

COMMUNITY UPDATE

2 October 2020

Message from the Mayor

It was a huge pleasure this week to present the annual Kawerau Community Awards to two very deserving people. We recognised Anne Ion for giving more than 50 years of Volunteer Service to a number of community groups and organisations – two of which have presented her with Life Memberships. The other award for Contribution by a Young Person was made to Majeau Rogers, our Kawerau Youth Council chair and Tarawera High School head boy. Congratulations to both Anne and Majeau - you have both made a significant contribution to our Kawerau community. Another positive event held recently was Trees for Babies which enables whānau to plant a tree to recognise the birth of a child. This year 26 trees were planted by whānau and tagged with the child's name in Monika Lanham Reserve. Congratulations to our Parks and Reserves team for their sterling effort to continue this well-loved tradition. This current year Council is embarking on a massive capital programme which will see more than \$8m worth of investment into Kawerau infrastructure. It is good to see the tenders going out for the water reticulation and riser main replacement projects. Regarding COVID-19 it was sobering to listen to a presentation from the Toi Te Ora Medical Officer of Health recently. This virus is here to stay for the long-term and it is likely to be several years before a vaccine is developed.

The recent case which was close to home for a Kawerau resident shows how being vigilant with contact tracing really does work. Thankfully, this resident had tracked where they had been and who they were with and was contacted about the need to self-isolate. It shows that even in Level 1 we must all continue to be proactive about contact tracing, hygiene and being tested. Let's keep safe Kawerau.

- Mayor Malcolm Campbell

NOTICE: River Road Culverts

The installation of the two larger River Road culverts has been delayed as contractors worked on a plan to install them without disrupting existing power cabling. Unfortunately, working around this infrastructure constraint means that the project will take considerably longer at both the downstream culvert by Cobham Drive and the upstream culvert at the entrance to the Water Treatment Plant. Work will now start on the downstream culvert on the 12 October and continue until 10 January 2021 with a break during the Christmas period when the road will be reopened. The installation of the upstream culvert at the Water Treatment Plant will start on 11 January and be completed by mid- March 2021. Council apologises in advance for the inconvenience this will cause to residents but is committed to reducing the flooding risk in these areas.



IMPORTANT DATES

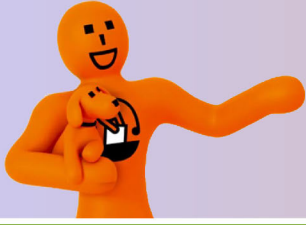
12 to 26 October	Pool Complex closed for annual maintenance
9am 13 October	Regulatory and Services
9am 27 October	Council Meeting
4pm 27 November	Council Offices close early for staff Christmas function
27 and 28 November	Stacked Kawerau event, Town Hall, Kawerau
31 October	King of the Mountain Race
9am 10 November	Regulatory and Services
1pm 17 November	Audit and Risk
9am 24 November	Council Meeting
9am 15 December	Regulatory and Services and Council Meeting
12pm 24 December	Council Offices close for Christmas break

Rates Payments

The second Rates Instalment (2) will be invoiced at the end of October 2020. The due date for **Instalment Two** is **5pm on Friday 20 November 2020**.

Council would like to alert ratepayers that due to the 2020/21 Annual Plan being adopted later (and therefore pushing the due date for Instalment One out by two weeks), there are only 11 weeks between the due dates for Instalment One and Two.

Some ratepayers who pay their rates by automatic payment may need to make a one-off payment to ensure the full amount is paid by the due date. Notes on how to work out your payment level can be found on Council's website at kaweraudc.govt.nz/payyourrates. Please contact Council on 07 306 9009 or email kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz for further information.



Nau mai, welcome to the 2020 General Election

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Community Awards

Congratulations to the 2020 recipients of the Kawerau Community Awards - Anne Ion and Majeau Rogers. Mayor Malcolm Campbell presented the awards following the Council meeting held on Tuesday, 29 September. The awards comprise four categories which recognise significant contributions to the Kawerau community which are: voluntary work, group contribution, contribution by a young person and community impact.

The 2020 awards were presented to Anne Ion for her Voluntary Work to organisations in the Kawerau district over a 50-year period. Kawerau Youth Council chair Majeau Rogers, who is also the Tarawera High School head boy, was awarded for Contribution by a Young Person.

Majeau said he was grateful for the award and wished to acknowledge Tarawera High School and Kawerau Blue Light. A youth councillor for five years, Majeau said he was "grateful for having been nominated". He acknowledged the Council, the Youth Council and Kawerau Blue Light for their support and said he had always "liked being involved."

