

COMMUNITY UPDATE

30 October 2020



► Message from the Mayor

Progress continues on some of the larger projects in the district that were put on hold earlier this year due to COVID-19. One of those is the River Road culvert replacement project. On behalf of Council, I would like to acknowledge and thank Tūwharetoa Kaumatua and Reverend Paora Hunia (pictured left) for the karakia and blessing of the project last week.

We appreciate the inconvenience to residents and thank you in advance for your patience during this important flood mitigation work.

Council has now selected the successful tender for the first water reticulation replacement project and also the riser main upgrade. In addition, the replacement of residential water tobies with back-flow preventers continues. Despite the uncertainty of the coronavirus pandemic, we are experiencing good growth in the district. In the three months from 1 July to September building consents valued at \$3.5m were lodged with Council. This is a huge increase on the same 2019 period and not far away from the 2019/20 year-end total of \$4.5m.

On State Highway 34, stage two of the Pūtauaki Trust industrial development is taking shape. Pūtauaki Trust General Manager John O'Brien presented to Council last week explaining how the roundabout will connect land allotments that the Trust has developed for industrial and

commercial use. Council congratulates the Pūtauaki Trust for this progress and will continue to support these initiatives and encourage investors into Kawerau, which will ultimately create more jobs for people in our district. Although Council, Industrial Symbiosis Kawerau (ISK) and the Pūtauaki Trust have been planning these developments for quite some time, the investment by the Government's Provincial Growth Fund has accelerated progress by about 10 years.

Meanwhile, Saturday, 31 October will be a historic event with the 65th anniversary of the King of the Mountain Race. Please come along and support the school relays, Prince and Princess and the main King of the Mountain Race. The next date to mark on the calendar will be Christmas in the Park on Saturday, 19 December. We are thankful to have secured external funding to bring this event to Kawerau and provide a great day out for people after such a difficult year.

- Mayor Malcolm Campbell

►► Rates Instalment Two is due by 5pm on Friday, 20 November 2020

As there are only 11 weeks between Instalments One and Two (rather than the usual 13 weeks) ratepayers who pay by automatic payment may need to make an additional one-off payment to ensure their account has a zero balance on Instalment Two's due date of 20 November 2020. Notes on how to work out your payment level are on the Council's website www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/payyourrates



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Karakia and blessing of River Road Culvert project

Tūwharetoa Kaumatua and Reverend Paora Hunia carried out the site blessing and karakia last week at the first site of the River Road Culvert Replacement Project.

Mayor Campbell thanked Reverend Paora Hunia for his blessing and outlined the project was an important one to protect nearby homes and properties from flooding during periods of heavy rainfall.

The project is being carried out by Waiotahi Contractors. It entails the replacement of two existing multiple pipe structures which in heavy rain often became obstructed by the weed and vegetation growing on the side of the stream. Both culverts will be replaced by larger structures with three times the existing capacity.

The downstream culvert at the Cobham Drive area is being completed first and will see the existing structure replaced with a larger culvert.

To carry out the work safely, River Road will be closed from 262 to 264 River Road until 9 December.

Students who live around the Cobham Drive and Ward Street area can catch the school bus at the River Road Dairy or at Life Konnect (the former Kawerau Intermediate School) during the first of the two closures for pick up.

The school bus pickup times remain unchanged.

Mayor Campbell was joined at the ceremony by Deputy Mayor Faylene Tunui and Councillors Aaron Rangihika, Warwick Godfery, Rex Savage, Berice Julian and David Sparks.



Creative NZ Communities Grant

Applications are now open for the Creative NZ Communities Grant for the 2020/21 year. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic a second round of funding for the previous financial year was not held which means the total funds now available is \$18,500. To assist Kawerau organisations and groups that may wish to apply for a grant, a workshop and information session will be held at the Council Chambers on Friday, 6 November starting at 2pm. Please contact Council by phone **07 306 9009** or email kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz. Applications for the Creative NZ Communities Grant close at 5pm on Thursday, 12 November. Application forms and criteria are available at the Council Offices and on the Council website. The Council committee will meet to consider applications at 1pm on Wednesday, 18 November 2020.

Proposed closure of alleyway

Council resolved on Tuesday to consult with the public about the proposed closure of the alleyway from Fenton Street through to Pollen Street. Nearby residents had requested the closure due to noise, disturbances and unruly behaviour by some using the alleyway. The proposal includes that the alleyway would be leased on a five-year term to a nearby resident, which gives Council the option to retain ownership of the land and re-open the alleyway in the future if necessary.



Recycling - What Plastics Can Be Recycled ?



- This is a **plastic identification code**. It tells you the **type of plastic** that the item is made from. These symbols with the number 1 - 7 for plastic items embossed into the plastic near or on the bottom of the item.
- **In Kawerau, only clean and dry plastics numbered 1 and 2 can be put into the recycling crate.**

Kawerau King of the Mountain

Race Day Programme:

- 8:30am Radio 1XX School Relays
- 11:00am Pūtauaki Prince and Princess of the Mountain
- 12 noon King and Queen of the Mountain Race
- 3.30pm Prizegiving

