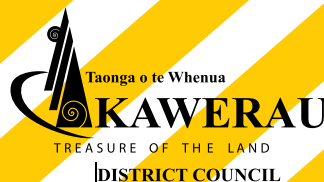


# COMMUNITY UPDATE

16 November

COVID-19  
**Level 2**

Stay Home  
Stay Safe



**For urgent issues with water,  
waste or trees, contact Council  
24/7 on 07 306 9009**

For the latest updates visit:  
[facebook.com/KawerauDistrictCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/KawerauDistrictCouncil)  
or [kawerau.govt.nz](http://kawerau.govt.nz)



## From the Mayor

Life continues in unusual times with the COVID-19 pandemic. We appreciate the support of the community with the Alert Level 2 guidelines in place to keep our community safer. In line with this, we know our vaccination rates need to keep lifting to ensure we are protecting our community.

In total, we have some 6,300 people aged 12 years and over eligible for the vaccination.

This means that more than 4,477 people have received their first vaccination and 3,559 people are now fully vaccinated. This takes us up to 58.5% fully vaccinated.

We had another successful Super Saturday #4 last weekend with more than 160 people vaccinated.

To encourage people with concerns to talk and engage we recently facilitated a community meeting with a number of key stakeholders. The result is that we will see a number of community-based events run out in the district.

This will be in addition to the ongoing clinics at the Kawerau Town Hall. Please encourage your whanau to have open discussions with health professionals should they have concerns or queries about the vaccine.

With regards to Three Waters Reform, the Local Government Minister Nanaia Mahuta recently announced that the Government would legislate in early December to create four new water entities that would take on the water assets currently owned by councils.

However, our Council, along with a number of others, are co-signing a letter requesting to meet urgently with the Prime Minister about the Three Waters Reform. We have heard your feedback and will progress all avenues to protect and enhance our community's water assets.

Many projects and ongoing maintenance work continues in the district including the rebuilding of the Rangi Delamere Netball Pavilion which was damaged by arson. We are working with the builder to rebuild this and have set aside the insurance payment to do this work which is planned to be completed by mid-2022.

Finally, on behalf of my Council, we wish to acknowledge the passing of former long-serving Kawerau District Councillor Kath Paul who served our district from 1992 until 2001. It was an honour to know her and serve with her on Council. She will be greatly missed by all. Our condolences to the family at this sad time.

**Malcom Campbell, Mayor**

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### RATES NOTICE

Rates have been sent and they are due by 26 November 2021.

Please remember you can pay your rates by online banking or visit the Council website at [www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/payyourrates](http://www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/payyourrates).

Thanks to all ratepayers who have already paid this instalment.

For any queries please phone 07 309 9009 or you can email us on [kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz](mailto:kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz)

# KAWERAU LIBRARY POSTCARD DESIGN

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**POSTCARD DESIGN COMPETITION**

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Design a postcard – make it as colourful and creative as you can. Be in the draw to win a Book and a \$25 New World Voucher. 4 prizes to be won.  
**Entries close 4pm Friday 26th November**

*To all the awesome, clever & creative kids of KAWERAU. A postcard design challenge for you.*

**READING COLOURS Your WORLD.**

**KAWERAU LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAMME**

www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/services/library FB skaweraulibraryandmuseum PH 07 306 9041 Jellicoe Court, Kawerau

**Design a postcard – make it as colourful and creative as you can.**

Be in the draw to win a Book and a \$25 New World Voucher. Four prizes to be won.

The four winning designs will also be made into postcards to be included in the Summer Reading Activity Packs. Winners will receive a set of postcards.

To get your blank postcard to design, visit the Kawerau Library or Kawerau i-Site.

Once you have finished designing, drop your entries into the Library, or email to [kaweraulibraryprinting@gmail.com](mailto:kaweraulibraryprinting@gmail.com) by 4pm Friday the 26th of November.

