



KAWERAU DISTRICT COUNCIL

Te Kaunihera ā rohe o Kawerau

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**The Ordinary Meeting of the
Kawerau District Council will be held
on Wednesday 26 February 2025
in the Council Chambers
commencing at 9.00am**

A G E N D A

GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC FORUM AT MEETINGS

1. A period of thirty minutes is set aside for a public forum at the start of each Ordinary Council or Standing Committee meeting, which is open to the public. This period may be extended on by a vote by members.
2. Speakers may address meetings on any subject. However, issues raised must not include those subject to legal consideration, or be issues, which are confidential, personal, or the subject of a formal hearing.
3. Each speaker during the public forum is permitted to speak for a maximum of three minutes. However, the Chairperson has the discretion to extend the speaking time.
4. Standing Orders are suspended for the duration of the public forum.
5. Council and Committees, at the conclusion of the public forum, may decide to take appropriate action on any of the issues raised.
6. With the permission of the Chairperson, members may ask questions of speakers during the period reserved for public forum. Questions by members are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by the speaker.

**The Ordinary Meeting of the Kawerau District Council
will be held on Wednesday 18 December 2024
in the Council Chambers commencing at 9.00am**

A G E N D A

1 Karakia Timatanga | Opening Prayer

2 Apologies

3 Leave of Absence

4 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Any member having a “conflict of interest” with an item on the Agenda should declare it, and when that item is being considered, abstain from any discussion or voting. The member may wish to remove themselves from the meeting while the item is being considered.

5 Meeting Notices

6 Nga Mihimihi | Acknowledgements

7 Public Forum

8 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

8.1 Extraordinary Council Meeting – 4 December 2024

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Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 4 December 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

8.2 Ordinary Council – 18 December 2024

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Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 December 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

8.3 Extraordinary Council – 12 February 2025

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Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 12 February 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

9 RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

9.1 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting – 9 December 2024

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Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 9 December 2024 be received.

9.2 Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting – 11 December 2024

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Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Regulatory and Services Committee meeting held on 11 December 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

9.3 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting – 10 February 2025

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Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 10 February 2025 be received.

9.4 Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting – 12 February 2025

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Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Regulatory and Services Committee meeting held on 12 February 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

10 RECEIPT OF REGIONAL MINUTES

9.1 BOP Mayoral Forum – 12 December 2024

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Recommendation

That the Minutes of the BOP Mayoral Forum meeting held on 12 December 2024 be received.

9.2 BOP Civil Defence Emergency Management – 13 December 2024

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Recommendation

That the Minutes of the BOP Civil Defence Emergency Management Committee meeting held on 13 December 2024 be received.

9.3 BOP Regional Transport Committee – 13 December 2024

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Recommendation

That the Minutes of the BOP Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 13 December 2024 be received.

11 Her Worship the Mayor's Report (101400)

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Recommendation

That Her Worship the Mayor's report for the period Thursday 19 December 2024 to Wednesday 19 February 2025, be received.

12 Action Schedule (101120)

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Recommendation

That the updated Action Schedule of resolutions/actions requested by Council be received.

13 Annual Plan Performance for the six months ended 31 December 2024 (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (110400)

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Attached is a report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services covering Annual Plan Performance for the six months ended 31 December 2024.

Recommendations

That the report "Annual Plan Performance for the year ended 31 December 2024" be received.

14 Gambling Policy Review – Social Impact Statement and Policy Review Options (Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning) (110800)

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Attached is a report from the Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning covering Gambling Policy Review – Social Impact Statement and Policy Review Options.

Recommendations

1. *That the report "Gambling Policy Review – Social Impact Statement and Policy Review Options" be received.*
2. *That Council approves either:*
 - a) *Option 1 - To retain the current policy*
 - b) *Option 2 - To review the policies and make amendments to maintain the focus on reducing gaming machine numbers*
 - c) *Option 3 - To merge the policies and make any amendments to maintain the focus on reducing gambling machine numbers*

15 Receipt of Submissions, Hearing and Deliberations of the Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw (Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning) (320400)

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Attached is a report from the Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning covering Receipt of Submissions, Hearing and Deliberations of the Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw.

Recommendations

1. *That the report “Receipt of Submissions, Hearing and Deliberations of the Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw” be received.*
2. *That Council receive the written and oral submissions.*
3. *That Council deliberates on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw following the hearing submissions; and*
4. *That Council provide recommendations related to any amendments requested as a result of the submissions received.*

16 Exclusion of the Public

Recommendation

That the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

1. **Minutes for Confidential Extraordinary Council Meeting Held on 4 December 2024**
2. **Minutes for Confidential Meeting Held on 18 December 2024**
3. **Local Water Done Well**
4. **Raw Pit Renewal**
5. **2024/2025 Reseals Tender**
6. **EBOP Regional Deals Proposal**

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded; the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Information & Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution is as follows:

General Subject of the matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Minutes for Confidential Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 4 December 2024.</i> 2. <i>Minutes for Confidential Meeting Held on 18 December 2024.</i> 3. <i>Local Water Done Well.</i> 4. <i>Raw Pit Renewal.</i> 5. <i>2024/2025 Reseals Tender.</i> 6. <i>EBOP Regional Deals Proposal.</i> 	<p><i>Maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions.</i></p>	<p><i>That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists.</i></p> <p><i>Section 48 (1) (a) (i)</i></p>

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information & Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 7 (2) (b) (i) of that Act.

17 Karakia Whakamutunga | Closing Prayer

M Godfery

Chief Executive Officer

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**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Kawerau District Council
held on Wednesday 4 December 2024
commencing at 9.00am**

Present: Her Worship the Mayor F K N Tunui
Deputy Mayor A Rangihika
Councillor C J Ion
Councillor W Godfery
Councillor B Julian
Councillor R G K Savage
Councillor S Kingi
Councillor R Andrews
Councillor J Ross

In Attendance: Chief Executive Officer (M Godfery)
Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services (L Butler)
Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning (M Glaspey)
Group Manager, Operations and Services (R Nel)
Communications and Engagement Manager (T Humberstone)
Economic and Community Development Manager (L Barton)
Administration Officer (L Kerei)

1 Karakia Timatanga | Opening Prayer

Her Worship the Mayor led the meeting in prayer.

2 Apologies

No Apologies were received.

3 Leave of Absence

No Leave of Absence were received.

4 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No Declarations of Conflict of Interest were received.

5 Meeting Notices

No Meeting Notices were received.

6 Nga Mihimihi | Acknowledgements

CE Godfery gave acknowledgement to the generosity of Eastland Generation who have been working closely with Council over the past year and the invitation of to go to the Eastland project site.

7 Public Forum

No Public Forum

8 Appointment of Independent Commissioner for Resource Management Act 1991 Hearing (Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning) (301500)

Council discussed the report on the Appointment of Independent Commissioner for Resource Management Act 1991 Hearing.

Resolved

1. *That the report "Appointment of Independent Commissioner for Resource Management Act 1991 Hearing" be received.*
2. *That Council adopts Option 1, being that in accordance with Section 34A of the Resource Management Act 1991 Council appointments Gina Sweetman as the Independent Commissioner to make decisions under Section 95A-95E, 104, 104A-104D and 108 of the Resource Management Act 1991, in respect to resource consent LL-2024-9983-00 Expansion of vermicomposting activity – 296A Tamarangi Drive – Ecocast, being heard by Kawerau District Council (in conjunction with Whakatane District Council) and the Bay of Plenty Regional Council for land recently transferred from Whakatane District Council.*
3. *That once the decision is received, communications to be sent out to Elected Members and the Group Manager of Regulatory and Planning is to provide an update upon attending the hearing.*

**Deputy Mayor Rangihika / Councillor Kingi
CARRIED**

9 Exclusion of the Public – 9.37am**Resolved**

That the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

1. Solid Waste Cartage Tender

**Councillors Ross / Ion
CARRIED**

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded; the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Information & Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution is as follows:

<i>General Subject of the matter to be considered</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>1. Solid Waste Cartage Tender.</i>	<i>Maintain the effective conduct of public affairs</i>	<i>That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to</i>

	<i>through the free and frank expression of opinions.</i>	<i>result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists. Section 48 (1) (a) (i)</i>
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This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information & Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 7 (2) (b) (i) of that Act.

10 **Karakia Whakamutunga | Closing Prayer**

Her Worship the Mayor closed the meeting with a Karakia at 10.25am

F K N Tunui

Mayor

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**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Kawerau District Council
held on Wednesday 18 December 2024
in the Council Chamber commencing at 9.02am**

Present: Her Worship the Mayor F K N Tunui
Deputy Mayor A Rangihika
Councillor C J Ion
Councillor B Julian
Councillor R G K Savage
Councillor W Godfery
Councillor S Kingi
Councillor J Ross

In Attendance: Chief Executive Officer (M Godfery)
Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services (L Butler)
Group Manager, Operations and Services (R Nel)
Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning (M Glaspey)
Communications & Engagement Manager (T Humberstone)
Administration Officer (L Kerei)

1 Karakia Timatanga | Opening Prayer

Pastor Mark Kingi opened the meeting with a prayer.

2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Andrews.

**Councillors Kingi / Ross
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3 Leave of Absence

No Leave of Absence were received.

4 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No Declarations of Conflict of Interest were received.

5 Meeting Notices

Chief Executive Officer gave the following meeting notices:

- *Tabled is the Her Worship the Mayor's Report.*
- *Local Water Done Well – Release to the Public.*

6 Nga Mihimihi | Acknowledgements

Councillor Ross gave acknowledgement to Economic and Development Manager, Barton on delivering Kawerau Christmas in the Park and how it was a huge success.

Councillor Julian acknowledged the organisers of Kawerau Christmas in the Park which was the Isite staff who took care of the Santa Parade, Liana Kerei the director of the Afternoon Show, Pari Maxwell the director of the Evening Show, Majeau Rogers the operations manager for the event and the Kawerau Youth Council and Youth Council Director.

Deputy Mayor Rangihika gave acknowledgment to the Shortland whanau | family and on behalf of Council sends aroha | love to the family.

Her Worship the Mayor acknowledged the show directors of Kawerau Christmas in the Park, Liana Kerei (Afternoon Show) and Pari Maxwell (Evening Show). Also to the Musical Director, Ben Gilgen and the Kawerau Christmas Showband and the Master of Ceremony (MC) Howie Morrison.

Her Worship the Mayor also sends her aroha | love to the Shortland family and all those that have lost loved ones.

7 Public Forum

Brett Pacey

Mr Pacey gave reflection of the year and encouraged Elected Members to think about the future for the Kawerau District. He also wished Elected Members a safe and Merry Christmas.

8 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

8.1 Ordinary Council – 27 November 2024

Corrections:

- Page 5 – Below agenda item 14 change “Councillor Godfery departed” to “Councillor Godfery rejoined”.
- Page 5 – Agenda item 14 – Add that Kawerau District Council to connect with Tauranga City Council regarding the first Council Agenda after the Local Council Elections.

Resolved

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 November 2024 is confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Councillors Ion / Ross
CARRIED**

9 CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

9.1 Community Grant Committee Meeting – 13 November 2024

Elected Members have requested for the Community Grant committee to give more understanding and revisit the awarding of funds that is more than what is requested by applicants.

Resolved

That the minutes of the Community Grant Committee Meeting held on 13 November 2024 is confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Councillors Julian / Ross
CARRIED**

10 Her Worship the Mayor's Report

Corrections:

- Page 13 in the updated agenda – Item 1 Purpose – Change the date from “Wednesday 4 December” to “Wednesday 18 December”.
- Page 13 in the updated agenda – Sun 24 November – Change from Ohope Golf Club to Whakatane Golf Club.

Resolved

That Her Worship the Mayor's report for the period Thursday 21 November to Wednesday 18 December 2024 is received.

**Her Worship the Mayor / Councillor Godfery
CARRIED**

11 Action Schedule (Chief Executive) (101120)

Correction:

Page 25 in the updated Agenda – OC 27.11.24 – Add BOP to Ngāti Tūwharetoa Settlement Trust. So should read Ngāti Tūwharetoa BOP Settlement Trust.

Resolved

That the updated Action Schedule of resolutions/actions as updated and amended requested by Council is received.

**Councillors Kingi / Ion
CARRIED**

12 Animal Shelter and Rehoming Facility Concepts (Group Manager, Operations and Services) (307130)

Council discussed the report on the Animal Shelter and Rehoming Facility Concepts.

Action item:

A discussion to be held between Council and the Iwi Liaison and Cultural Advisor, Te Haukakawa Boycie about having a crematory for the animals at the Animal Shelter and Rehoming Facility.

Resolved

1. That the report "Animal Shelter and Rehoming Facility" be received.
2. That Council authorises staff to proceed with the final designs for Concept 1 and allocate \$25,000 of the available budget for the designs.

**Councillors Kingi / Godfery
CARRIED**

13 NZTA Three-Year Funding 2024 – 2027 (Group Manager, Operations and Services) (401250)

Council discussed the report on the NZTA Three-Year Funding 2024 – 2027.

Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services confirmed that \$40,360 in the Shortfall column for Footpath Maintenance will come from Council Savings.

Resolved

1. That the report "NZTA Three-Year Funding 2024 – 2027" be received.
2. That Council approves the following decisions:

Project/Renewal Item	Requested Budget	NZTA Approved Three-Year for 2024 - 2027 Budget	Shortfall	Decision
Minor Safety	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000	<i>Postpone</i>
Footpath Replacement	\$485,000	\$174,350	\$310,650	<i>Postpone</i>
Photocell Sensory	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000	<i>Postpone</i>
School Zone Speed Management	\$120,000	\$0	\$120,000	<i>Postpone</i>
Footpath Maintenance	\$63,000	\$22,640	\$40,360	<i>100% Fund</i>
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$723,000</u>	<u>\$196,990</u>	<u>\$526,010</u>	

**Councillors Ross / Savage
CARRIED**

14 Review of Council's Procurement Policy (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (1105551)

Council discussed the report on the Review of Council's Procurement Policy.

Corrections:

- Page 54 in the updated Agenda – Item 6.2 Conflicts of interest, gifts and hospitality and maintaining confidentiality – Paragraph two, sentence one to be rewritten to “Council requires its staff to declare any personal or relationship interest which may affect...”
- Page 54 in the updated Agenda – Item 6.2 Conflicts of interest, gifts and hospitality and maintaining confidentiality – Paragraph three, sentence two to be rewritten to “... are to be accepted by Council staff involved in a tender process.”

Action items:

- The flow chart on page 67 from the existing Policy to be added to the new Policy with the necessary updates.
- To include in the policy about not giving options to the tenders on what is needed and being clear on what is needed.

Resolved

1. *That the report “Review of Council’s Procurement Policy” be received.*
2. *That Council adopts the “Procurement Policy” as presented in appendix A to this report with amendments, and the policy is effective from 20 December 2024.*

**Councillor Kingi / Deputy Mayor Rangihika
CARRIED**

15 Dog Control Act s10A – Policy and Practices Report 2023/2024 (Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning) (307000)

Council discussed the report on the Dog Control Act s10A – Policy and Practices Report 2023/2024.

Corrections:

- Page 70 in the updated agenda – Introduction – Change the date from “2021/2022” to “2023/2024” in the last paragraph.
- Page 70 in the updated agenda – Part 1 – Administration of Policy and Dog control Practices – Remove the large space that is on line two of 2C.
- Page 71 in the updated agenda – Item 2 Dog Control in the District – In the last paragraph rewrite “SPCA” to “Whakatane SPCA”.

Action item:

- Elected Members have requested additional information on why the Dog Control Bylaw and Policy still has the year 2019 and make mention that it is still current.
- Elected Members requested a map of the public reserves of where dog exercise areas are in the district as stated on pages 71 and 72.