Mayor Malcolm Campbell said Majeau had represented the district with pride and mana many times during his involvement with the Youth Council. Majeau plans to study at Victoria University in 2021. The other 2020 recipient was Kawerau community volunteer Anne Ion

who has given more than 50 years of service to countless organisations, schools and groups during that time. In accepting her award, Anne said, "If I hadn't enjoyed doing it - I wouldn't have done it."

Bill Gibson of Senior Net described Anne as "a stalwart in the community who was capable and always willing not only with Senior Net of which she has been awarded a Life Membership, but many other groups".

Her involvement in the Kawerau community began after she moved here with her husband Ken and they had their three children, Michael, David and Lynnette. Helping out at school with weekly lunches and the school committees soon saw Anne take on the PTA treasurer's role. Like most of the groups Anne has volunteered with – she kept working in the role until all three children had been through the school over a period of some 10 years.

During that same time her involvement with the Presbyterian Church began and so too did her support of what would become Mountain View Rest Home.

Anne was a founding committee member and treasurer of Kawerau Senior Net and has been awarded a Life Membership. She continues to hold the treasurer's role. In addition, she has been awarded the Country Women's Institute Good Service Badge.

- The groups Anne has volunteered with included:
- Kawerau and Edgecumbe Country Women's Institute treasurer
 - Central School PTA and school committee as treasurer;
 - New Zealand Federation of Women's Institute treasurer
 - Presbyterian Church committee as treasurer;
 - New Zealand Jaycees' (Wives' committee)
 - Mountain View Trustee;
 - Probus Kawerau treasurer;
 - Kawerau Motorcycle Club committee and helper;
 - Grey Power committee, treasurer and Life Membership Award.

Pictured Above: Youth Awardee Majeau Rogers with Blue Light's Bob Austin (far left), Senior Constable and Youth Aid Officer George Westerman and parents Lynair Moeau and Marty Rogers.

Top: Volunteer awardee Anne Ion with son Michael, daughter-in-law Carolyn and Mayor Malcolm Campbell.



i-SITE

The Kawerau i-SITE provides information and services to residents and visitors ranging from tourism experiences, booking accommodation and travel, supporting community events, locally sourced merchandise, forestry permits, free wifi and public toilets. The Kawerau i-SITE are currently holding a sale on selected merchandise. Only limited stock left so be in quick.

LIFEGUARD VACANCIES

If you can swim and would like to work at the pools – Council is looking for permanent part-time lifeguards. Contact Council or visit the website kaweraudc.govt.nz/vacancies for more information and an application form.



Voting in Kawerau

Voting opens in Kawerau at **10am on Monday, 5 October** at the **Concert Chambers in Kawerau**.
You need to be enrolled to vote. To check you are enrolled phone **0800 36 76 56** or **Freetext 3676** or check online at **vote.nz**. An EasyVote card will be posted to your address which you take with you to vote along with a pen.

Kawerau Voting Poll is open:

Monday, 5 October	10am until 2pm	Monday, 12 October	10am until 2pm
Tuesday, 6 October	10am until 2pm	Tuesday, 13 October	10am until 2pm
Wednesday, 7 October	10am until 2pm	Wednesday, 14 October	10am until 2pm
Thursday, 8 October	10am until 7pm	Thursday, 15 October	10am until 7pm
Friday, 9 October	10am until 2pm	Friday, 16 October	10am until 2pm
		Saturday, 17 October	9am until 7pm



Maurie Kjar Memorial Swimming Pool Complex

The school holidays and the move to COVID-19 Level 1 has seen a sharp increase in the numbers utilising the swimming pool complex.

The Maurie Kjar Memorial Swimming Pool Complex will be open all school holidays with the annual maintenance shut starting on Monday, 12 October.

There is never a good time to close such a popular complex. However, this asset requires regular maintenance to keep it at its best and ensure the health, safety and well-being of all who use it.

The annual shut entails draining, washing and then painting the main pool, spa pool and kiddies' pool. There are also annual mechanical checks and maintenance of all the filters and heat exchangers and a long list of other annual jobs to be done. Weather permitting, the shut should be completed in the two weeks and the pool complex will be ready for the busy summer swimming period where schools run their swimming programmes.

Thanks to all the pool patrons for your support with this. We look forward to re-opening the pool for summer following the shut.



Welcome to Council

Janice Tekii joins the District Library and Museum

A new team member joined the Council's District Library last week and you will see Janice Tekii working in the afternoons at the library.

Born in Kawerau of Tuhoe descent, Janice has been living with her family in Australia for the last 20 years. She was an Operations Manager and Computer Technician for Harvey Norman with her husband in Australia.