## WELCOME TO THE COUNCIL

**Council would like to welcome new Mayor's Task Force For Jobs Coordinator, Dan Quate.**

Dan is a career full-time firefighter who spends his days off working at Council. From Napier originally, Dan is an ex-professional rugby player who has played for the Highlanders and over in Japan. After coming back from Japan, Dan and his family have settled in the Eastern Bay.

Dan will be working with Council's Events Coordinator, Amy Hayes. They will share joint responsibilities of the Mayor's TaskForce role to help the Kawerau locals gain employment. This includes help with CV's, upskilling, relationship building and all round support into mahi (work) and beyond. MTFJ (Mayor's TaskForce for Jobs) supports employees and also supports employers with additional training and resources.

In short, whether you are a potential employee or employer, the Mayor's Task Force can help. To get in touch, you can contact MTFJ via email at [mtfj@kaweraudc.govt.nz](mailto:mtfj@kaweraudc.govt.nz) or give them a call. Dan 027 211 9774, Amy 027 404 0550.

### Welcome to Council – Liana Apiata and Shar Ellison

Two new team members have recently joined the Customer Service Officers team, Liana Apiata (left) and Shar Ellison (right).

Born and raised in Kawerau, Liana will be working full-time as a member of the Customer Service Officer team and will bring service with a smile (even if it is hidden by a mask) and lots of positive energy. In her spare time, Liana likes to go to church, be around her family, keep up with her favourite TV shows and enjoys singing and dancing.

Originally born in Levin, Shar moved to Whakatane in 2004 where she met her now husband and has been enjoying what the Eastern Bay has to offer. Shar is a keen baker and a member of the Tauranga Mini Club, owning a 1976 Mini Morris. Whenever you see a parade of Mini's driving together around the Bay, Shar might just be a part of it. Shar will be working part-time as a member of the Customer Service Officers team and is excited to bring her positive approach to providing solutions to residents.





## THREE WATERS REFORM UPDATE



**Kawerau District Council is disappointed for its community that the government is taking away the choice to join or opt out of the Three Waters Reform.**

Council thanks and acknowledges the community for near record levels of feedback sent in on the reform. After consultation with independent experts, staff and even DIA's (Department of Internal Affairs) own consultants it was concluded that Kawerau would be better off to keep the status quo and not proceed with the reform. Council will continue to go ahead with its upgrades to its Three Waters infrastructure to ensure that Kawerau does not fall behind compared to larger districts and keep ahead of the curve.

## RANGI DELAMERE NETBALL PAVILION

**The community will have seen a major change recently with the Rangi Delamere Netball Pavilion being completed dismantled.**

Sadly, the pavilion was the scene of arson earlier in 2020 which caused major damage.

Council originally planned to utilise the remaining concrete walls in the new building which had been incorporated into the new design.

However, recent advice from engineers showed that the remaining concrete walls would have required significant earthquake strengthening work.

After this advice, Council resolved at the end of October that it was more sensible and financially prudent to rebuild.

The design of the new pavilion includes allowing users access from both the court-side and Prideaux Park.

Unfortunately, due to the building boom and supply issues caused by COVID-19, Council received limited expressions of interest from builders during the tender process. A builder has now been secured and the insurance monies of \$500,000 are in the bank waiting to be paid as soon as the builder can start the work.

Council knows this has been a long process and will keep the community informed of the timeline to rebuild this important community asset.

## QV REVALUATIONS

The three yearly revaluations have been completed by independent consultants Quotable Value and sent to all owners. If you have disagree with the new valuation, objections must be received by 9 December 2021. Contact Council for the form (at reception) or on the website.

## DOG WELFARE COMMUNITY CLINIC



**Saturday,  
27th November 2021  
10am to 12 noon  
Ranfurly Court, Kawerau**

Kawerau residents with a Community Services Card or Gold Card (and their dogs), are invited to our FREE Dog Welfare Community Clinic.

- Free on site flea and worm treatment
- Free on site microchipping for your dog or puppy
- Free on site puppy and dog care advice
- Free dog or puppy de-sexing vouchers: Note there is a limited number of free vouchers, but other assistance may be available
- All dogs and pups must remain on a lead.
- No entry to sick or dogs on heat.
- Owners are responsible for keeping control of and cleaning up after their pets.