Resolved

1. *That the report “Dog Control Act s10a – Policy and Practices Report 2023/2024” be received.*

2. That Council adopts and publicly notifies the Dog Control Act s10A – Policy and Practices Report for the 2023/2024 year as amended and forwards a copy to the Secretary, Department of Internal Affairs.

**Councillors Ross / Julian
CARRIED**

16 Exclusion of the Public – 11.11am

Resolved

That the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

1. **Minutes for Confidential Meeting Held on 27 November 2024**
2. **Storm Water Modelling Tender Evaluation**
3. **Kowhai Park Body Corporate Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

**Councillors Ross / Savage
CARRIED**

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded; the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Information & Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution is as follows:

<i>General Subject of the matter to be considered</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
1. <i>Minutes for Confidential Meeting held on 27 November 2024.</i>	<i>Maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions.</i>	<i>That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists. Section 48 (1) (a) (i)</i>
2. <i>Storm Water Modelling Tender Evaluation.</i>		
3. <i>Kowhai Park Body Corporate Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)</i>		

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information & Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 7 (2) (b) (i) of that Act.

Councillor Ion departed the meeting at 12.06pm

Karakia Whakamutunga

Pastor Mark Kingi closed the meeting with a Karakia at 12.27pm

F K N Tunui

Mayor

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**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Kawerau District Council
held on Wednesday 12 February 2025
commencing at 11.00 am**

Present: Her Worship the Mayor F K N Tunui
Deputy Mayor A Rangihika
Councillor C J Ion
Councillor W Godfery
Councillor B Julian
Councillor R G K Savage
Councillor S Kingi
Councillor R Andrews

In Attendance: Chief Executive Officer (M Godfery)
Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services (L Butler)
Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning (M Glaspey)
Group Manager, Operations and Services (R Nel)
Communications and Engagement Manager (T Humberstone)
Economic and Community Development Manager (L Barton)
Administration Officer (L Kerei)

1 Karakia Timatanga | Opening Prayer

Pastor Mark Kingi led the meeting in prayer.

2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Ross.

**Councillors Kingi / Savage
CARRIED**

3 Leave of Absence

No Leave of Absence were received.

4 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No Declarations of Conflict of Interest were received.

5 Meeting Notices

No Meeting Notices were received.

6 Nga Mihimihi | Acknowledgements

Her Worship the Mayor sends thoughts and aroha | love to all in the Community that have lost loved ones.

7 Public Forum

No Public Forum

8 Policy Options for Easter Sunday Trading and Adoption of Proposed Draft Policy for Consultation (Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning) (110800)

Council discussed the report on the Policy Options for Easter Sunday Trading and Adoption of Proposed Draft Policy for Consultation.

Resolved

1. *That the report "Policy Options for Easter Sunday Trading and Adoption of Proposed Draft Policy for Consultation" be received.*

**Deputy Mayor Rangihika / Councillor Kingi
CARRIED**

2. *That pursuant to section 5A of the Shop Trading Hours Act 1990 Council resolves to Adopt a policy allowing all shops in the District to open Easter Sunday (**Preferred Option – Option 1**)*

**Councillors Kingi / Andrews
CARRIED**

3. *That Council adopts the proposed Draft Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy and the Statement of Proposal with any amendments, for public consultation.*

**Councillor Ion / Deputy Mayor Rangihika
CARRIED**

4. *That Council authorises the Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning to make any necessary minor drafting amendments to the draft policy and/or the Statement of Proposal to correct errors or omissions, or to reflect decisions made by Council.*

**Councillors Godfery / Kingi
CARRIED**

9 Karakia Whakamutunga | Closing Prayer

Pastor Mark Kingi closed the meeting with a Karakia at 11.22am

F K N Tunui

Mayor

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**Kawerau District Council Minutes of an
Audit and Risk Committee held on 9 December 2024
commencing at 1.00pm**

Present: Philip Jones – P J Associates (Chair)
Her Worship the Mayor – F K N Tunui
Deputy Mayor – A Rangihika - via Zoom
Councillor C Ion
Councillor B J Julian

In Attendance: Chief Executive Officer (M Godfery)
Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services (L Butler)
Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning (M Glaspey)
Group Manager, Operations and Services (R Nel)
Administration Officer (L Kerei)
René van Zyl (Audit Director of Audit New Zealand)

Karakia Timatanga | Opening Prayer

Chief Executive Officer Godfery opened the meeting with a prayer.

Apologies

No Apologies were received.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No Conflicts of Interest were received.

1 CONFIRMATION OF AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES

1.1 Audit and Risk Committee – 7 October 2024

Resolved

That the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 7 October 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Councillor Julian / Her Worship the Mayor
CARRIED**

**2 Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report for period – 1 September 2024 to 31 October 2024
(Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning) (509500)**

Committee discussed the report from the Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning covering Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report for period – 1 September 2024 to 31 October 2024.

Resolved

That the report “Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report for period – 1 September 2024 to 31 October 2024” be received.

**Councillor Ion / Chair Jones
CARRIED**

3 Audit New Zealand – Audit Engagement Letter Long Term Plan commencing 1 July 2025 (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (201300)

René van Zyl Audit Director spoke to the Engagement Letter and the Long Term Plan Audit process.

Committee discussed the report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services covering Audit New Zealand – Audit Engagement Letter Long Term Plan commencing 1 July 2025.

Page 21 – 3.5 Self-assessment – The date 10 December 2024 to be 13 December 2024 to reflect the timetable on page 26.

Resolved

That the report “Audit New Zealand – Audit Engagement Letter Long Term Plan commencing 1 July 2025” be received.

**Chair Jones / Her Worship the Mayor
CARRIED**

****Item 8 moved to item 4****

4 Long Term Plan 2025 – 2034 Update (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (110555)

Committee discussed the report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services covering Long Term Plan 2025 – 2034 Update.

Resolved

That the report “Long Term Plan 2025 – 2034 Update” be received.

**Her Worship the Mayor / Councillor Ion
CARRIED**

5 Report to the Council on the Audit for year ended 30 June 2024 (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (201000)

Committee discussed the report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services covering Report to the Council on the Audit for year ended 30 June 2024.

René van Zyl Audit Director provided additional information regarding queries on the Audit Report.

Resolved

That the report “Report to the Council on the Audit for year ended 30 June 2024” be received.

**Her Worship the Mayor / Councillor Julian
CARRIED**

6 Treasury Report to 30 September 2024 and 31 October 2024 (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (110551)

Committee discussed the report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services covering Treasury Report to 30 September 2024 and 31 October 2024.

Resolved

That the report “Treasury Report to 30 September 2024 and 31 October 2024” be received.

**Councillor Ion / Her Worship the Mayor
CARRIED**

7 Annual Plan Performance for the three months ended 30 September 2024 (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (110400)

Committee discussed the report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services covering Annual Plan Performance for the three months ended 30 September 2024.

Action item:

Page 62 – Item 2.1 – Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense – In the table add a column for “Year to Date (YTD)”.

Resolved

That the report “Annual Plan Performance for the three months ended 30 September 2024” be received.

**Councillor Julian / Her Worship the Mayor
CARRIED**

8 Audit and Risk Review Timetable from December 2024 to October 2025 (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (101300)

Committee discussed the report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services covering Audit and Risk Review Timetable from December 2024 to October 2025.

Resolved

That the report “Audit and Risk Review Timetable from December 2024 to October 2025” be received.

**Chair Jones / Councillor Ion
CARRIED**

Karakia Whakamutunga | Closing Prayer

Chief Executive Officer Godfery closed the meeting with a karakia | prayer at 2:05pm.

P Jones

Chairperson

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**Minutes of the Regulatory & Services Committee
held on Wednesday 11 December 2024
commencing at 9.04am**

Present: Councillor C J Ion (Chairperson)
Her Worship the Mayor F K N Tunui
Deputy Mayor A Rangihika
Councillor B Julian
Councillor W Godfery
Councillor R G K Savage
Councillor S Kingi
Councillor R Andrews
Councillor J Ross

In Attendance: Chief Executive Officer (M Godfery)
Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services (L Butler)
Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning (M Glaspey)
Group Manager, Operations and Services (R Nel)
Economic and Community Development Manager (L Barton)
Communications and Engagement Manager (T Humberstone)
Administration Officer (L Kerei)

1 Karakia Timatanga | Opening Prayer

Pastor Mark Kingi opened the meeting with a prayer.

2 Apologies

No Apologies were received.

3 Leave of Absence

No Leave of Absence were received.

4 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No Declarations of Conflict of Interest were received.

5 Public Forum

Brett Pacey

Mr Pacey raised that some attention needs to be given to some of the footpaths and roading in the District. He also said that Council can possibly give suggestions to ratepayers on how they might be able to help Council defer the budget. Brett expressed his concerns about the entrance and exit from Tamarangi Drive into River Road as there seems to be a lot of vehicles that speed at that intersection. Mr Pacey suggested having an area for racing cars.

PART A – REGULATORY**6 Monthly Report - Regulatory and Planning Services (Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning) (340000)**

The Committee discussed a report from the Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning covering activities for the month of November 2024.

The Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning gave a breakdown of the dog registration process and when reminder notices are sent out to dog owners.

Action item:

- Elected Members have requested that kennel licences and hearings are raised in the Regulatory and Planning Services report. Also to have the two hearings that were held in November added in the report for the next Regulatory and Services meeting.
- Communication to go on social media platforms and the Council newsletter about the process of dog registrations and including apologise around system issues.

Resolved

That the report from the Group Manager, Regulatory and Services for the month of November 2024 is received.

**Councillors Kingi / Savage
CARRIED**

PART B – NON REGULATORY**7 Monthly Report - Finance and Corporate Services (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (211000)**

The Committee discussed a report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services covering activities for the month of November 2024.

Action item:

Page 7 – Item 1.2 – Museum – Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services to check if the local schools have been contacted about the ‘School’s Out for Summer’ exhibition and if there is any additional information they can provide.

Resolved

That the report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services for the month of November 2024 is received.

**Councillor Ross / Deputy Mayor Rangihika
CARRIED**

8 Monthly Report - Operations and Services (Group Manager, Operations and Services) (440000)

The Committee discussed a report from the Group Manager, Operations and Services covering activities for the month of November 2024.

**Chief Executive Officer Godfery departed the meeting at 10.05am
Chief Executive Officer Godfery rejoined the meeting at 10.07am**

Councillor Godfery departed the meeting at 10.07am

Councillor Godfery rejoined the meeting at 10.09am

Elected Members invited Bay of Plenty Regional Council to send some coms to the Kawerau Community about what the water allocation consideration looks like.

Action item:

Further discussion to be held with Council regarding the two unchlorinated taps in Kawerau – at New World car park and the pumphouse on River Road – and what is filtered through the taps due to cost of replacing the filters.

Resolved

That the report from the Group Manager, Operations and Services for the month of November 2024 is received.

**Councillors Kingi / Ross
CARRIED**

9 Monthly Report - Economic and Community Development (Economic and Community Development Manager) (309005)

The Committee discussed a report from the Economic and Community Development Manager covering activities for the month of November 2024.

Corrections:

- Page 21 – Santa Parade and Kawerau Christmas in the Park update – It is ‘Ngāti Tūwharetoa BOP Settlement Trust’ not ‘Ngāti Tūwharetoa Settlement Trust’.
- Page 22 – Evening Variety Show – Correction of spelling for ‘Hollie Smith’.
- Page 23 – Neighbourhood Support Kawerau (NSK) Table – The total for October is 10 not 8.

Action item:

- Page 19 – Item 2 – Have clear communication go out to the community about how the permits for the Tarawera Falls work and that it is Māori Investments Limited that have made it available for access not Kawerau District Council.
- When the basketball courts and skatepark area project gets rebooted in the new year that Council staff keep Elected Members updated with the progress.

Resolved

That the report from the Economic and Community Development Manager for the month of November 2024 is received.

**Her Worship the Mayor / Deputy Mayor Rangihika
CARRIED**

10 Monthly Report – Communications and Engagement (Communications and Engagement Manager) (340100)

The Committee discussed a report from the Communications and Engagement Manager covering activities for the month of November 2024.

Action item:

- Communication and Engagement Manager to check and advise Elected Members if the Porritt Glade AGM is open to the public.

- Elected Members have requested that a 'How to do a Request for Service to Council' be post on Council's social media as a refresher for the community.

Resolved

That the report from the Communications and Engagement Manager for the month of November 2024 is received.

**Deputy Mayor Rangihika / Councillor Andrews
CARRIED**

11 Karakia Whakamutunga | Closing Prayer

Pastor Mark Kingi closed the meeting with a prayer at 11.25am

C J Ion

Chairperson

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**Kawerau District Council Minutes of an
Audit and Risk Committee held on 10 February 2025
commencing at 1.00pm**

Present: Philip Jones – P J Associates (Chair)
Her Worship the Mayor – F K N Tunui
Deputy Mayor – A Rangihika
Councillor C Ion
Councillor B J Julian

In Attendance: Chief Executive Officer (M Godfery)
Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services (L Butler)
Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning (M Glaspey)
Group Manager, Operations and Services (R Nel)
Administration Officer (L Kerei)

Karakia Timatanga | Opening Prayer

Chief Executive Officer Godfery opened the meeting with a prayer.

Apologies

No Apologies were received.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No Conflicts of Interest were received.

1 CONFIRMATION OF AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES

1.1 Audit and Risk Committee – 9 December 2024

Resolved

That the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 9 December 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Councillor Ion / Deputy Mayor Rangihika
CARRIED**

2 Kawerau District Council Risk Profile 2025 (Chief Executive Officer) (105000)

Committee discussed the report from the Chief Executive Officer covering Kawerau District Council Risk Profile 2025.

Resolved

That the report “Kawerau District Council Risk Profile 2025” be received.

**Councillor Julian / Chair Jones
CARRIED**

3 Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report for period – 1 November 2024 to 31 January 2025 (Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning) (509500)

Committee discussed the report from the Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning covering Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report for period – 1 November 2024 to 31 January 2025.

Action item:

To have a reminder about pool safety at the Maurie Kjar Aquatics Centre put into the Community Newsletter.

Resolved

That the report “Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report for period – 1 November 2024 to 31 January 2025” be received.

**Her Worship the Mayor / Councillor Ion
CARRIED**

4 Treasury Report to 30 November 2024 to 31 December 2024 (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (110551)

Committee discussed the report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services covering Treasury Report to 30 November 2024 to 31 December 2024.

Resolved

That the report “Treasury Report to 30 November 2024 to 31 December 2024” be received.

**Councillor Julian / Deputy Mayor Rangihika
CARRIED**

5 Long Term Plan 2025 – 2034 Update (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (110555)

Committee discussed the report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services covering Long Term Plan 2025 – 2034 Update.

Update from Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services:

Page 32 – Audit of LTP Statement of Proposal – Completion dates – Change from 06/03/2025 to 24/02/2025.

Action item:

The Committee suggested to include in the Prospective Statement of Accounting Policies borrowing notes as a financial asset.

Resolved

That the report “Long Term Plan 2025 – 2034 Update” be received.

**Her Worship the Mayor / Councillor Ion
CARRIED**

6 Audit and Risk Review Timetable from February 2025 to December 2025 (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (101300)

Committee discussed the report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services covering Audit and Risk Review Timetable from February 2025 to December 2025.

Action item:

- The Chair with the support of the Committee agreed to remove the “Performance report to 31 December 2024” from the Audit and Risk Committee Meetings and Review Schedule, on page 44.
- It was requested that a progress report on the Audit Management report with recommendation points to be added to the Schedule.

Resolved

That the report “Audit and Risk Review Timetable from February 2025 to December 2025” be received as amended.

**Her Worship the Mayor / Deputy Mayor Rangihika
CARRIED**

7 Review of Council’s Fraud and Corruption Risk Assessment (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (201300)

Committee discussed the report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services covering Review of Council’s Fraud and Corruption Risk Assessment.

