned summer events.

Any events scheduled for early February 2021 (or earlier) must have **applications lodged by Monday, 7 December 2020**.

Special licences can cover one-off or short duration events, and sometimes larger events. People who want to sell or supply alcohol over the Christmas period and into February need to know the rules and be prepared.

The special licence process aims to reduce alcohol-related harm and ensure events are as safe as possible for everyone attending them. The Police and District Health Board need time to carry out their part of the process effectively. Late applications are sometimes accepted where there is a genuine reason.

More information and application forms are available on www.kaweraudc.govt.nz

Pool Closure for Private Hire

The public are advised that the Maurie Kjar Memorial Swimming Pool Complex will be **closed from 12.30pm to 4.00pm on Saturday, 12 December 2020 for private hire**. The pool will be open from 8.00am to 12.30pm (pool cleared from 12noon). Following the private hire the pool will be re-opened to the public from 4.00pm to 8.00pm. Thank you for your support.

Ecobulbs LEDs for Kawerau residents

Save money on your power bills with your lights on! You can save money on your power bills.

By switching just five of your most frequently used inefficient lightbulbs to the newest generation Ecobulb LEDs you could save up to \$940* over the next 10 years. They last up to 30 years and use up to 90% less electricity than the inefficient light bulbs they replace. Trust Horizon and Horizon Networks with substantial support from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) are subsidising Ecobulb LEDs so you can get them FREE

If you haven't already collected your 5 FREE Ecobulb LEDs on the 31 October – you can come into the Council Offices with your voucher or a power bill as proof of identity and collect them.

There are a variety of Ecobulb LEDs available. The Council Offices are open from 8am until 5pm daily.

Whakatane District Council are also distributing the free EcoBulbs at their Council Office in Commerce Street Whakatane from 8am until 5pm weekdays. Opotiki residents can collect their free EcoBulbs from the Opotiki i-SITE at 70 Bridge Street in Opotiki between 9am and 4.30pm weekdays and 9am to 1pm weekends.



Town Centre Development

The Parks and Recreation team have the top soil ready and are eager to get the plants into the new gardens in the Town Centre redevelopment. The team can progress this as soon as the irrigation system has been installed.

The first lot of concrete bollard seating is planned to be installed next week, with the second lot and the bike stand arriving in the early New Year.

The disability ramp from the District Library has also been completed and is just needing some final touches. This ramp provides a second disability-approved emergency exit from the District Library and Museum Gallery.

We look forward to seeing the progress of the Town Centre redevelopment in the coming weeks leading up to the Festive Season.





Prideaux Park, Kawerau Saturday, 19 December 2020



■ Smoke Free ■ Alcohol Free ■ Drug Free ■ Gang Regalia Free

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 at Prideaux Park.

- 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 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**.

Welcome to our new Museum Curator

Capturing New Zealand's multi-cultural history is a privilege Kerry Powell (right) is relishing.

Having recently joined the Council as the new Museum Curator, Kerry is enjoying the change of capturing living social history.

"Museums are museums - the basics don't change, but here I have the opportunity to build up a picture of the district and also people who have lived and worked here. The opportunity to catalogue items of interest and talk to the people involved is exciting."

Having moved to New Zealand from the United Kingdom where she had worked in the museum sector for all her career after completing a Bachelor Honours in Heritage Studies and later a post graduate in Museum Management.

Kerry ventured to New Zealand four years ago with the view of it being the first stop of an overseas adventure. But she fell in love with the country and after four months had secured a work visa and a job managing the Howick Historic Village in Auckland.

It turned out, Kerry's son Tom also decided to make New Zealand home and in 2018 the pair were granted residency. An aviation technician, Tom works at Auckland's Motat and her daughter an archaeologist, had moved to Japan in 2017.

The family shares a common love of history. For Kerry moving to the Eastern Bay and working in Kawerau has her reminiscing of her childhood in a small steelworks town.

In her spare time, Kerry enjoys music, cycling, arts and crafts and volunteering for community groups.



PechaKucha Success!

THANK YOU to everyone who made the recent Pecha Kucha event a success.

More than 80 people attended the event at the Council's Concert Chambers to listen to nine presenters using the unique PechaKucha format of 20 photos and 20 seconds of explanation of each. Special thanks to the nine presenters - Teresa McCauley, José Mir, Warwick Godfery, Greg Moorcroft, Jacqueline MacRae-Tarei, Susan Birch, Andrea Cook, Michael Sparks and Wendy Montrose. The topics included trekking in the South American jungle, the social impact of the pun, what it's like to be a Department of Conservation ranger, a spiritual



experience in the Indian mountains, giving up mod cons to buy a farm, a love of China and a safari in Africa.

Thanks also to the wonderful MC Ruth, the team behind the scenes - Susan, Erica, Janice, Ramona and Veerle who worked hard all night and thank you the audience for supporting this event.

Council Staff are People Too

A friendly reminder as the 2020 year comes to an end and the holiday season approaches with the usual pressures – please remember our staff are here to help. They are Mums, Dads, Daughters, Brothers, Sisters, Aunties and Uncles who want to help customers with issues and queries – and abuse will not be tolerated.

Do you use the Bay Hopper Kawerau to Whakatāne bus service? Or would you use it if it ran on different days ?

Your feedback is being sought by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council on two proposed bus service options for the Bay Hopper service. Currently the Bay Hopper bus runs from Kawerau to Whakatāne Bay Hopper on Tuesdays and Thursdays. **There are two options being proposed and the Bay of Plenty Regional Council wants your feedback by 9 December 2020.**

Please submit your feedback by email to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council Transport Advisory team via Melissa.winters@boprc.govt.nz or Rehan.Shaikh@boprc.govt.nz or contact Council **07 306 9009** or tick your preferred option and drop this form to the Council Offices by **12 noon 9 December**.

Also, if you have any feedback about the route the Bay Hopper takes in the Kawerau Township with regard to bus stops and turning areas please send that in.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Comment: _____

Option 1: Operates four days a week excluding public holidays, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday

Stops Time	Kawerau i-Site	Edgecumbe	Whakatāne Hospital	Boon Street, Whakatāne	Whakatāne Hospital	Edgecumbe	Kawerau i-Site
AM	7:00	7:20	07:50	8:05 / 8:10	8:20	8:50	9:10
	9:30	9:50	10:20	10:35 / 10:40	10:50	11:20	11:40
PM	1:30	1:50	2:20	2:35 / 2:40	2:50	3:20	3:40
	4:00	4:20	4:50	5:05 / 5:10	5:20	5:50	6:10

Option 2: Operates three days a week excluding public holidays, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

Stops Time	Kawerau i-Site	Edgecumbe	Whakatāne Hospital	Boon Street, Whakatāne	Whakatāne Hospital	Edgecumbe	Kawerau i-Site
AM	7:00	7:20	7:50	8:05 / 08:10	8:20	8:50	9:10
	9:30	9:50	10:20	10:35 / 10:40	10:50	11:20	11:40
PM	12:00	12:20	12:50	1:05 / 1:10	01:20	01:50	02:10
	2:30	2:50	3:20	3:35 / 3:40	3:50	4:20	4:40
	5:00	5:20	5:50	6:05 / 6:10	06:20	6:50	7:10