

COMMUNITY UPDATE

04 September 2020

Message from the Mayor

We must all continue our vigilance with COVID-19. Our district remains at Level 2 until midnight on Sunday, 6 September.

Please continue to track where you have been, using your phone to scan QR codes or a manual system. Council will soon have supplies of contact tracing booklets available for businesses and community groups. Please enquire at the Council Office.

In spite of the challenges that COVID-19 presents, there are positives to note.

Last week Council approved the construction of another six retirement units at the Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village. The interest in these high-quality units continues.

Last week the Kawerau Container Terminal spokesperson, and Sequel Lumber Chief Executive David Turner gave an overview of the project to elected members.

David highlighted the importance of the project, which will provide an efficient rail link to transport goods and connect heavy industry in the Eastern Bay to global markets.

This terminal and the Kawerau Putauaki Industrial Development will attract new industry and create jobs so it is good for our community.

Meanwhile, next Wednesday we will acknowledge many youth at the Kawerau Young Achiever Virtual Awards.

Congratulations to all 127 recipients for their hard work, dedication and success in their respective sporting, academic or cultural activities both regionally and nationally.

Thank you also to the people who have made nominations for their fellow residents for the annual Kawerau Community Awards that will be awarded at the Council Meeting on September 29.

A reminder that the Community Grant Scheme is still open for funding applications until Wednesday, 16 September.

This is a Council fund to enhance the well-being of Kawerau people by supporting groups and services that improve the quality of life of residents. Please contact Council for more details.

- Mayor Malcolm Campbell



Contact Tracing

- All businesses and organisations must display a COVID-19 QR code and provide a manual contact tracing register.
- Free contact tracing booklets can now be ordered online from the Government's Health Prevention Agency.
- Check the Council website or Facebook page details or contact Council by phone **07 306 9009** or email kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz to pre-order a bundle of 10 booklets.



COUNCIL MEETINGS

	9 September	Kawerau Young Achievers Awards (Virtual Ceremony)
1pm	14 September	Audit and Risk
9am	15 September	Regulatory and Services
9am	29 September	Council Meeting and Kawerau Community Awards
9am	13 October	Regulatory and Services
9am	27 October	Council Meeting
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

POP UP DRIVE-THRU

COVID-19 ASSESSMENT
STATION 10AM - 2PM

Please call your GP
before coming in.

Saturday 5th 10am-2pm
Wednesday 9th 1pm-4pm
Saturday 12th 10am-2pm
Wednesday 16th 10am-2pm
Saturday 19th 10am-2pm
Ron Hardie Recreation Center



You must wear a face covering on public transport and aircraft at Alert Level 2. This includes trains, buses, and ferries. Consider wearing a face covering when you cannot maintain physical distance from people you do not know.

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Sign up for ShakeOut

New Zealand ShakeOut is our national earthquake drill and tsunami hīkoi, taking place on Thursday 15 October 2020 at 9.30am.

Register your whānau, school, business or organisation to take part in this drill to remind people of the right action to take during an earthquake – Drop, Cover and Hold. <https://getready.govt.nz/involved/shakeout/>

River Road Culvert Replacement Project

Council will install the two River Road culverts in the months of September and October 2020.

Work will start on the downstream culvert on 14 September 2020 and will take three weeks to install. Work is planned to start on the upstream culvert (near Dump Road) on 5 October and scheduled to be completed by the end of October. The road section over the culverts will be closed. However, all residents will have road access to their homes during this time. Residents will need to use the detours throughout the six week period. Further updates will be provided to residents and available on the Council website and Newsletter.

Wandering Stock Hazard

Wandering Stock can pose a hazard on our roads and could cause a fatal accident. If you see livestock loose or lying on our District roads, call Council immediately on 07 306 9009.

For any incidents of Wandering Stock on State Highway 34 and Tamarangi Drive please contact the NZ Transport Agency, Freephone 0800 4 HIGHWAYS (0800 44 44 49).

If the situation poses an immediate threat to people's lives or safety, you can also contact the Police to report the situation (or dial *555 from a mobile phone).

Masks and gloves



What to do with used masks and gloves (Personal Protective Equipment – PPE)

- Please put used face masks or gloves in general rubbish bins, which are then sent to a landfill for safe disposal.
- Please do not dispose of used face masks or gloves or any other PPE in household or public recycling bins.
- To minimise PPE waste, buy a reusable mask or make your own.

Three Waters Service Delivery Reform

At last Tuesday's Council meeting on 24 August the Councillors agreed to sign the non-binding Memorandum of Understanding with the government regarding the Three Waters Review and Reform.

Councillors believed it was important to continue discussions with the Three Waters Reform and Review group. This first stage meant the Council would have access to some \$370,000 of capital funding from the government for Three Waters infrastructure projects in the Kawerau District.

Pool Steam Pipe replacement approved



The Council approved the project to replace the steam pipe that feeds into the main pool at the Maurie Kjar Memorial Pool Complex. The project would entail replacing the pipeline at cost of \$30,000 which should rectify the heating issues of the main pool which was below the usual temperature range of 32 to 36 degrees Celsius. The project is underway.

Trees for Babies

The Trees for Babies planting will be held on Saturday 19th September 2020 commencing at 10am. Every new Kawerau baby can now have a native tree planted in Monika Lanham Reserve, as part of Kawerau District Council's "Trees for Babies" project. If you have had a baby recently, and wish to attend please register his/her name with the Kawerau District Council by phoning **07 306 9009**. Registration forms are available from the Council Offices and website. A native tree will be ordered for you to plant on the day. Please be at the planting site by 10am so we are all together for the official welcome, blessing and group photo. Please bring along friends and family and make this a special day. Also please bring a spade, your gumboots and a smile.



Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village

Council approved the construction of another six units at Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village at last week's Council meeting on 25 August. The first six units all have owners who have purchased an Occupation Right Agreement. These next six units are planned for completion from March to May 2021. People interested in finding out more about purchasing an Occupation Right Agreement to one of these units can contact Council on **07 306 9009** or email kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz



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