Resolved

That the report “Review of Council’s Fraud and Corruption Risk Assessment” be received.

**Chair Jones / Her Worship the Mayor
CARRIED**

8 Council Bylaw and Policy Review Update (Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning) (320000 & 110800)

Committee discussed the report from the Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning covering Council Bylaw and Policy Review Update.

Resolved

That the report “Council Bylaw and Policy Review Update” be received.

**Her Worship the Mayor / Deputy Mayor Rangihika
CARRIED**

9 **Insurance Policies Update (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services)
(201000)**

Committee discussed the report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services covering Insurance Policies Update.

Resolved

That the report "Insurance Policies Update" be received.

**Councillors Ion / Julian
CARRIED**

Karakia Whakamutunga | Closing Prayer

Chief Executive Officer Godfery closed the meeting with a karakia | prayer at 2.34pm

P Jones

Chairperson

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**Minutes of the Regulatory & Services Committee
held on Wednesday 12 February 2025
commencing at 9.04am**

Present: Councillor C J Ion (Chairperson)
Her Worship the Mayor F K N Tunui
Deputy Mayor A Rangihika
Councillor B Julian
Councillor W Godfery
Councillor R G K Savage
Councillor S Kingi
Councillor R Andrews

In Attendance: Chief Executive Officer (M Godfery)
Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services (L Butler)
Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning (M Glaspey)
Group Manager, Operations and Services (R Nel)
Economic and Community Development Manager (L Barton)
Communications and Engagement Manager (T Humberstone)
Administration Officer (L Kerei)

1 Karakia Timatanga | Opening Prayer

Pastor Mark Kingi opened the meeting with a prayer.

2 Apologies

Apologies from Councillor Ross were received.

**Councillor Ion / Her Worship the Mayor
CARRIED**

3 Leave of Absence

No Leave of Absence were received.

4 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No Declarations of Conflict of Interest were received.

5 Public Forum

No Public Forum were received.

PART A – REGULATORY**6 Monthly Report - Regulatory and Planning Services (Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning) (340000)**

The Committee discussed a report from the Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning covering activities for the month of December 2024 and January 2025

Elected Members queried if there will be an invitation for basic Civil Defence Training for the community. Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning advised community hubs are currently being considered for Kawerau.

Action Item:

- Page 5 – Item 7 – Paragraph two – Group Manager, Regulatory and Planning to advise Elected Members of how many of the 35 staff on the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) roster are Kawerau locals.
- Page 6 – Item 8.4 – Apologies from Her Worship the Mayor for the Spatial Plan meeting to be held on Wednesday 26 February as this falls on a Council Meeting day for Kawerau.

Resolved

That the report from the Group Manager, Regulatory and Services for the months of December 2024 and January 2025 is received.

**Councillors Savage / Kingi
CARRIED**

PART B – NON REGULATORY**7 Monthly Report - Finance and Corporate Services (Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services) (211000)**

The Committee discussed a report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services covering activities for the months of December 2024 and January 2025.

Resolved

That the report from the Group Manager, Finance and Corporate Services for the months of December 2024 and January 2025 is received.

**Her Worship the Mayor / Councillor Godfery
CARRIED**

8 Monthly Report - Operations and Services (Group Manager, Operations and Services) (440000)

The Committee discussed a report from the Group Manager, Operations and Services covering activities for the months of December 2024 and January 2025.

Update from Group Manager, Operations and Services:

- Page 19 – Item 6 – The heading for this item will change from “Pools” to “Maurie Kjar Aquatics Centre” starting on the next Regulatory and Services Meeting.

Action Item:

- Elected Members requested for the Drinking Water Pipe Replacement map on page 21 to be sent out to the community as a reminder.

Resolved

That the report from the Group Manager, Operations and Services for the months of December 2024 and January 2025 is received.

**Councillors Savage / Kingi
CARRIED**

9 Monthly Report - Economic and Community Development (Economic and Community Development Manager) (309005)

The Committee discussed a report from the Economic and Community Development Manager covering activities for the months of December 2024 and January 2025.

Elected Members invite either one or both rangatahi that attended the Outward Bound Experience to share their experience with Elected Members.

Correction:

Page 27 – Tuia Leadership Programme 2025 – Add the year “2025” at the end of “24 February”.

CE Godfery departed the meeting at 10.05am

CE Godfery rejoined the meeting at 10.07am

Resolved

That the report from the Economic and Community Development Manager for the months of December 2024 and January 2025 is received.

**Councillor Julian / Deputy Mayor Rangihika
CARRIED**

10 Monthly Report – Communications and Engagement (Communications and Engagement Manager) (340100)

The Committee discussed a report from the Communications and Engagement Manager covering activities for the months of December 2024 and January 2025.

Update from Communications and Engagement Manager:

- Starting in March Council will be trialling having the Community Newsletters online one week and on the alternate week it will be delivered through the mail.

Resolved

That the report from the Communications and Engagement Manager for the months of December 2024 and January 2025 is received.

**Her Worship the Mayor / Councillor Kingi
CARRIED**

11 **Karakia Whakamutunga | Closing Prayer**

Pastor Mark Kingi closed the meeting with a prayer at 10.26am

C J Ion

Chairperson

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Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum

Open Minutes

- Commencing:** Thursday 12 December 2024, 1.00 PM
- Venue:** Audiovisual Meeting only (Zoom)
- Chairperson:** Mayor Tania Tapsell - Rotorua Lakes Council
- Deputy Chairperson:** Mayor Victor Luca - Whakatāne District Council
- Members:** Chairman Doug Leeder - Bay of Plenty Regional Council
Mayor Faylene Tunui - Kawerau District Council
Mayor David Moore - Ōpōtiki District Council
Mayor James Denyer - Western Bay of Plenty District Council
Mayor Mahé Drysdale - Tauranga City Council
- In Attendance:** Staff: Fiona McTavish - Chief Executive - Bay of Plenty Regional Council; Marty Grenfell - Chief Executive - Tauranga City Council; John Holyoake - Chief Executive - Western Bay of Plenty District Council; Morgan Godfery - Chief Executive - Kawerau District Council; Andrew Moraes - Chief Executive - Rotorua Lakes Council; Nathan Hughes - Group Manager Service Delivery - Ōpōtiki District Council; Dean Howie - Programme Manager, Regional Economic Development; Ariell King - Strategic Advisor: Legislative Reform and Special Projects, Western Bay of Plenty District Council; Tone Nerdrum Smith - Senior Advisor Governance
- Presenters: Vaughan Payne and Sinead Hart - Co-Lab Solutions
- Apologies:** Mayor David Trewavas - Taupō District Council; Stace Lewer - Chief Executive - Ōpōtiki District Council; Julie Gardyne - Chief Executive - Taupō District Council

Chairperson Mayor Tapsell reminded those present that this meeting was not being livestreamed. It would be recorded for members not present, but this recording would not be made publicly available as the majority of the meeting was public excluded.

Further noted that agenda item 6.4 - Regional Deals Discussion had been withdrawn from the agenda and would not be discussed.

1. Opening Karakia

A karakia was provided by Mayor Tania Tapsell.

2. Apologies

Resolved

- 1 **Accepts the apologies from Mayor David Trewavas - Taupō District Council; Stace Lewer - Chief Executive - Ōpōtiki District Council; Julie Gardyne - Chief Executive - Taupō District Council tendered at the meeting.**

**Tapsell/Drysdale
CARRIED**

3. Minutes

Minutes to be Confirmed

3.1 Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum Minutes - 16 August 2024

Resolved

That the Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum:

- 1 **Confirms the Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum Minutes - 16 August 2024 as a true and correct record.**

**Drysdale/Moore
CARRIED**

3.2 Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum Minutes - 16 September 2024

Resolved

That the Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum:

- 1 **Confirms the Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum Minutes - 16 September 2024 as a true and correct record.**

**Drysdale/Moore
CARRIED**

4. Public Excluded Section

Resolved

Resolution to exclude the public

- 1 **Excludes the public from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting as set out below:**

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

Item No.	Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Grounds under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution	When the item can be released into the public
4.1	Public Excluded Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum Minutes - 16 August 2024	As noted in the relevant Minutes.	As noted in the relevant Minutes.	To remain in public excluded.
4.2	Public Excluded Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum Minutes - 16 September 2024	As noted in the relevant Minutes.	As noted in the relevant Minutes.	To remain in public excluded.
4.3	Presentation: Local Water Done Well	Withholding the information is necessary to enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities; Withholding the information is necessary to enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	48(1)(a)(i) Section 7 (2)(h); 48(1)(a)(i) Section 7 (2)(i).	To remain in public excluded.

- 2 That Vaughan Payne and Sinead Hart - Co-Lab Solutions be permitted to stay in the public excluded section of the meeting due to their knowledge of the matter under discussion, being item Presentation: Local Water Done Well.**

**Drysdale/Moore
CARRIED**

5. Closing Karakia

A karakia was provided by Mayor Tania Tapsell.

2.30 pm - the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED

Mayor - Rotorua Lakes Council Tania Tapsell
Chairperson, Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum

Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee

Open Minutes

- Commencing:** Friday 13 December 2024, 10:00am
- Venue:** Western Bay of Plenty District Council Chambers, 1484 Cameron Road, Greerton, Tauranga and via Zoom (Audio Visual Meeting)
- Chairperson:** Mayor Faylene Tunui – Kawerau District Council (KDC)
- Deputy Chairperson:** Mayor James Denyer – Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC)
- Members:**
- Ōpōtiki District Council (ODC):** Mayor David Moore
 - Tauranga City Council (TCC):** Mayor Mahé Drysdale (via Zoom), Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular – Alternate, Cr Kevin Schuler – Alternate (via Zoom – from 10.08 am)
 - Whakatāne District Council (WDC):** Mayor Victor Luca, Deputy Mayor Lesley Immink – Alternate (via Zoom)
 - Rotorua Lakes Council (RLC):** Deputy Mayor Sandra Kai Fong - Alternate
 - National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA):** Observer Lily Foulds - Regional Emergency Management Advisor
- In Attendance:**
- Emergency Management Bay of Plenty (EMBOP):** Mark Crowe - Director; Chris Brewer - Manager, Planning; Theo Ursum - Advisor, Planning (via Zoom), Shell Brandt – Advisor, Planning, Samme Moore – Advisor Communications
 - NEMA:** Paul Renshaw - Team Leader, Planning and Programme Manager for the Catastrophic Planning Programme and Space Weather (via Zoom), Louisa Prattley – Senior Advisor, Planning (via Zoom)
 - TCC:** Marty Grenfell – Chief Executive (via Zoom), Paula Naude – Manager, Community Development and Emergency Management (via Zoom)
 - Toi Moana Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC):** Fiona McTavish – Chief Executive; Reuben Fraser - General Manager, Hayley Sheridan - Legal Counsel, Amanda Namana - Committee Advisor
- Apologies:** Mayor Tania Tapsell – Rotorua Lakes Council, Cr Malcolm Campbell – BOPRC, Cr Ron Scott – Alternate, BOPRC

Declaration of Public Recording

Committee members were reminded that the meeting was being recorded and that the recording would be made available on the BOPRC website and archived for a period of three years: [Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Meeting - 13 December 2024](#)

Opening Karakia

Provided by: Chris Brewer – Manager, Planning.

10.08 am – Cr Kevin Schuler (via Zoom) **entered** the meeting.

1. Apologies

Resolved

That the Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee:

- 1 Accepts the apologies from Mayor Tapsell, Cr Campbell and Cr Scott tendered at the meeting.**

**Kai Fong/Tunui
CARRIED**

2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

3. Minutes

Minutes to be Confirmed

3.1 Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee Minutes - 27 September 2024

Resolved

That the Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee:

- 1 Confirms the Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee Minutes - 27 September 2024 as a true and correct record.**

**Denyer/Moore
CARRIED**

4. Presentations

4.1 NEMA's Space Weather Programme

Presentation: Space Weather: Why Now?: Objective ID A4849903

Presented by: Paul Renshaw – Team Leader, Planning and Programme Manager for the Catastrophic Planning Programme and Space Weather, and Louisa Prattley – Senior Advisor, Planning

Key Points:

- Described space weather as a range of phenomena originating from the sun which occurred continuously, similar to terrestrial weather on earth
- Extreme space weather events could damage or disrupt critical infrastructure/technology on earth and severely impact the general population. It would not however, pose a direct health risk to humans or animals, although lengthy power outages were likely
- The risk was elevated with increased solar activity from October 2024 until approximately 2027
- A space weather event had potential to cause catastrophic consequences in New Zealand and globally, which could cost the country billions of dollars. As a global scale hazard, international partners were unlikely to be able to assist swiftly with electronic replacement parts, primarily due to competitive larger markets
- Actions to be taken included undertaking planning and readiness activities to manage the exposure and vulnerability, and building resilience for New Zealand. NEMA had established a space weather programme in June 2024 to coordinate related activities across NEMA and drive their national response arrangements
- NEMA was the lead agency for managing space weather events and had produced the national response plan. This included working with like-minded countries in readiness and response, key partner agencies, stakeholders and the science community
- The Catastrophic Planning Handbook would improve system readiness, provide a framework for national coordinated response and encourage emergency management partners to address any readiness gaps
- A catastrophic level event would disrupt the complex inter-connected system of lifeline utilities and significantly decrease quality of life for an extended period of time. The devastation and potential outcomes of an event such as this were difficult to foresee
- Assisting community readiness for a space weather event included:
 - Ensuring regional and local council Business Continuity Plans were updated to reflect the management of this hazard (if lengthy power outages were already included then this would already address the majority of the risk)
 - Informing communities and businesses of the risk and to be prepared.

In Response to Questions:

- Transpower had been aware of space weather as a hazard for some time, and had been trying to build resilience into the centralised network. NEMA had been working with them toward future resilience and what this may look like for vulnerable line networks
- The sun was currently in a solar maximum period which caused a heightened period of solar activity
- Although space weather events were very complex to explain, a geomagnetic storm that impacted earth's communication capabilities was a reasonable interpretation for the public. NEMA had work underway to provide consistent messaging to the public so they could be informed ahead of a potential event

- An extreme space weather event (potentially causing turning off the national grid) had an approximately 30% likelihood of occurring in the next 50 years. There was a 99.5% likelihood that a lesser version may occur in next 50 years, with varying potential impacts
- Although increased satellite and communications e.g. the use of Starlink etc, did not increase the risk of a space weather event, it did increase exposure and vulnerability due to the use and reliance of these heightening any potential impacts
- RocketLab had higher intelligence in the space weather field due to their operations and strong connection with international partners
- If other significant crisis events were underway when a space weather event occurred, it could seriously affect communications and response capability for emergencies
- As the world was now in an electrically dependent environment, the outcome of a space weather event was more significant than it would have been in the past
- Monitoring of field intensity was not occurring within New Zealand, but would be internationally.

Resolved

That the Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee:

- 1 Receives the Presentation, NEMA's Space Weather Programme.**

**Luca/Kai Fong
CARRIED**

5. Reports

Decisions Required

5.1 Bay of Plenty CDEM Group Statutory Appointments

Presented by: Mark Crowe - Director, Emergency Management Bay of Plenty.

Key Points:

- Outlined the proposed seven changes, detailing each appointment and rescindment.

