# Kawerau District Council newsletter - October 2017



# Woodfest inspires creativity

Plenty of creative pieces were created at this year's Woodfest and National Woodskills Competition, with carvers coming from around the country to showcase their work.

More images can be viewed on the Kawerau Woodfest page on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/kawerauwoodfest/





#### Thanks to all involved in successful events

Woodfest and the National Woodskills Competition drew the crowds as always last month, with a high standard of exhibits and entertainment for all the family.

Thanks to the hard-working team that put everything together and to all those who came along and supported the event.

The Kawerau Young Achievers' awards were held on

September 27. More than 50 awards were given out to recognise the amazing young talent we have in our community.

The principals of all four Kawerau schools should be very proud of their students.

Congratulations to all recipients, and to our youth council for organising such a professional event. Well done to you all.



#### Kawerau District

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### Do you or your club have a project that...

- Has an arts focus
- Will benefit the local community
- Will not commence before your application has been assessed and approved
- Will be completed within 12 months of funding approval
- Has not already received funding from Creative New Zealand for the same project

Then this scheme could be for you!!!

Application forms and guidelines are available from Council's website www.kaweraudc.govt.nz, Council Office or the Library.

Please contact the Administration Officer, telephone 307 9009 or email ella.howie@kaweraudc.govt.nz for further details or to answer any queries and/or assist with completing the application form.

Applications close 5.00pm on Thursday, 31 October 2017



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#### Recognition for years of dedication to Civil Defence

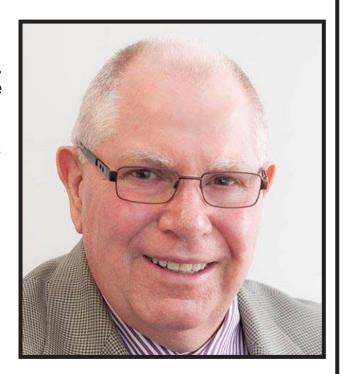
Chris Jensen, council's manager, planning, compliance and capability, was recognised in the Civil Defence long-service awards in September.

Chris has played an active role in Civil Defence for 30 years and was recognised for 20 and 30 years' long service.

His involvement began when he went to work for Rotorua District Council in a Civil Defence capacity in 1987.

In 2003 Chris moved to Kawerau, where he was appointed to the Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Co-ordinating Executive Group and as recovery manager.

He was appointed a local controller for the Kawerau/Eastern Bay of Plenty region in 2012.



#### Welcome to new staff member

This month we welcome

Andrew Bluett to the council team.

Andrew is our new IT manager. He previously worked for Council from 2002 to 2006, then moving to Whakatane District Council where he spent five years as IT operations manager from 2006 to 2011.

Since 2011 Andrew has been a senior IT technician for Bay of Plenty Regional Council.

Council manager finance and corporate services
Peter Christophers says the council is pleased to have
Andrew back on staff.

"He'll be a wonderful addition to the team and will be



invaluable in ensuring Council's technical systems run smoothly."

Andrew starts his new role on October 16.



Kawerau District Council is on Facebook.

Check out our page for news and event updates.

www.facebook.com/KawerauDistrictCouncil/

# Upcoming meetings

Regulatory and
Services
Committee:
Tuesday,
November 14,
9am

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Council: Tuesday, November 28, 9am

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# Archives, storage building opens

Council's Archives and Museum storage building on Jellicoe Court opened on September 29, with public open days held to showcase the new facility to the community.

#### Raising student achievement in our community

A Ministry of Education initiative aims to make a difference to local children and their families.

The iNative initiative is contracted to Te Wananga o Aotearoa, in partnership with Tarawera High School. It focuses on raising student achievement in Kawerau.

Although the Ministry's primary focus is on NCEA level one, two and three students, the iNative committee believes it's important to engage the whole whanau. Therefore the initiative offers free learning hubs for:

- Preschool/primary pupils: reading time including arts and crafts
   plus movies and popcorn
- Intermediate students and college juniors: literacy and numeracy activities, plus homework

support and sporting activities.

- NCEA students: study support plus sport and fitness activities.