Janice moved back to Kawerau with her husband Chris and their three boys three months ago. Coming back to her home country, Janice feels deeply appreciative of the peaceful vibe of the town and the chance to slow down from her previous busy lifestyle.

The big change of pace, gives Janice the time for family life while offering a new opportunity as a library assistant. Janice's background is Information Technology (IT) and she enjoys working with a diverse range of people, and ensuring a positive customer experience. She also enjoys spending time with her family, playing board games and fishing in her spare time.

Janice is excited with the opportunity to interact and get to know the community. With her IT knowledge and customer service experience, she can surely get you to the right place to find your favourite book.



Kawerau Community Grants

A total of \$19,931 was granted to 12 community groups and organisations by the Kawerau Community Grant committee recently.

Applications are considered annually for the grants which aim to support the work of volunteer organisations and groups in the Kawerau District.

The Community Grants committee is chaired Berice Julian who declared a conflict of interest in the application from the Seniors Forum of which she is on the committee. Councillor Warwick Godfery had tabled his apologies for the meeting and therefore wasn't present for discussions regarding the Kawerau Boxing Club.

The 2020 grants (which exclude GST) are:

Victim Support Eastern Bay of Plenty	\$1,500
-Assist in recruiting and training	
Parkinson's New Zealand Charitable Trust	\$1,500
-Contribution to Parkinson's Nurse service for Kawerau	

Speed humps

During October two more speed humps will be installed in the district. One will be around 366 River Road and the other in Peter Lippa Drive. These speed humps are installed to encourage safer speeds for all road users. If driven over at reasonable speeds, they are merely doing what they are designed to do – slow down the traffic.

Work put out to Tender

Two water projects valued at more than \$2m have just been put out for tenders. The projects are the Bell Street reticulation system which will see the replacement of the pipes and the Riser Main replacement. Tenders close in mid-October.

Central Cove Development

Six building consents have been processed for the Central Cove residential development off Bowen Street. Building is well underway for four of those homes and a seventh consent is likely to be lodged soon. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the value of building consents lodged with Council in the three months to date shows positive signs of growth and prosperity. Since 1 July 2020, consents valued at \$3.5m have been submitted to Council, compared with a total of \$4.5m for the entire 2019/20 financial year.

Introduction of Infringement Notices

With the goal to make Kawerau a safer place, the Council after consultation with the New Zealand Police and other community stakeholders are introducing an infringement process for parking and vehicle offences.

This means for fines will be issued for:

- Parking offences (for example, parking in mobility car parks without displaying a disability sticker)
- Vehicles without current Warrant of Fitness (WOFs) or Certificate of Fitness (COF)
- Unregistered or unlicensed motor vehicles

During October the Council will be issuing warning notices with fines coming in to effect on 1 November 2020. Fines can be paid online, by phone or at the Council Offices.

NOTE: A full schedule of Infringement Offences and Fines is available online kaweraudc.govt.nz or by phone **07 306 9009** or at the Council Offices in Ranfurly Court.

Putauaki Primary School	\$2,000
-Kaitiakitanga pest control and education	
Kawerau Community Menzshed	\$1,300
-Insurance for tools and liability	
Alzheimer's Society Eastern Bay of Plenty	\$2,500
-Delivery of dementia services for whānau	
Friendship Club Kawerau	\$1,000
-Activity and travel subsidy for members	
Putauaki Kindergarten	\$1,900
-Maintenance and painting of kindergarten	
Ngā Ririki Learning Centre	\$3,000
-Security gates for the centre	
Epilepsy Association of New Zealand	\$600
-Epilepsy field support programme	
Seniors Forum Kawerau	\$1,500
-Seniors Medical Travel assistance	
Kawerau Blue Light Ventures	\$2,000
-Visit to Moutohorā Wildlife Sanctuary	
Kawerau Boxing Club	\$1,131
-Boxing equipment to assist in training sessions	

Town Centre

Stage one of the Town Centre Redevelopment has been completed with the installation of the new concrete surfacing. Positive feedback has been received from pedestrians using this walkway about the safer surface.

The next step will be planting of gardens in the centre area. A bike rack and seating which will also double as bollards to ensure no vehicle access, will then be installed. The ramp will also be reinstated giving access to the District Library.

Three Waters Review and Reform

The Council is putting together an application to submit to central Government for the almost \$800,000 grant for the 3 Waters Review and Reform. The operations team are currently completing the application which proposes that some of this additional funding be used to upgrade the waste water treatment infrastructure. In addition, part of the funding is planned to accelerate the installation of back-water flow preventers (tobies) in residential properties. Part of the funding would be used to employ people to carry out these toby replacements.