Resolved

That the Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Bay of Plenty CDEM Group Statutory Appointments;**
- 2 Approves the appointment of Antoinette Campbell, Group Manager Strategy and Development, Ōpōtiki District Council as Local Controller for the Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group, as defined under s27 (1) of the CDEM Act 2002;**
- 3 Approves the appointment of Paul Warbrick, Te Arawa Partnership, Manuhautu Te Arawa Hourua, Rotorua Lakes Council as Local Controller for**

the Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group, as defined under s27 (1) of the CDEM Act 2002;

- 4 Approves the appointment of Sara Ellis, Senior Strategic Policy Analyst, Whakatane District Council as Local Recovery Manager for the Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group, as defined under s30 (1) of the CDEM Act 2002;**
- 5 Approves the rescindment of the Rod Barnett, Local Recovery Manager, Western Bay of Plenty District Council;**
- 6 Approves the rescindment of Steven Perdia, Local Recovery Manager, Whakatane District Council;**
- 7 Approves the rescindment of Gerard McCormack, Local Controller, Ōpōtiki District Council;**
- 8 Approves the rescindment of Cara Gordon, Alternative Group Controller, Emergency Management Bay of Plenty.**

**Kai Fong/Tunui
CARRIED**

5.2 Bay of Plenty CDEM Group Office Quarterly Performance Monitoring Report 2024 - 2025 (Q1)

Presented by: Chris Brewer - Manager, Planning, Emergency Management Bay of Plenty

Key Points:

- Confirmed that the report contained real time data, accurate to 28 November 2024
- Space weather was included in the catastrophic planning work, with a further phase proposed for approval in the 2025- 2026 annual plan activities.

Key Points - Staff:

- Any project identified to not be on track would be outlined in the executive summary of the report and highlighted in the graphs contained within
- The development programme for elected members scheduled in 2025 was intended as a future focused development programme.

Resolved

That the Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Bay of Plenty CDEM Group Office Quarterly Performance Monitoring Report 2024 - 2025 (Q1);**
- 2 Endorses the proposed approach to reporting for the remainder of the 2024 - 2025 financial year and moving forward.**

**Moore/Kai Fong
CARRIED**

5.3 Bay of Plenty CDEM Group Training KPI Measurement

Presented by: Mark Crowe - Director, Emergency Management Bay of Plenty

Key Points:

- Highlighted key changes to the report structure including:
 - Specific leadership statistics and tracking of controllers and recovery managers' appointments and progression through the development pathway
 - Providing financial tracking against budgets. Noted that the budget from the Tertiary Education Commission Allocation was an annual apportionment from NEMA and followed a calendar year, as opposed to a financial year.

In Response to Questions:

- Considered that it would be helpful for members to see risks included in future reports and highlighted in the Executive Summary.

Resolved

That the Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee:

- 1 **Receives the report, Bay of Plenty CDEM Group Training KPI Measurement.**

**Denyer/Kai Fong
CARRIED**

Information Only

5.4 Verbal Update: Director, Emergency Management Bay of Plenty

Presented by: Mark Crowe - Director, Emergency Management Bay of Plenty

Key Points:

- Provided an update on key appointments within the EMBOP Group office:
 - Esmay Wharerewa had been appointed to the Kaiarahi Māori role - Senior Advisor, Māori Engagement, which commenced on 2 December 2024
 - James Jefferson had been appointed to the Principal Advisor position and would commence this role on 15 January 2025
- Modelling undertaken for the Tsunami Project highlighted some inconsistencies which required a variation in the contract, solely to provide more time to work through the variables. An update would be provided to the next meeting
- Lisa Glass - Communications and Engagement for Emergency Management Bay of Plenty was one of three selected from New Zealand to present at a conference on risk emergency and business continuity in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- The CDEM resilience fund was currently open for applications, which closed on 31 January 2025, noting the current focus for NEMA was flood and tsunami resilience

- Workstreams and timeframes were still being worked through in regard to the Emergency Management System Improvement Programme (EMSIP). A further update would be provided in 2025 once the timelines were more clearly defined through regional partnerships
- NEMA were proactively working with GNS Science to ensure that their budgetary constraints did not impact the current level of service being provided, or create potential risk around tsunami monitoring and warnings. Emergency Management Bay of Plenty were also involved and considering residual risk should anything change.

Key Points - Members:

- In October 2024, Chair Tunui and Director Crowe hosted the Minister for Emergency Management and Recovery, Hon Mark Mitchell and MP Andy Foster in Tauranga, with a visit to the CDEM team and the training programme.

In Response to Questions:

- The newly filled role of Principal Advisor for Emergency Management Bay of Plenty was also an Alternate Group Controller, and the staff roster was currently full (no vacancies), subject to any other movements that may occur.

Resolved

That the Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, Verbal Update: Director, Emergency Management Bay of Plenty.**

**Kai Fong/Tunui
CARRIED**

**5.5 National Emergency Management (NEMA) Update Bay of Plenty
CDEM Joint Committee - 13 December 2024**

Presented by: Lily Foulds - Regional Emergency Management Advisor, NEMA

Key Points:

- Cabinet expected a roadmap to outline the implementation programme of EMSIP, which was due in 2025.

Resolved

That the Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee:

- 1 Receives the report, National Emergency Management (NEMA) Update Bay of Plenty CDEM Joint Committee - 13 December 2024.**

**Moore/Kai Fong
CARRIED**

6. Public Excluded Section

Resolved

Resolution to exclude the public

- 1 Excludes the public from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting as set out below:

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

Item No.	Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Grounds under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution	When the item can be released into the public
6.1	Public Excluded Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee Minutes - 27 September 2024	As noted in the relevant Minutes.	As noted in the relevant Minutes.	To remain in public excluded.
6.2	Bay of Plenty CDEM Whakaari/White Island Coronial Inquiry December Update	Withholding the information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege.	48(1)(a)(i) Section 7 (2)(g).	On CDEMG Chair and the Director EMBOP's approval.

**Moore/Luca
CARRIED**

11.06 am - the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED

Mayor Faylene Tunui
Chairperson, Bay of Plenty Civil Defence
Emergency Management Group Joint Committee

Regional Transport Committee

Open Minutes

- Commencing:** Friday 13 December 2024, 12.00pm
- Venue:** Western Bay of Plenty District Council Chambers, 1484 Cameron Road, Greerton, Tauranga and via Zoom (Audio Visual Meeting)
- Chairperson:** Cr Lyall Thurston - Toi Moana Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC)
- Deputy Chairperson:** Cr Ken Shirley - BOPRC
- Members:** Mayor Faylene Tunui - Kawerau District Council, Mayor David Moore - Ōpōtiki District Council, Mayor Mahé Drysdale - Tauranga City Council (via Zoom), Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular - Alternate, Tauranga City Council, Andrew Corkill - Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (NZTA), Cr Andrew von Dadelszen - Alternate, BOPRC, Cr Conan O'Brien - Alternate, Rotorua Lakes Council, Mayor James Denyer - Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC), Mayor Victor Luca - Whakatāne District Council, Deputy Mayor Lesley Immink - Alternate, Whakatāne District Council (via Zoom), Angus Hodgson - KiwiRail (via Zoom)
- In Attendance:** External: Greg Pert - Freight Advisor, Philip King - Alternate, NZ Automobile Association (NZAA) Advisor
- BOPRC: Oliver Haycock - Director, Public Transport, Andrew Williams - Manager, Transport Planning, Amanda Namana - Committee Advisor
- Apologies:** Mayor Tania Tapsell - Rotorua Lakes Council, Chairman Doug Leeder - BOPRC, Inspector Logan Marsh - NZ Police Road Safety Advisor, Dan Kneebone Port of Tauranga Advisor, Stacey Spall - NZAA Advisor

1. Apologies

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 **Accepts the apologies from Mayor Tapsell, Chairman Leeder, Inspector Marsh, Dan Kneebone and Stacey Spall tendered at the meeting.**

**Thurston/Drysdale
CARRIED**

2. Chair's Statement

The Chair reminded all present that the meeting was being livestreamed and recorded and would be made available on the Bay of Plenty Regional Council website following the meeting: [Regional Transport Committee - 13 December 2024](#)

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

4. Minutes

Minutes to be Confirmed

4.1 Regional Transport Committee Minutes - 13 September 2024

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 Confirms the Regional Transport Committee Minutes - 13 September 2024 as a true and correct record.

Thurston/Shirley
CARRIED

5. Presentations

5.1 Te Manatū Waka, Ministry of Transport - Road User Charges

This item was deferred to a future meeting due to the unavailability of presenters.

6. Reports

6.1 Chairperson's Report

Presented by: Oliver Haycock – Director, Public Transport

Key Points:

- The Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024 had now been finalised. As a result, regional transport committees and regional councils no longer played a role in the setting of speed limits, with the responsibility now being solely with road controlling authorities (RCA's)
- The updated Regional Advisory Group (RAG) Terms of Reference set clear expectations of representatives, including the communication they undertook with their Regional Transport Committee members
- Workshops had been held with Territorial Local Authorities (TLA's) to reflect upon the last Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) process and lessons learnt to optimise future support and advice.

Key Points - Members:

- WBOPDC expressed frustration due to having adopted their speed management plan in April 2024, with it still not having NZTA endorsement – NZTA to look into this and respond directly so that implementation could proceed
- There was NZTA funding available for mandated speed reversals and relevant council staff would receive information from investment advisors regarding how to access this
- Found the RLTP workshops useful and supported these being held at the start of each triennium to expose members to the process, decision-making outcomes and potential risks in RLTP development
- NZTA introduced newly released information from the Minister of Transport, Hon. Simeon Brown around road tolling, including the following key information:
 - Three new North Island roads would incur a toll for road users: Ōtaki to north of Levin, Penlink Road north of Auckland and Takitimu North Link Stage 1 – Tauranga (TNL)
 - The Mānawatu-Tararua Highway would not be tolled due to late consultation and timing constraints making it not cost-effective to implement until after completion, placing it outside central government’s expectations for new road tolling
 - Revenue collected from the TNL tolls would contribute toward construction, safety and maintenance of the road. This revenue could not be used to directly fund other regional projects, but would release the allocated funding in the National Land Transport Fund (NLTF) to invest in other nationwide and regional infrastructure projects
 - 2,317 submissions had been received from public consultation in relation to the proposed tolling
- Expressed strong disappointment in the inequity of the decision to not toll the Mānawatu-Tararua Highway
- Highlighted that three of the country’s six toll roads would now be in the Bay of Plenty region.

Resolved**That the Regional Transport Committee:**

- 1 Receives the report, Chairperson’s Report;**
- 2 Confirms the removal of Bullet Point 7 under ‘Role’ in the Terms of Reference and notes that no other amendments were made;**
- 3 Agrees to follow the process of appointing an external advisor for environmental sustainability in the new triennium**
- 4 Writes a letter to the Minister of Transport (copying the NZTA Board Chair) expressing concern, recognising inconsistencies and requesting further explanation regarding the implementation of central government’s road tolling policy released on 13 December 2024, circulates it to members by email and delegates authority to the Chair to review and sign of behalf of the Committee.**

**Thurston/Luca
CARRIED**

**Shirley/Denyer
CARRIED**

Decisions Required

6.2 Appointment of External Advisor for Tourism and Economic Development

Presented by: Chair Cr Thurston, Oliver Haycock – Director, Public Transport and Cr Conan O’Brien – Alternate, Rotorua Lakes Council

Key Points:

- Supported narrowing the focus to an advisor with sole tourism focus, rather than combined with economic development, as this broader scope would diminish the tourism factor
- Emphasised the intention of a regional focus for this advisory role e.g. when cruise ships disembarked in Tauranga the infrastructure, facilities and accessibility using regional transport links were in place. Tourism was a growing and significant concern of each subregion in the Bay of Plenty.

Key Points – Members and Advisors:

- Highlighted the financial implications for the proposed appointment process, particularly the cost of newspaper advertising
- Supported Rotorua having a stronger outcome for the next RLTP, however considered this advisory role may be deviating too far from transport issues and the purpose of the Committee when other options were available to address this
- The omission of the tourism sector during the development of the last RLTP was a valid concern for all subregions, however there were more appropriate ways to include this representation in future RLTP’s.

Resolved

That the Regional Transport Committee:

- 1 **Receives the report, Appointment of External Advisor for Tourism and Economic Development;**

Thurston/O’Brien
CARRIED

- 2 **Agrees to appoint a regional External Advisor for Tourism and Economic Development;**

O’Brien/Thurston
The motion was LOST

- 3 **Approves the appointment process as outlined in the report, including delegating initial candidate consideration to a panel comprising the RTC Chair and the Regional Council’s Director, Public Transport;**

O’Brien/Thurston
The motion was LOST

- 4 **Encourages tourism representatives from each subregion to speak to the Committee on the value of tourism early in the development stages of the next RLTP.**

Thurston/O’Brien
CARRIED

6.3 NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi Quarterly Update

Presentation: NZTA Waka Kotahi Update December 2024: Objective ID A4850591

Presented by: Andrew Corkill – NZTA Director Regional Relationships

Key Points:

- A difference in driver behaviour had been observed at the new safety camera sites
- Three additional average speed location cameras were being considered across the Bay of Plenty
- All seven Roads of National Significance (RoNS) had been listed in Schedule 2 of the Fast-Track Approvals Bill
- Work on the Ōmanawa Bridge replacement would be staged
- Takitimu North Link Stage 2 was intended to use Fast-Track legislation for the consents
- Outlined features of the new NZTA App which enabled users to manage all things related to their vehicle/s in one place including driver's license, WOF/registration and toll payments
- The Tauriko enabling works project was tracking overall to programme
- Noted that the new Government Policy Statement on land transport 2024 (GPS) changed how NZTA invested in safety
- The majority of the SH maintenance programme would be completed by the end of March 2025
- SH36 Hauraki Stream Culvert Bridge renewal was expected to commence construction by mid-2025.

Key Points - Members:

- Local residents were still dissatisfied regarding the ongoing median barrier issues (SH2 Waihi to Ōmōkoroa), and continued to seek a better balance of safety and access
- There continued to be strong community opinion that Wright Road needed right turn access.

In Response to Questions:

- General feedback received from the trucking industry was positive regarding road closures, as this was a short term inconvenience for long term resilience gains
- Pothole repair work had been prioritised due to the increasing numbers.

Items for NZTA Follow Up:

- Advise which RCA's on the Committee had completed the process of transitioning to the Asset Management Data Standard (AMDS)
- Check completion date was in 2028 for Takitimu North Link Stage 1 and confirm to members
- Clarify/confirm statistics for the cost of temporary traffic management in roading projects
- Provide comparative slides to the next meeting to highlight the number of potholes being fixed over time for the 24-hour pothole initiative
- Provide details of the new formula being used in potholes which provided further longevity.

Resolved**That the Regional Transport Committee:**

- 1 Receives the report, NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi Quarterly Update.**

**Corkill/Luca
CARRIED**

6. Verbal Update opportunity for Committee Members and Advisors**Angus Hodgson - KiwiRail:**

- KiwiRail would have 96 days of closures over the next 14 months. Closures from Christmas 2024 until the end of January 2025 meant that freight would travel by truck from Auckland to Hamilton, then on to container transfer sites before travelling on to Tauranga and other parts of the country. Cautioned to expect a significantly higher volume of trucks on the road over the summer period
- 66% toward completion of the City Rail Link.

Greg Pert - Freight Advisor:

- Road transport was current struggling economically, however expected this to improve as people started to purchase more product
- The industry was performing well in safety measures.

Philip King - Alternate, NZAA Advisor:

- NZAA had a number of initiatives underway at present
- Would support the 30km speed limit around schools, however was disappointed that current information indicated there would be static variable signs as opposed to the more visible electronic signs. Uncertain of the price difference between these but considered the safety of children would be greatly enhanced by using electronic signs
- Concerned over the lack of urgency in rolling out revised speed limits across the country
- NZAA members often received inaccurate information regarding road closures and detours, including distance and estimated time added to the trip, refuelling and electric vehicle charging point information.

1.39 pm - the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED

Cr Lyall Thurston
Chairperson, Regional Transport Committee

Meeting Council

Meeting Date: 26 February 2025

Subject: Her Worship the Mayor's Report

File No. 101400

1 **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to outline meetings, functions and events that I have hosted, attended and/or participated in for the period Thursday, 19 December 2024 to Wednesday 19 February 2025.