 Parents and caregivers: Whanau Advisory Group hui to discuss people's aspirations for their children and how we can help.

iNative meets fortnightly at Tarawera High School from 5-7pm. There's something for the whole family and every fortnight different ways for students to learn are offered.

Our councillors are supporting the initiative in a personal and professional capacity. Mayor Malcolm Campbell and deputy mayor Faylene Tunui have presented at iNative meetings and councillors Warwick Godfery and Sela Kingi run boxing and Zumba

sessions respectively.

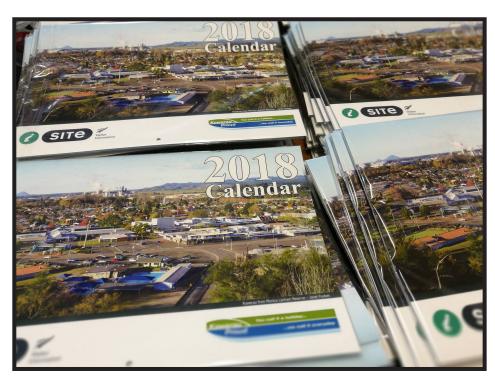
Once a month the Kawerau Library and Museum provides activities for preschool and primary-aged children. The community has also got behind the initiative:

- Tarawera High School provides teaching staff to support student's learning
- Te Wananga o Aotearoa provides support staff to help during the night
- Kawerau BOT Chairs have presented at iNative.
- Kawerau cafe Knives & Forks provides a great deal on food for iNative and may start running cooking classes for parents and seniors students.
- Parents have offered support during meetings.

### Calendar showcases district

The i-SITE team has been working with Kawerau Proud to create a 2018 calendar highlighting the amazing scenery and attractions around our district.

The calendars are now for sale at the i-SITE for \$10.



### Rules around keeping livestock

To keep livestock you need to understand:

- Responsible animal ownership.
- The welfare needs of the animals (including food, water, shelter and exercise).
- The type of properties suitable for keeping stock animals.

The council has set minimum requirements for keeping livestock. You will need to apply

for a permit to keep livestock. Livestock includes



sheep, goats, cattle, deer, llamas, alpacas, donkeys, mules, horses and pigs. Depending on the size and suitability of your property, you need to consider:

- Fencing/housing and drainage
- Waste disposal control (in particular for pigs)
- Concrete pen for keeping pigs
- How to limit potential nuisances

Responsible ownership is important for ensuring animals do not create a

nuisance or a health concern to fellow residents.



## Public support keeps pound dogs warm

Thanks to everyone who made the effort to knit coats for Kawerau's pound dogs this past winter. We received a huge response and it meant the dogs were warm and cosy all winter.

Pictured is Rex wearing a stunning coat knitted by a thoughtful member of the public.



### New owners for Opal

In the September newsletter we featured a story about Opal, an abandoned dog that needed a new home.

We're pleased to tell you this story has a happy ending.

Opal has found a lifelong home in Christchurch with an older couple and is having all her needs met.

Her new owners adore her. She has company round the clock, a bed fit for a princess and all the food she can eat.

Opal now weighs 20kg.



# First PechaKucha night a success



Kawerau's first Pechakucha event was held on September 26 and went really well, with about 50 people attending. Nine speakers covered topics ranging from Civil Defence and post-traumatic stress disorder to dragon boating and bicycle touring. A good time was had by all.

"We were pleased with the turnout and everyone loved the speakers - it was awesome," library adult programmes and activities officer Wendy Montrose says. "Thanks to everyone involved and to the community for the support."





#### November events calendar

Seriously Social Rafting, Saturday, November 18, 2017,
Waterhouse St Reserve, all day

This event brings more fun and frolics on the Tarawera River, with sprint time trials down the 1km course, followed by a full afternoon of knockout slalom racing.

No experience is necessary and gear is provided, and there are plenty of spot prizes up for grabs, so get a team of six paddlers together and take on the grade two rapids

For more information visit http://raftingadventure.info/seriously-social-rafting.html

#### Eastern Bay Championship Jumpers and Agility Ribbon Trial Event, Prideaux Park, November 25-26, 2017

It's time for Kawerau's annual dog obedience shows, where spectators will be wowed by displays of canine skill. Don't miss this amazing dog agility display. Phone (07) 315 6774 for more information.

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