Conditions apply:

- Clinic is available to Kawerau residents only.
- You must bring proof of address and a Community Services Card or Gold Card.
- To qualify for a free de-sexing voucher, dogs must be present at the clinic and have no pre-existing health issues or skin diseases.

This community clinic is proudly brought to you with assistance and funding from Vets4Pets & Kawerau District Council



## SWIMMING POOL

Thanks again to Trust Horizon which has provided significant funding towards the upgrade of the Maurie Kjar Memorial Swimming Pool complex and also the drilling of the new borehole.

The new borehole is scheduled to be drilled which will reconnect the heating system to the pool complex.

Our beautiful pool complex has been closed for quite some time and is scheduled to reopen on 6 December for summer hours.

Council apologises for the long closure.

We look forward to the new borehole being drilled alongside the building work being completed at the front entrance. In addition, the funding from Trust Horizon has enabled major repairs of the popular splashpad.

**SHOT**  
KAWERAU

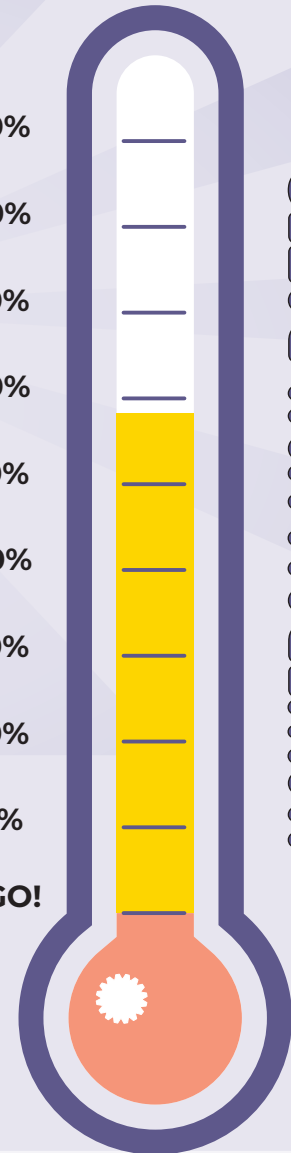
**Super  
Saturday**

**#4**

Thanks to all residents who attended Super Saturday #4 on Saturday 6 November. Kawerau is currently at 56.4% of resident's fully vaccinated (first and second dose) as of 9 November 2021. What this means is out of the Kawerau population of 6,310 there are 3,559 residents fully vaccinated, 4,477 who have had their first dose and 1,833 unvaccinated.

90%  
80%  
70%  
60%  
50%  
40%  
30%  
20%  
10%  
GO!

**KAWERAU VAX RATES**  
**SHOT KAWERAU!**



### KAWERAU VACCINATION DATES

Wednesday 17/11	Town Hall	9:00AM	-	7:00PM
Saturday 20/11	Town Hall	9:00AM	-	7:00PM

## MYSTERY PRIZE DRAW

The Mystery prize draw winners were drawn on Tuesday 26 October by representatives from Mercury Energy, Tuwharetoa mai Kawerau ki te tai, NZ Police and the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. The Mystery Prize Draw was a great incentive for residents to receive their first or second jab as they had the chance to win some awesome prizes. The winners of the prizes sponsored by Tuwharetoa mai Kawerau ki te Tai have been announced on their Facebook page. Council will continue to contact winners on behalf of Mercury's sponsored prizes directly. If you have not had a chance to get your vaccination yet, please see the back page of the newsletter for a Kawerau vaccination timetable. Remember, it only takes 20 minutes out of your day to get it done and there a number of information events being organized to answer concerns.



From left: Deputy Mayor, Faylene Tunui, Senior Police Sergeant, Tristan Murray, Representing Mercury Energy, Steven Gray, Jordan Jones, Representing Tuwharetoa mai Kawerau ki te Tai, Spence McClintock, and Mayor Malcolm Campbell.