December

- Thur 19
- Meeting with East Coast National MP Dana Kirkpatrick and Eastern Bay Mayors re: Whakatane Obstetrics & Gynaecology Services, held via Microsoft Teams
- Fri 20
- Meeting with Health NZ | Te Whatu Ora re: Whakatane Obstetrics & Gynaecology Services, held via Microsoft Teams

January

- Sun 19
- Invitation to attend Te Poukai ki Kokohinau Marae, Te Teko hosting Te Arikinui
- Wed 29
- Kuini Ngawai hono I te Po
 - Elected Member 2025 Planning Workshop, held in Council Chamber
 - Meeting with Health NZ | Te Whatu Ora re: Whakatane Obstetrics & Gynaecology Services, held at Tuwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora
- Thur 30
- Meeting with Health NZ | Te Whatu Ora re: Whakatane Obstetrics & Gynaecology Services, held at Acacia House, Louvain Street, Whakatane
- Fri 31
- Wananga for an Awanuiarangi post-graduate diploma, held at Rautahi Marae

February

- Mon 3
- New airline Sunair Launch, held at Whakatane Airport
- Tue 4
- Visit from Mr G (Graham Hoete) and his wife Milly (Melissa Hoete) to present Mayoral Portrait, held in Mayor's Office
- Wed 5
- Tau Hou/2025 New Year Council Karakia with Elected Members and Staff, held at Rangī Delamere Centre
 - Council Workshop, held in Council Chamber
 - Budget Review for Long Term Plan
 - Funding Depreciation Levels
 - Statement of Intended Service Provision Long Term Plan 2025-2034
 - Options for non-fluoridated water taps
 - Social Impact Assessment for consideration for the review of the Gambling Venues and Board Venue Policy – January 2025
 - Consideration of a New Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy
- Thur 6
- Te Mana o Nga Wahine Waitangi Market, hosted by the Tuwharetoa ki Kawerau Maori Women's Welfare League, held at the KEA Carpark
- Mon 10
- Audit & Risk Committee Meeting, held in Council Chamber
 - KDC Risk Profile 2025
 - Health, Safety and Wellbeing
 - Treasury Report to 30 November and 31 December 2024
 - Long Term Plan 2025-2034 Update
 - Audit and Risk Review Timetable for February to December 2025
 - Review of Council's Fraud and Corruption Risk Assessment
 - Council Bylaw and Policy Review Update
 - Insurance Policies Update

[AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE AGENDA – 10.02.25](#)

- Tue 11 • Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Membership Meeting, held via Microsoft Teams
- Wed 12 • Regulatory & Services Committee Meeting, in Council Chamber
- Monthly Report – Regulatory and Planning Services
 - Monthly Report – Finance and Corporate Services
 - Monthly Report – Operations and Services
 - Monthly Report – Economic and Community Development
 - Monthly Report – Communication and Engagement
- [REGULATORY & SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA – 12.02.25](#)
- Council Workshop
 - Eastern BOP Regional Deal Proposal
 - Extraordinary Council
 - Policy Option for Easter Sunday Trading and Adoption of Proposed Draft Policy for Consultation
- [EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL AGENDA – 12.02.25](#)
- Thur 13 • Meet and Greet with Herewini Waikato of Pūkāea Ngā Karere o Mātaatua, held in Mayor's Office
- Fri 14 • Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group (Ngāti Rangitīhi Claims Settlement Act 2022 125 (1) (f)) with Iwi Liaison Cultural Advisor Te Haukākawa Te Rīre at BOPRC Offices, Mātaatua Room, Whakatāne
- Mon 17 • Iwi Liaison Hui, in the Mayor's Office
- Treaty Principles Bill submission January 2025 as guided by Iwi Liaison/Cultural Advisor and Ngāti Tūwharetoa kaumatua | elders
 - WDC to KDC Boundary Change – land blocks coming into Kawerau District
 - Kawerau Cemetery – Signage Board (removal of names from toilet block)
 - Street-naming QR Code signs for Tiwhatiwha Crescent and Piripiri Crescent
 - Te Marukaa – Renaming of Reserve of the Te Marukaa Puna | Spring (Pumphouse Spring)
 - Powhiri | welcome, poroporoaki | farewell, te reo, waiata and cultural awareness wānanga | workshops with kaikaunihera | elected members and staff
 - 2025 Local body/council elections with referendum for Māori wards – daytime and afterhours information with support from election services
 - Stoneham Park – Housing Development Name
 - Civil Defence Council and EMBOP Staff Bay 8 Training Exercise, Powhiri and local korero to be hosted in Kawerau
 - Tarawera River Walkway repair
 - Kahika Whakaahua | Mayoral Portrait received from G Hoete (Mr G)
 - Citizenship Ceremony (completion of DIA citizenship application process) Wednesday 26 February 2025 at 3pm
 - Meeting with Jacob Kajavala Chair of ISK, re: ISK work for 2025 held in Mayor's Office
- Wed 19 • Unveiling Ceremony of street-naming QR code signs for Tiwhatiwha Crescent and Piripiri Crescent held onsite
- Council Workshop
 - Review of Council's Current Rate Remissions and Postponement Policies
 - Review of Revenue and Financing Policy
 - Adoption of the Draft Financial Contributions Policy for Consultation
 - Rates Review 2025-2026

2 Mayoral Correspondence

Thur 20/12 Invitation from Essity Kawerau Site Manager, Peter Hockley re: Kawerau Geothermal Upgrade Celebration, held at Essity Kawerau Mill

Tue 7/1 Submission from Kawerau District Council on the Treaty Principles Bill

Fri 10/1 Request from Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage, the Honourable Paul Goldsmith to lower the New Zealand Flag at half-mast on Thursday 16 January, to mark the funeral of Senior Sergeant Lyn Fleming of the NZ Police

3 RECOMMENDATION

That Her Worship the Mayor's report for the period Thursday, 19 December 2024 to Wednesday 19 February 2025, be received.



Faylene Tunui
Kahika | Mayor

Action Schedule

Meeting Date	Resolution / Action Requested	Action	Status	Comments	Estimated Date
EC 22.11.23	2025 Triennial Elections Council resolved to establish one or more Māori wards for the Kawerau District in the 2025 and 2028 triennial elections.	C&EM	Completed	<p>Consultation with Tangata Whenua, Iwi and the community took place for the initial proposal resolved on 17/7/24. 104 submissions were received which were heard and resolved on 11/9/24. Final Proposal was resolved for public notification on 11/9/24 from 20 September to 4 November for appeals.</p> <p>One objection received through the Final Proposal appeal process. In November 24, the Local Government Commission confirmed this was an invalid appeal and advised the submitter on 28/11/24. LGC advised there was no need for the Hearing schedule in Kawerau for Thursday, 30 January 2025.</p>	November/ December 2024
OC 26.06.24	Activity Review for Economic Development Staff to return the report with additional information including the return on investment that Council makes to external partners and agencies.	ECDM	In Progress	<p>Council is completing the final processes of the electoral review with support from Election Services and LGC. This comprises advertising the Notice of Final Proposal (via the Council website, Beacon and The Echo).</p> <p>Activity Review will be returned back to Council as part of Long Term Plan (LTP) process, with additional information as requested.</p>	December / January 2025
					March 2025

Meeting Date	Resolution / Action Requested	Action	Status	Comments	Estimated Date
OC 26.06.24	<p>Activity Review for Pensioner Housing</p> <p>Staff to return the report with additional information including history of the partnership between Council and Kawerau Social Services Trust (that operates Mountain View) and further detail on the implications of any future expansion plans.</p> <p><u>R&S 16.10.24</u> Staff to provide a timeline for all Housing Developments.</p>	C&EM	<p>Timetable for upcoming workshop</p> <p>In Progress</p>	<p>Activity Review will be returned back to Council as part of Long Term Plan (LTP) process, with additional information as requested by Elected Members.</p> <p>Timeline for the history of the housing development leading to Porritt Glade, will be provided as part of the S17A Activity Review for Pensioner Housing.</p> <p>An additional report will be provided with the history of other Council-led housing developments comprising Central Cove, Bell Street and Hine Te Ariki and Stoneham Park.</p>	<p>LTP process commences October 2024</p> <p>March/April 2025</p> <p>March/April 2025</p>
OC 27.11.24	<p>Adoption of Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village Performance Report for year ended 30 June 2024</p> <p>Page 31 – Depreciation – Paragraph 5 – Elected Members have requested the correct spelling for “derecognised” in the Performance Report.</p> <p>Elected Members to be refreshed on Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village reporting and accounting principles through a meeting with Audit New Zealand.</p>	C&EM	<p>Completed</p> <p>In Progress</p>		

Meeting Date	Resolution / Action Requested	Action	Status	Comments	Estimated Date
R&S 11.12.24	<p>Monthly Report - Finance and Corporate Services</p> <p>Page 7 – Item 1.2 – Museum – Staff to check if local schools have been contacted about the ‘School’s Out for Summer’ exhibition and if there is any additional information they can provide.</p>	GM F&CS	Completed	The ‘School’s Back’ Exhibition was erected in the Jellicoe Court windows in January, which displays objects such as honour boards and trophies from the school closures in 2011/12. Thank you the Museum Team had all the information they required	February 2025
R&S 11.12.25	<p>Monthly Report - Operations and Services</p> <p>Staff to provide further information to Council regarding the two unchlorinated taps in Kawerau – New World carpark and Pumphouse Spring on River Road.</p>	GM O&S	Completed	Paper was presented to council	
R&S 11.12.24	<p>Monthly Report - Economic and Community Development</p> <p>Item 2 – Staff to provide clear communication to the community about how the permits for the Tarawera Falls work and that it is Māori Investments Limited that have made it available for access not Kawerau District Council.</p> <p>Staff to keep Elected Members updated on the outside basketball courts and skatepark progress.</p>	ECDM	Completed In Progress		
R&S 11.12.24	<p>Monthly Report – Communications and Engagement</p> <p>Staff to confirm whether the Porritt Glade AGM is open to the public.</p> <p>Staff to post a ‘How to do a Request for Service to Council’ on Council’s social media as a refresher for the community.</p>	C&EM	In Progress In Progress		

Meeting Date	Resolution / Action Requested	Action	Status	Comments	Estimated Date
OC 18.12.24	Animal Shelter and Rehoming Facility Concepts Staff to seek advice from Council's Iwi Liaison & Cultural Advisor, Te Haukākawa (Boycie) Te Rire about having an animal crematorium at the Rehoming Facility.	GM O&S	In Progress	GM Ops will reach out to Council's Iwi Liaison & Cultural Advisor, Te Haukākawa (Boycie) Te Rire about having an animal crematorium at the Animal Shelter and Rehoming Facility	March 2025
OC 18.12.24	Review of Council's Procurement Policy Staff to include in the policy about not giving options to the tenders on what is needed and being clear on what is needed.	GM F&CS	Completed	Procurement Policy Updated accordingly	February 2025
OC 18.12.24	Dog Control Act s10A – Policy and Practices Report 2023/2024 Staff to provide additional information on why the Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2019 is still current. Staff to provide a map of the public reserves, showing dog exercise areas in the district as stated on pages 71 and 72.	GM R&P	Completed Completed	Verbal update was provided on the day and required updates amended in report. Maps were not included as these were not readily available and the report was due. Will use in future report where reserve information is included.	December 2024
A&R 10.02.25	Long Term Plan 2025 – 2034 Update Staff to include in the Prospective Statement of Accounting Policies borrowing notes as a financial asset.	GM F&CS	Completed	The Borrowers note has been included in the Prospective Accounting Policies which are part of the Long Term Plan. The updated accounting policies have been sent to audit for review.	February 2025

Meeting Date	Resolution / Action Requested	Action	Status	Comments	Estimated Date
A&R 10.02.25	Audit and Risk Review Timetable from February 2025 to December 2025 Staff to remove the "Performance report 31 December 2024" from the Audit & Risk Committee Meetings and Review Schedule. Staff to include a progress report on Audit Management with recommendation points to be added to the Schedule.	GM F&CS	In progress	For the April Audit and Risk meeting staff will report on the progress with the Audit Management recommendations and will not report on the Performance reporting, which is to be reported to Council on 26 February 2025.	April 2025
R&S 12.02.25	Monthly Report - Regulatory and Planning Services Page 5 – Item 7 – Paragraph two – Staff to inform Elected Members how many of the 35 staff on the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) roster are Kawerau locals. Page 6 – Item 8.4 – Staff to pass on apologies from Elected Members for the Spatial Plan meeting held on Wednesday 26 February which is a Council Meeting.	GM R&P	In progress	Have requested information from HR as this is held on personal files.	February 2025
R&S 12.02.25	Monthly Report - Operations and Services Page 21 - Staff to send the Drinking Water Pipe Replacement map to the community as a reminder.	GM O&S	Completed		

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OC: Ordinary Council EC: Extraordinary Council
GMF&CS: GM, Finance & Corporate Services
C&EM: Communication & Engagement Manager

A&R: Audit & Risk Committee R&S: Regulatory & Services Committee
GMO&S: GM, Operations & Services GMR&P: GM, Regulatory & Planning
ECDM: Economic & Community Development Manager

Completed Items

R&S 15.05.24	<p>Monthly Report – Operations and Services Staff to present to Elected Members the plans and costings of the new Dog Pound.</p>	<p>Concepts on the proposed Animal Shelter and Rehoming Facility were presented to Elected Members on Wednesday 18 December.</p>
OC 27.11.24	<p>Accessibility Group Minutes – 07.11.24 Page 15 of the Council Agenda – Item 3.2 – Bullet point 1 – Staff to investigate the suggestion of trialling the opening of the gates to Stoneham Walk for the Summer period. Staff to review the process for keys to access parks and reserves for wheelchairs & mobility scooters.</p>	<p>Keys are available from Council’s Reception for residents with wheelchairs and mobility scooters to access Kawerau Parks and Reserves including Stoneham Walk.</p>
A&R 9.12.24	<p>Annual Plan Performance for the three months ended 30 September 2024 Page 62 – Item 2.1 – Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense – staff to add a column for “Year to Date”.</p>	<p>Column will be added to the next Performance Report due in February 2025.</p>

Meeting: Council

Meeting Date: 26 February 2025

Subject: Annual Plan Performance for the six months ended 31 December 2024

File No.: 110400

1 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to review and compare Council's actual financial and non-financial performance for the six months to 31 December 2024 with the Annual Plan for 2024/25.

Comments are provided where expenditure/revenue is likely to vary from budget, or the performance target is unlikely to be achieved for the year.

2 Financial Performance

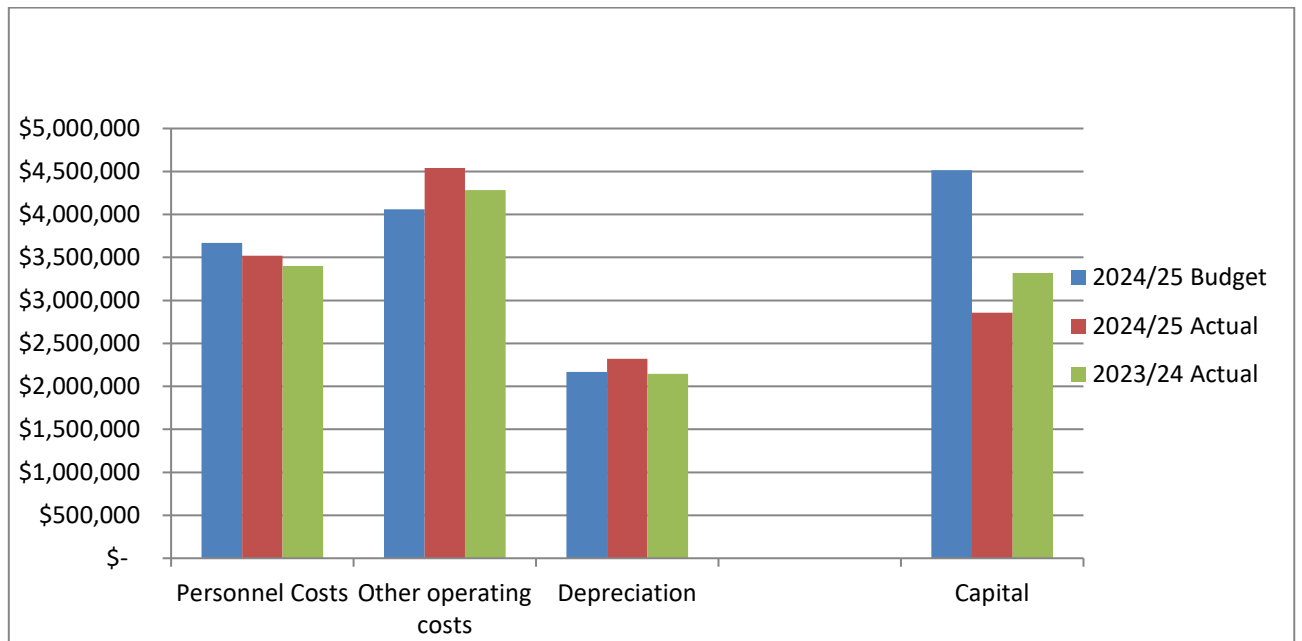
2.1 Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense

The following table shows Council's financial performance for the six months compared to the adopted annual budget. The capital budget for 2024/25 has been amended to include the carried forward figures as well as any budget amendments approved by Council. NB: There will be timing differences for some revenue and expenditure.

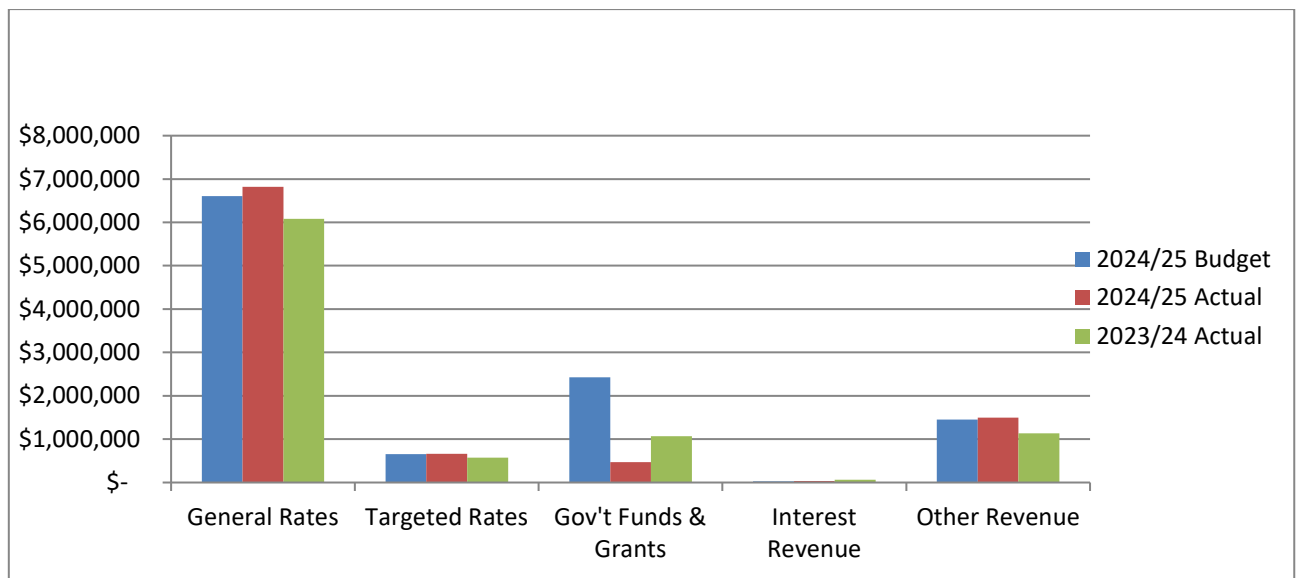
	Adopted Budget	Budget 31-12-2024	Actual 31-12-2024	Comments
Revenue:	\$	\$	\$	
Rates	14,518,750	7,259,375	7,481,937	
Subsidies and Grants	4,852,850	2,426,425	221,029	Incl Stoneham Dev Grant \$3m to match expense
Interest Revenue	52,000	26,000	36,698	
Fees and Charges	2,840,680	1,420,340	1,460,622	
Other Revenue	65,000	32,500	32,085	Petrol Tax
Total Revenue	22,329,280	11,164,640	9,232,371	
Expenditure:				
Personnel Costs	7,335,980	3,667,990	3,520,695	
Depreciation	4,338,620	2,169,310	2,320,157	
Finance Costs	350,000	175,000	95,951	
Other Expenses	7,770,210	3,885,105	4,445,759	Full years insurance paid and increased refuse charges
Total Expenditure	19,794,810	9,897,405	10,382,562	
Surplus (Deficit)	2,534,470	1,267,235	(1,150,190)	
	Revised Budget	Budget 30-12-24	Actual 30-12-24	
Capital Expenditure	9,032,139	4,516,070	2,856,257	

Council's expenditure and revenue for the year to date are shown in the graphs below, compared to the budget and expenditure/revenue for last year 2023/24.

Expenditure to 31 December 2024



Revenue to 31 December 2024



2.2 Statement of Financial Position

The following table shows Council's financial position at 31 December 2024 compared to the budget.

The financial position does not include all the accruals for receivables and payables.

	Budget @ 30/6/2025	Actual at 31 December 2024	Comments
Assets:			
Current assets:			
Cash & cash equivalents	\$3,482,150	\$3,798,977	
Receivables	\$2,477,970	\$1,671,415	
Inventories	\$8,742,360	\$2,728,614	
Non-current assets:			
Property, plant and equipment	\$129,915,267	\$110,798,194	
Intangible assets	\$106,430	\$90,741	
Other financial assets	\$286,250	\$236,252	
Total Assets	\$145,010,427	\$119,324,193	
Liabilities:			
Current liabilities:			
Payables, provisions & employee benefits	\$4,371,777	\$3,291,042	
Resident's Liability	\$8,245,000	\$8,348,117	Porritt Glade
Borrowing	\$17,800	\$4,008,554	Loan renewal April
Non-current liabilities:			
Provisions & employee benefits	\$142,080	\$61,678	
Borrowing	\$6,068,810	\$2,033,982	
Deferred Revenue	\$62,910	\$142,857	
Total Liabilities	\$18,908,377	\$17,886,230	
Ratepayers Equity	\$126,102,050	\$101,437,963	
Total liabilities & ratepayers equity	\$145,010,427	\$119,324,193	

2.3 Statement of Cashflow

The cashflow statement shows an increase of \$997,008 in Council's cash position.

	Budget @ 30/6/2025	Actual to 31 Dec 2024	Comments
Cashflow from operating activities:			
Rates	\$14,384,170	\$7,621,409	
Subsidies & Grants	\$4,852,850	\$694,284	
Fees & Charges & Other Revenue	\$2,969,740	\$1,365,517	
Interest Received	\$51,990	\$36,698	
Payments to suppliers and employees	\$(14,859,100)	\$(8,207,065)	
Interest paid on debt	\$(350,000)	\$(95,951)	
Net cashflow from Operations	\$7,049,650	\$1,414,892	
Net cashflow from investing:			
Disposal of Assets/Contributions ORA	\$0	\$1,253,072	
Property, Plant & Equipment/Inventory	\$(8,774,680)	\$(3,670,956)	
Net cashflow from investing:	\$(8,774,680)	\$(2,417,884)	
Net cashflow from financing:			
Loans raised	6,000,000	\$2,000,000	
Debt repayment	\$(4,017,800)	\$0	
Net cashflow from financing	\$1,982,200	\$2,000,000	
Total Net cash inflow/(outflow)	\$257,170	\$997,008	
Opening balance (1/7)	\$3,224,980	\$2,801,969	
Closing cash balance	\$3,482,150	\$3,798,977	

3 Capital Expenditure

The following is Council's capital budget (including carry forwards and amendments) and expenditure for the first six months.

Activity	2024/25 Budget	Actual 31/12/24	Comments
Economic & Community Development	\$12,000	\$855	
Environmental Services	\$596,502	\$0	New Dog Pound
Roading	\$1,822,900	\$93,229	
Stormwater	\$0	\$0	
Water Supply	\$3,579,936	\$2,022,847	Pipe renewals
Wastewater	\$1,829,392	\$334,236	WW pipe renewals
Solid Waste	\$65,000	\$0	
Leisure & Recreation	\$580,049	\$234,072	
Plant, Depot and Office	\$546,360	\$171,019	New plant/vehicles, PCs & office building renewals
Total	\$9,032,139	\$2,856,258	

4 Non-Financial Performance

The following is a summary of the non-financial targets performance to date:

Activity	2024/25 No. of Targets	On Target to Achieve 2024/25	2023/24 Achievement Rate
Democracy	3	3	67%
Economic & Community Development	5	4	100%
Environmental Services (excludes N/As)	13	10	45%
Roading (including Footpaths)	7	4	43%
Stormwater	3	3	100%
Water Supply	13	13	77%
Wastewater	7	7	86%
Solid Waste Management	2	2	100%
Leisure and Recreation	13	12	75%
TOTAL	66	58	71%

5 RECOMMENDATION

That the report "Annual Plan Performance for the year ended 31 December 2024" be received.



Lee-Anne Butler, CA, BMS

Group Manager Finance & Corporate Services

ACTIVITY GROUP 1: DEMOCRACY

Funding Impact Statement

	Budget to 30/06/25	Budget to 31/12/24	Actual to 31/12/24	
Operating funding – Rates & Charges (A)	928,810	464,405	582,945	
Applications of operating funding – Staff & Suppliers (B)	911,360	455,680	588,996	
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding (A - B)	17,450	8,725	(6,051)	
Sources of capital funding (C)	0		0	
Less (D):				
Renewals/capital	0		0	
Increase/(decrease) in reserves	17,450	8,725	(6,051)	
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding (C - D)	(17,450)	(8,725)	(6,051)	
Funding balance ((A - B) + (C - D))	0	0	0	Includes MTFJs expenditure and funding

Statement of Service Provision

Levels of Service	Measures	Target	Results 2023/24	Comment
Financial management is prudent, effective and efficient.	Percentage completion of the annual work programme.	>90%	On track to achieve	There were 34 significant projects in the annual work programme, most of which will be completed later in the financial year.
Council informs the Community about key issues and activities.	Number of newsletters.	At least 20	On track to achieve	12 newsletters were published to 31 December 2024,
Council encourages the Community to contribute to Council decision-making.	Provision of a public forum at public Council and Committee meetings.	Every meeting	On track to achieve	Public forums have been available every meeting to 31 December 2024.
The community has confidence in the quality of democracy and representation provided by elected members	Community satisfaction with the Mayor and councillors	N/A	N/A	
Financial management is prudent, effective and efficient	Community satisfaction with way rates are spent	N/A	N/A	Community Survey conducted every three years, the recent survey was completed for the 2022/23 year.

ACTIVITY GROUP 2: ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Funding Impact Statement

	Budget to 30/06/25	Budget to 31/12/24	Actual to 31/12/24	Comment
Operating funding – Rates & Charges (A)	5,265,160	2,632,580	999,222	Includes Stoneham Park Grant
Applications of operating funding – Staff & Suppliers (B)	4,679,570	2,339,785	998,173	Includes Stoneham Park Expenditure
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding (A - B)	585,590	292,795	(1,049)	
Sources of capital funding (C)	0		893,785	Porritt Glade Occupation Lease
Less (D):				
Renewals/capital	12,000	6,000	855	
Increase/(decrease) in reserves	573,590	286,795	893,979	
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding (C - D)	(585,590)	(292,795)	(1,049)	
Funding balance ((A - B) + (C - D))	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Statement of Service Provision

Levels of Service	Measures	Target	Status	Comment
Economic Development				
Council is actively involved in the Eastern Bay of Plenty Regional Economic Development Agency.	Representation at Trustee Meetings.	Representation at 90% of Trustee meetings.	Unlikely to achieve *	Toi EDA Trustee meeting held on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24 July 2023 – ECDM attended Meeting 26 August Council representation not required as advised by Toi EDA. *Council has withdrawn from Toi EDA financially.
	Number of days open each year.	At least 360 days.	On track to achieve	The site was open 182/183 days from 1 July to 31 December.
Council provides a local information centre.	Community satisfaction with I-Site	N/A	N/A	The survey is completed every three years and was completed in 2022/23.

Levels of Service	Measures	Target	Status	Comment
Council encourages positive perceptions of Kawerau by supporting local events.	At least 1 event ¹ held per month from February to December.	At least 1 event held per month from February to December.	On track to achieve	<p>Events were held in each month to date.</p> <p><u>July</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13 - Matariki Industrial Day <p><u>August</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 & 7 – Rangitaiki Kapa Haka Festival 26 – Kawerau Mobile Blood Drive <p><u>September</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 – Kawerau Young Achievers Awards 12 – Pūtauaki School Athletics Day 19 – Kawerau Inter-School Athletics Day <p><u>October</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13- Heartbeat Highway 16 - Eastern Bay Alliance Kaumatua Day 25-27 - Kawerau Arts Society Exhibition 31 - Light Party <p><u>November</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 - Nightmare on Onslow Street – 2/11 8-10 - EBOP Kennel Assoc Dog Show 23 - Mama Papa Pepi Day – 23/11 <p><u>December</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14 - Santa Parade/Christmas in the Park
Council supports young people to develop skills and attitudes needed to take a positive part in society.	Youth Council in place.	Annual appointments made.	On track to achieve	<p>Youth Council sworn in usually in March</p> <p>Monthly meetings occurred:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 July 9 August 13 September October – No formal meeting * 18 November December – No formal meeting * <p>* Youth Councillors met on numerous other occasions for event planning purposes, resulting in insufficient time to meet formally</p>

¹ An 'event' is a public gathering of people for a distinctly defined celebratory, educational, commemorative or exhibition purpose. It occurs for a limited time and may be repeated on a cyclical basis (e.g. annually) but is not regularly scheduled (e.g. regular organised Saturday sport, a series of regular meetings, or ongoing gallery or commercial art exhibitions). Conferences are also considered to be events.

Levels of Service	Measures	Target	Status	Comment
	Satisfaction with youth council collaboration from collaborating groups	>78% satisfaction	Not yet started. Anticipate being achieved	Survey is distributed at the end of the financial year to the collaborators

ACTIVITY GROUP 3: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Funding Impact Statement

	Budget to 30/06/25	Budget to 31/12/24	Actual to 31/12/24	Comment
Operating funding – Rates & Charges (A)	1,556,410	778,205	857,527	
Applications of operating funding – Staff & Suppliers (B)	1,521,910	760,955	666,965	
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding (A - B)	34,500	17,250	190,562	
Sources of capital funding (C)	0		0	
Less (D):				
Renewals/capital	596,502	298,251	0	Dog Pound
Increase/(decrease) in reserves	(562,002)	(281,001)	190,562	
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding (C - D)	(34,500)	(17,250)	(190,562)	
Funding balance ((A - B) + (C - D))	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Statement of Service Provision

Levels of Service	Measures	Target	Status	Comment
Building Control				
Service users consider Council's Building Control Activity to be effective	Satisfaction survey of service users - building consents processes	>90%	Achievement anticipated	1/1 satisfied to date.
	Satisfaction survey of service users - building inspection processes	>90%	Achievement anticipated	1/1 satisfied to date.
Council provides in-house building consent, inspection and approval services	Bi-annual Building Consent Authority accreditation re-assessment	Accreditation and registration retained.	Achievement anticipated	BCA accreditation retained.
Relevant Kawerau buildings comply with Building Warrant of Fitness requirements.	Buildings audited for BWOF requirements	35%	Achievement anticipated	Inspections yet to commence. 4/28 (28 is 35% of the total 80 registered BWOF)
Environmental Health				
Registered premises comply with statutory requirements.	Audit of food premises operating Food Control Plans	100% annually.	Achievement anticipated	5/24 inspections completed to date.
	Inspection of registered premises for compliance with relevant standards.	100% annually.	Achievement anticipated	0/6 inspections to date.
Premises licenced under the Sale and Supply of Liquor Act 2012 comply with the license conditions.	Inspection of licensed premises for compliance	100% annually.	Achievement anticipated	1/13 inspections to date.

Levels of Service	Measures	Target	Status	Comment
Council responds to complaints and service requests for environmental health conditions (noise, nuisance and conditions/health risks) complaints.	Response to noise complaints.	80% within 20 minutes and 98% within 30 minutes.	Unlikely to be achieved	57.1% within 20 minutes 75.27% within 30 minutes
	Response to other environmental health service requests/complaints.	100% within 1 working day.	Achievement anticipated	2/2 complaints
Dog Registration and Control				
Service requests about public nuisance and intimidation by uncontrolled dogs are actioned.	Adherence to complaint response process to respond, investigate and record the complaint and advise complainant of progress or the outcome within 24 hours.	80% within 20 minutes and 98% within 30 minutes.	Unlikely to be achieved	68.1% within 20 minutes 76.28% within 30 minutes These results have been affected by requests through antenno which is not monitored afterwards and as they come through email, also can cause delays during the day.
Council maintains community satisfaction levels for the dog control service	Community satisfaction with Dog Control Service	N/A	N/A	The survey is completed every three years and was completed in 2022/23.
Civil Defence				
Council provides community education initiatives to increase public awareness and readiness for local and regional hazards	% of residents that have an understanding of what the consequences would be if a disaster struck their area	N/A	Achievement anticipated	Survey to be undertaken during May/June 2025.
	% of residents that have taken any action to prepare for an emergency	N/A	Achievement anticipated	Survey to be undertaken during May/June 2025.
Council will maintain capability to effectively respond to an emergency	Council is prepared for and can respond to an emergency	>80%	Unlikely to be achieved	Ongoing identification of staff and training undertaken.

ACTIVITY GROUP 4: ROADING

Funding Impact Statement

	Budget to 30/06/25	Actual to 31/12/24	Actual to 31/12/24	Comment
Operating funding – Rates & Charges (A)	1,631,220	815,610	773,522	
Applications of operating funding – Staff & Suppliers (B)	1,208,270	604,135	532,312	
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding (A - B)	422,950	211,475	241,210	
Sources of capital funding (C)	1,313,250	656,625	43,170	
Less (D):				
Renewals/capital	1,822,900	911,450	93,229	
Increase/(decrease) in reserves	(86,700)	(43,350)	191,151	
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding (C - D)	(422,950)	(211,475)	(241,210)	
Funding balance ((A – B) + (C – D))	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Capital Renewals

Item	Budget	Actual	Comment
Kerb replacement	\$84,000	\$17,746	
Street light renewals and upgrades	\$62,000	\$39,814	
Reseals	\$135,000	0	
Pavement treatment	\$75,000	0	
Minor safety improvements (speed humps)	\$40,000	\$0	
Footpath repairs/Paving	\$160,000	\$23,972	
Reseals Carparks	\$30,000	\$0	
Hardie/River Dewatering Emergency Works	\$1,000,000	\$0	
Bins/seating/music system/lights/Cameras	\$36,900	\$11,697	
School Zone Speed Management	\$120,000	\$0	
Stormwater Catch-pit Renewals	\$60,000	\$0	
Photocell Sensory/Signage	\$20,000	\$0	
Total	\$1,822,900	\$93,229	

Statement of Service Provision

Levels of Service	Measures	Target	Status	Comment
Roading				
Council provides a network of roads which facilitates the safe movement of people and vehicles around the District.	The change from the previous financial year in the number of fatalities and serious injury crashes on the local road network, expressed as a number.	Increase of zero or less.	To be measured	Data is received at the end of the financial year.
Road Quality.	The average quality of ride on a sealed local road network, measured by smooth travel exposure. ²	Not less than 95%.	To be measured	The STE - Road Roughness Survey to be undertaken in June 2025.
Road maintenance.	The percentage of the sealed local road network that is resurfaced.	Between 5 and 6.5 % per annum.	To be measured	Resealing to be undertaken February to April 2025.
Response to service requests. (Roads)	The percentage of customer service requests relating to roads to which Council responds within the time frame specified.	Potholes: 90% within 14 days and 100% within 28 days.	Not achieved – due to staffing issues. After 12 th of August target achieved.	22 potholes reported – 14 repaired within 14 days (64%), 16 within 28 days (73%) and 6 exceeded 28 days to repair, with 0 in progress.
		Streetlights: 90% within 14 days and 100% within 28 days.	Not achieved	17 Streetlight issues reported - 12 repaired within 14 days (70%), 15 repaired within 28 days (88%) and 0 exceeded 28 and 2 in progress.

² The percentage of Vehicle Kilometres Travelled in the District exposed to roads with roughness less than the threshold for urban roads set by the National State Highway Strategy

Levels of Service	Measures	Target	Status	Comment
Council maintains community satisfaction levels for roading activity	Community satisfaction with roading assets	N/A	N/A	The survey is completed every three years and was completed in 2022/23.
Footpaths				
Footpath condition	Percentage of footpaths that fall within the level of service or service standard for the condition of footpaths set out in the Long Term Plan.	95%. ³	To be measured	Independent Survey of footpaths to be undertaken by May 2025.
Response to service requests.	The percentage of customer service requests relating to footpaths to which Council responds within the time frame specified.	100% within 14 days.	Not achieved	10 footpath issues reported. One repaired within 14 days, 9 exceeded 14 days – delay in repairs due to staffing shortage.
Council provides an appropriate network of footpaths for pedestrian use	Community satisfaction with footpaths	N/A	N/A	The survey is completed every three years and was completed in 2022/23.

³ Against a standard of no more than 20 lips in the 70 km of footpaths (each lip above 20 mm equates to three metres of footpath needing replacement).

ACTIVITY GROUP 5: STORMWATER

Funding Impact Statement

	Budget to 30/06/25	Budget to 31/12/24	Actual to 31/12/24	Comment
Operating funding – Rates & Charges (A)	189,880	94,940	64,190	
Applications of operating funding – Staff & Suppliers (B)	109,220	54,610	9,575	
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding (A - B)	80,660	40,330	54,615	
Sources of capital funding (C)	0	0	0	
Less (D):				
Renewals/capital	0	0	0	
Increase/(decrease) in reserves	(80,660)	(40,330)	54,615	
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding (C - D)	(80,660)	(40,330)	(54,615)	
Funding balance ((A - B) + (C - D))	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Statement of Service Provision

Levels of Service	Measures	Target	Status	Comment
Council provides an effective stormwater network which removes stormwater to protect dwellings from flooding (System adequacy)	The number of flooding events that occur in the District. For each flooding event, the number of habitable floors affected.	No more than 0	Achieved	There were no flooding events where habitable dwellings were flooded.
Council provides an effective stormwater network which removes stormwater to protect dwellings from flooding (Customer satisfaction)	The number of complaints received by Council about the performance of its stormwater system.		Not applicable. ⁵	
Response times	The median response time to attend a flooding event.	Less than one hour.	Achieved	No flooding events were reported.
Discharge compliance.	Compliance with Council's resource consents for discharge from its stormwater system, measured by the number of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • abatement notices • infringement notices • enforcement orders, and • convictions, received by Council in relation those resource consents.	No notices, orders or convictions	Achieved	Council did not receive any notices, orders or convictions.

⁴ The mandatory measure per 1,000 properties connected to Council's stormwater system is not applicable, because properties in Kawerau are not permitted by building consents to connect to the stormwater system.

⁵ The mandatory measure per 1,000 properties connected to Council's stormwater system is not applicable, because properties in Kawerau are not permitted by building consents to connect to the stormwater system.

ACTIVITY GROUP 6: WATER SUPPLY

Funding Impact Statement

	Budget to 30/06/25	Budget to 31/12/24	Actual to 31/12/24	Comment
Operating funding – Rates & Charges (A)	1,872,370	936,185	940,166	
Applications of operating funding – Staff & Suppliers (B)	1,424,090	712,045	829,485	
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding (A - B)	448,280	224,140	110,681	
Sources of capital funding (C)	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	Loan uplifted in October 2024
Less (D):				
Renewals/capital	3,579,936	1,789,968	2,022,847	
Increase/(decrease) in reserves	(1,131,656)	434,172	87,834	
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding (C - D)	(448,280)	(224,140)	(110,681)	
Funding balance ((A - B) + (C - D))	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Capital Renewals

Item	Budget	Actual	Comment
Pipework replacement	\$2,983,862	\$1,415,390	
Toby replacement	\$50,000	\$9,008	
Valve refurbishment	\$75,000	\$9,631	
UV Tube Replacement	\$15,000	\$13,714	
Pump Refurbishment	\$54,815	\$39,357	
Headworks	\$197,402	\$180,763	
Lime and Floride System	\$203,857	\$354,984	All expenditure funded by MoH Funding
Total	\$3,579,936	\$2,022,847	

Statement of Service Provision

Levels of Service	Measures	Target	Status	Comment
Customer satisfaction.	The total number of complaints received about any of the following: a) drinking water clarity b) drinking water taste c) drinking water odour d) drinking water pressure or flow e) continuity of supply, and f) Council's response to any of these issues expressed per 1,000 connections to the networked reticulation system.	a) No more than 4 per 1,000 connections b) No more than 2 per 1,000 connections c) No more than 1 per 1,000 connections d) No more than 2 per 1,000 connections e) No more than 2 per 1,000 connections f) 0 per 1,000 connections	Achieved to date	Council has 2,903 connections. To date Council received (per 1,000): a) 1.38 water clarity complaints b) 0.34 water taste complaints c) 0 water odour complaints d) 0 water pressure complaints e) 0 continuity of supply complaints f) 0 complaints regarding Council's responses
Safety of drinking water.	The extent to which Council's drinking water supply complies with: a) part 4 of the 2008 drinking-water standards (bacteria compliance criteria), and b) part 5 of the 2008 drinking-water standards (protozoal compliance criteria).	a) No more than 1 instance of bacteria criteria non-compliance, and b) No instances of protozoal criteria non-compliance.	a) Achieved to date b) Achieved to date	There were no instances of bacteria or protozoal non-compliance to date.
Maintenance of the reticulation network.	The percentage of real water loss from the Council's networked reticulation system, measured using the minimum night flow (MNF) analysis method contained in the DIA Guidelines.	<200 litres per connection per day ⁶	On track to achieve	Water loss estimated in June 2025. No variation expected.
Demand management.	The average consumption of drinking water per day per resident within the district.	< 0.6 m ³	On track to achieve	The average daily consumption was 0.46 m ³ per person per day.
Fault response times.	Where the local authority attends a call-out in response to a fault or unplanned interruption to its networked reticulation system, the median response times are:			

⁶ Measured using the minimum night flow (MNF) analysis method contained in the DIA Guidelines.

Levels of Service	Measures	Target	Status	Comment
	a) attendance for urgent call-outs: from the time that Council receives notification to the time that service personnel reach the site, and	Less than two hours.	Achieved to date	There was no urgent call outs received.
	b) resolution of urgent call-outs: from the time that Council receives notification to the time that service personnel confirm resolution of the fault or interruption.	Less than 8 hours.	Achieved to date	There were no urgent call outs received.
	c) attendance for non-urgent call-outs: from the time that Council receives notification to the time that service personnel reach the site.	24 hours.	Achieved to date	39 non-urgent call outs and median response time 26 minutes (all less than 24 hours).
	d) resolution of non-urgent call-outs: from the time that Council receives notification to the time that service personnel confirm resolution of the fault or interruption	48 hours.	Achieved to date	39 non-urgent call outs and median resolution time 3 hours and 8 minutes (all less than 48 hours).
The water supply is reliable and has minimal disruptions.	Number of unplanned shutdowns – reticulation.	No more than 12.	Achieved to date	3 unplanned shutdown occurred.
	Number of unplanned shutdowns - pump stations.	None.	Achieved to date	No unplanned shutdowns of the pump stations occurred.
	Number of water main breaks.	No more than 8.	Achieved to date	1 water main break occurred.
Water is sourced with minimal environmental effects.	Compliance with BOP Regional Council water supply resource consents as reported in Annual Consents and Compliance Field Sheet.	Compliance ⁷	On track to achieve	Compliance with all water supply resource consents.
Council provides a quality water supply	Community satisfaction with water supply	N/A	N/A	The survey is completed every three years and was completed in 2022/23.

⁷ BOPRC inspection reports state either compliance or non-compliance.

ACTIVITY GROUP 7: WASTEWATER

Funding Impact Statement

	Budget to 30/6/25	Budget to 31/12/24	Actual to 31/12/24	Comment
Operating funding – Rates & Charges (A)	1,960,300	980,150	996,356	
Applications of operating funding – Staff & Suppliers (B)	1,534,410	767,205	793,090	
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding (A - B)	425,890	212,945	203,266	
Sources of capital funding (C)	0		0	
Less (D):				
Renewals/capital	1,829,392	914,696	334,236	
Increase/(decrease) in reserves	(1,403,502)	(701,751)	(130,970)	
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding (C - D)	(425,890)	(212,945)	(203,266)	
Funding balance ((A - B) + (C - D))	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Capital Renewals

Item	Budget	Actual	Comment
Pipework Renewal	\$1,400,946	\$319,320	
Milliscreen bearings/replacement	\$58,776	\$0	
Wastewater treatment plant upgrade	\$369,670	\$14,916	
Total	\$1,829,392	\$334,236	

Statement of Service Provision

Levels of Service	Measures	Target	Status	Comment
Customer satisfaction.	The total number of complaints received about any of the following: a) sewage odour b) sewerage system faults c) sewerage system blockages, and d) Council's response to issues with its sewerage system, (expressed per 1,000 connections to the sewerage system).	a) No more than 1 per 1,000 connections b) No more than 15 per 1,000 connections c) No more than 15 per 1,000 connections d) 0 per 1,000 connections	Achieved to date	Council has 2,880 connections a) 0.69 odour complaint b) 0 connection faults reported c) 0.69 blockages reported d) No complaints about response to service.
System adequacy.	The number of dry weather sewage overflows from Council's sewerage system, expressed per 1,000 connections to that sewerage system.	0 per 1,000 connections to the sewerage system.	Achieved to date	No dry weather overflow reported.
Fault response times.	Where Council attends to sewage overflows resulting from a blockage or other fault in its sewerage system, the median response times are: a) attendance time: from the time that Council receives notification to the time that service personnel reach the site, and b) resolution time: from the time that Council receives notification to the time that service personnel confirm resolution of the blockage or other fault.	Less than 1 hour. Less than 8 hours.	Achieved to date Achieved to date	No sewage overflow occurred. No sewage overflow occurred.
Council provides a reliable domestic wastewater collection and disposal service.	Number of disruptions to wastewater collection service.	No more than 50.	Achieved to date	There have been no disruptions to the wastewater collection service.
Discharge compliance.	Compliance with resource consents for discharge from Council's sewerage system measured by the number of: a) abatement notices b) infringement notices	No notices, orders or convictions.	On track to achieve	Council has not received any infringement notices, orders or convictions to date.

Levels of Service	Measures	Target	Status	Comment
	c) enforcement orders, and d) convictions, received in relation those resource consents.			
The wastewater treatment plant operates effectively.	Compliance with BOPRC wastewater treatment plant resource consents as reported in annual Consents and Compliance Field Sheet.	Compliance. ⁸	On track to achieve	Compliance with all conditions of the resource consent to date.
Council provides a domestic wastewater collection and primary treatment system	Community satisfaction with wastewater disposal	N/A	N/A	The survey is completed every three years and was completed in 2022/23.

⁸ BOPRC inspection reports state either compliance or non-compliance.

ACTIVITY GROUP 8: SOLID WASTE

Funding Impact Statement

Expenditure is likely to exceed the budget due to additional waste management and cartage fees.

	Budget to 30/06/24	Budget to 31/12/24	Actual to 31/12/24	Comment
Operating funding – Rates & Charges (A)	3,555,040	1,777,520	1,672,380	
Applications of operating funding – Staff & Suppliers (B)	3,519,510	1,759,755	1,754,938	
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding (A - B)	35,530	17,765	(82,558)	
Sources of capital funding (C)	0		0	
Less (D):				
Renewals/capital	65,000	32,500	0	
Increase/(decrease) in reserves	\$(29,470)	(14,735)	(82,558)	
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding (C - D)	(35,530)	(17,765)	(82,558)	
Funding balance ((A - B) + (C - D))	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Statement of Service Provision

Levels of Service	Measures	Target	Status	Comment
Refuse Collection and Disposal				
Council's refuse collection and disposal services meet the needs of the Kawerau Community and help maintain public health and a clean environment.	Level of compliance with BOP Regional Council refuse disposal resource consents as reported in annual Consents and Compliance Field Sheet.	Compliance. ⁹	Achieved to date	No notices, abatement notices, enforcement orders or convictions.
Provision of a cost effective refuse collection and disposal service that will encourage a healthy, clean and tidy district	Community satisfaction with refuse collection Community satisfaction with refuse disposal	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	The survey is completed every three years and was completed in 2022/23.
Levels of Service	Measures	Target	Status	Comment
Zero Waste (Recycling)				
Material that would otherwise go to landfill as household refuse is collected by the recycling collection service.	Average amount of recyclable material collected from each household.	No less than 178 kg per annum.	On track to achieve – final calculation July 2025	>178 kg per household per annum is anticipated to be diverted.
Council's recycling services meets the needs of the Kawerau community	Community satisfaction with recycling service	N/A	N/A	The survey is completed every three years and was completed in 2022/23.

⁹ BOPRC inspection reports state either compliance or non-compliance

ACTIVITY GROUP 9: LEISURE AND RECREATION

Funding Impact Statement

	Budget to 30/06/25	Budget to 31/12/24	Actual to 31/12/24	Comment
Operating funding – Rates & Charges (A)	4,920,180	2,460,090	2,441,417	
Applications of operating funding – Staff & Suppliers (B)	4,411,200	2,205,600	2,135,104	
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding (A - B)	508,980	254,490	306,313	
Sources of capital funding (C)	0		0	
Less (D):				
Renewals/capital	616,049	308,024	234,072	
Increase/(decrease) in reserves	(107,069)	(53,534)	72,241	
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding (C - D)	(508,980)	(254,490)	(306,313)	
Funding balance ((A - B) + (C - D))	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Capital Renewals

Item	Budget	Actual	Comment
Library:			
Collection renewals	\$77,000	\$35,637	Replacement books
Equipment, Fixtures and Fittings	\$13,100	\$1,750	
Building	\$16,000	\$11,874	
Swimming Pool:	\$206,129	\$121,849	Filtration system, Spa Pool, Pool Floor, clubrooms & pumps
Museum	\$22,000	\$5,161	Museum software
Recreation Centre	\$90,000	\$4,020	Roof, Air Extractors
Town Hall	\$52,900	\$0	
Concert Chambers	\$14,500	\$0	
Rangi Delamere Centre	\$3,600	\$15,600	Heatpumps funded from grant
Sports fields and amenity buildings	\$30,000	\$652	
Passive Reserves	\$56,800	\$15,633	Boundary fences, carparks and sprinkler replacements
Playgrounds	\$4,020	\$4,555	Playground renewal
Cemetery	\$30,000	\$17,341	Signboard and Shelter, Sexton Shed
Total	\$616,049	\$234,072	

Statement of Service Provision

Levels of Service	Measures	Target	Status	Comment
Library				
The library is accessible to the public.	Percentage of the population who are active members of the library. ¹⁰	>25%	Not anticipated to achieved	Membership at 31 December 2024 was 1,300 (18%) members.
	New items per 1,000 population added to the collection each year.	>500	Achievement anticipated	1,532 (213 Per 1,000 population) were added for the three months to 31 December 2024.
Council provides public library services and resources which suit the community's need	Community satisfaction with the library	N/A	N/A	The survey is completed every three years and was completed in 2022/23.
Museum				
Council provides a museum service which reflects Community needs.	Number of exhibitions held.	6	Achievement anticipated	2 exhibition held to date.
	Number of objects accessioned to the museum collection per annum.	200	Achievement anticipated	149 objects accessioned into the museum collection.
	Community satisfaction with the museum	N/A	N/A	The survey is completed every three years and was completed in 2022/23.
Swimming Pools				
Swimming pool water meets water quality standards.	Level of compliance with standards.	Full compliance in 95% of tests.	Achieved to date	All test to date have complied with standards.

¹⁰ Those who have used library services in the past two years.

Levels of Service	Measures	Target	Status	Comment
Council provides a Swimming Pool Complex which is accessible to the Community.	Weeks open per year.	At least 48.	Achieved to date	There was a planned three week closure for annual maintenance.
	Community satisfaction with the swimming pool	N/A	N/A	The survey is completed every three years and was completed in 2022/23.
Public Halls and Facilities				
Four Community halls are available for hire: Ron Hardie Recreation Centre, Town Hall, Concert Chambers and the Bert Hamilton Hall.	Number of weeks public halls available for hire	Each hall is available for 50 weeks. ¹¹	Achieved to date	All halls were available to date.
Clean public toilets are provided in the central business district.	Council provides town centre public toilets.	Open at least 360 days.	Achieved to date	No closures of town centre public toilets, from 1 July to 31 December 2024.
Council provides public halls and facilities which reflects community needs	Community satisfaction with public halls	N/A	N/A	The survey is completed every three years and was completed in 2022/23.
	User satisfaction with the public halls	N/A	N/A	
	Community satisfaction with public toilets	N/A	N/A	
	User satisfaction with the public toilets	N/A	N/A	
Parks and Reserves				
Playing surfaces at sports fields are maintained to the requirements of the codes for which they are used.	Implementation of recommendations of NZ Sports Turf Institute advisory reports.	100%	Achieved	All sports fields were inspected in the winter of 2024, and recommendations were implemented. Plans are being made for

¹¹ Each hall is closed for scheduled maintenance for up to two weeks per year.

Levels of Service	Measures	Target	Status	Comment
				fertilizing and weed spraying. Dandelions were backpack sprayed in August 2024.
Bedding displays are attractive and updated to suit the season.	Number of bedding displays.	2 (1 summer and 1 winter).	Achievement anticipated	Summer displays to be planted in October 2024 and winter displays will be planted in May 2025.
Council provides parks and reserves which meets the community's need	Community satisfaction with parks and reserves	N/A	N/A	The survey is completed every three years and was completed in 2022/23.
Playground equipment is safe for children to use.	Monthly inspections of all playground equipment.	12 inspections conducted.	Achieved to date	6 Inspections completed to date.
	Remediation of all identified ¹² problems.	All repairs completed within 2 weeks.	Achieved to date	All repairs completed within 2 weeks.
Cemetery				
The Kawerau cemetery meets community interment needs in the present and the medium term	Number of burial plots available	Enough for at least 5 years	Achievement anticipated	There are currently enough plots for more than 10 years.
	Community satisfaction with the cemetery	N/A	N/A	The survey is completed every three years and was completed in 2022/23.

¹² Problems can be identified by users, parents, community members or staff at any time.

SUNDRY (VANDALISM, PLANT AND ELIMINATIONS)

Funding Impact Statement

These activities include vandalism, plant and eliminations. Eliminations mostly include the rates charged to Council properties.

Vandalism expenditure to date = \$4,801

	Budget to 30/06/25	Budget to 31/12/24	Actual to 31/12/24	Comment
Operating funding – Rates & Charges (A)	(967,940)	(483,970)	(168,393)	
Applications of operating funding – Staff & Suppliers (B)	(1,101,960)	(550,980)	(362,555)	
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding (A - B)	134,020	67,010	194,162	
Sources of capital funding (C)	0		0	
Less (D):				
Renewals/capital	249,200	124,600	135,616	Plant & vehicles
Increase/(decrease) in reserves	(115,180)	(57,590)	(58,546)	
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding (C - D)	(134,020)	(67,010)	(194,162)	
Funding balance ((A - B) + (C - D))	0		0	

ACCOMMODATION AND CORPORATE OVERHEADS

Funding Impact Statement

These activities include the buildings costs as well as overheads (CEO's and Managers' cost centres). These costs are allocated and are included in the other activities costs, which is required for reporting purposes.

	Budget to 30/06/25	Budget to 31/12/24	Actual to 31/12/24	Comment
Operating funding – Rates & Charges (A)	81,000	40,500	21,413	
Applications of operating funding – Staff & Suppliers (B)	4,371,900	2,185,950	2,464,984	
Less allocated to activities	(4,371,900)	(2,185,950)	(2,464,984)	
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding (A - B)	81,000	40,500	21,413	
Sources of capital funding (C)	0		0	
Less (D):				
Renewals/capital	261,160	130,580	35,403	IT and building renewals
Increase/(decrease) in reserves	(180,160)	(90,080)	(13,990)	
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding (C - D)	(81,000)	(40,500)	(21,413)	
Funding balance ((A - B) + (C - D))	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Meeting: Council

Meeting Date: 26 February 2025

Subject: **Gambling Policy Review - Social Impact Statement and Policy Review Options**

File No: 110800

1 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present the social impact assessment and options for consideration for the review of the Gambling Venues Policy and the Board Venue Policy.

2 Background

There are four main types of gambling in New Zealand including casino gambling, NZ Lotteries, standalone TAB gambling and Class 4 gambling in pubs and clubs. Either the Gambling Act 2003 or the Racing Industry Act 2020 governs these activities.

The Gambling Act 2003 (the Act) requires all territorial authorities to adopt a policy on Class 4 gambling venues. The gambling policy must have regard to the social impact of gambling within the district. The policy must cover the matters relating to whether Class 4 venues may be established, where they can be located and may specify restrictions on the maximum number of gaming machines. It may also include a relocation policy.

A policy on Class 4 venues must be reviewed within three years after the policy is adopted and then within three years after that review. Council's current Gambling Policy was last reviewed in 2020.

Prior to reviewing each of these policies, Council is required to undertake a Social Impact Assessment. Council must have regard to the social impact of gambling when adopting or reviewing a policy under the Gambling Act or the Racing Industry Act.

A draft Social Impact Statement is attached at Appendix 3 for your reference.

3 Options

The following options have been identified for consideration:

Option 1 – Roll over the existing policies

The current policies aim to reduce gambling harm in our community through both a cap on gaming machines and a sinking lid policy meaning no new class 4 venues can be licenced in Kawerau. One TAB venue is allowed in Kawerau providing it is in the central business district.

These policies have been effective in reducing class 4 venues and gaming machines numbers since implemented resulting in two less venues and 18 less gaming machines. No TAB venues are located in Kawerau.

However, during this period the funds being spent on gaming machines has continued to rise. This has however not affected the gaming machine profits, this has not resulted in a reduction of funds being spent on gaming. The policy could also be updated to remove the gaming machine cap given there is a sinking lid policy.

Advantages: Consistent approach is maintained.
 Could continue to help reduce gambling harm by reducing accessibility to gaming venues and machines.
 Reduction of gaming machines and venues are dependent on natural attrition.

Disadvantages: This would exclude the ability to make amendments to better clarify the policies, such as removing the gaming machine cap which is no longer relevant.
 Having two separate gambling policies could create confusion, if unable to locate the information you are seeking.
 Restrictions on relocation may be seen as restrictive to the development of business with existing Class 4 Venues.

Option 2 – Review and amend the existing policies to address:

- Review/remove the gaming machine cap
- Consider relocations with strict conditions on location

Council's current policy has both a gaming machine cap and a sinking lid policy. There is no reason for a gaming cap where a sinking lid is in force.

Advantages: Updates and removes unnecessary provisions.
 Reduction of gaming machines and venues are dependent on natural attrition.
 Relocation would allow venues to move where set conditions are met.

Disadvantages: Relocation could slow the reduction of gambling venue or gaming machine numbers.
 Where venue numbers decrease to one or none, this may drive gamblers underground or to online gambling, which may create more rather than less gambling harm, and reduce funding available to the community.

Option 3 – Review, amend and merge the Gambling Venue and Board Venue into one Gambling Policy. The following amendments are recommended:

- Merging policies into one Gambling Policy
- Review/remove the gaming machine cap
- Consider relocations with strict conditions on location

Currently Council has two gambling policies contained in two separate policies. Both policies are mandated through legislation and have the same review dates.

Advantages: This combines all the relevant gambling information so it is in one place.
Provides an opportunity to update the policies to ensure they are fit for purpose.
Relocation would allow venues to move where set conditions are met.

Disadvantages: May take more time to ensure nothing is missed during the first review.
Relocation could slow the reduction of gambling venue or gaming machine numbers.
Where venue numbers decrease to one or none, this may drive gamblers underground or to online gambling, which may create more rather than less gambling harm, and reduce funding available to the community.

4 Issues

4.1 Social Impact Statement

A social impact assessment is required to inform the review of the Gambling Venue Policy and Board Venue Policy. It provides an overview of gambling across New Zealand and more specifically Kawerau District. A desktop review has been completed and the 2025 Social Impact Assessment is provided as Appendix 3.

Key findings from the Social Impact Assessment are as follows:

- Gambling is often a harmless form of entertainment which also provides social engagement and interactions and provides employment through venues and the associated Gambling Trusts.
- 69% of the population have participated in some form of gambling of which 10.9% participate in Class 4 Gambling and a further 10.9% in sports betting through the TAB.
- The total gaming machine profits generated from Kawerau District in 2023 was \$3,173,811. This equates to approximately \$546.41 per adult over 18 years living in Kawerau.
- A total of \$1,269,524 was available for distribution to the community (although it does not have to come back to the same community it was derived from). Kawerau organisations and community groups received \$640,006 in grants during the same period.
- In June 2024, Kawerau generated the 3rd highest gaming machine profits per gaming machine (\$22,250.57).
- 4.5% of New Zealand population have experienced gambling harm.
- The two major risk factors for gambling harm are living in high deprivation areas and ethnicity. Māori and Pacific Islanders are four times more likely to experience gambling related harm.

- Since 2017, Kawerau has reduced the gambling venues from 4 to 2 and reduced the gaming machines from 54 to 36. During this period, Kawerau has also seen an increase in expenditure going into the gaming machines.
- Kawerau's gambling prevalence rate (number of people seeking assistance) has ranged from 0.04% and 0.27% of all persons seeking help between 2018/2019 and 2022/2023. This is equivalent to between 4 to 29 people seeking help for gambling harm. This number is expected to be largely underestimated, as many people do not seek help.
- The density of gambling venues in Kawerau is 6.72 gaming machines per 1000 adults. This is made worse given the gambling venues are located in a high deprivation area (Deprivation rating of 9) and the two venues are close in proximity.
- Kawerau's Māori population is 62.3%, which is significantly higher than the national average of 17% and places our community at higher risk of gambling harm.

The social impact assessment indicates the community is at a high risk from gambling harm, and the numbers seeking help for gambling harm are unlikely to be truly reflective of the harm in our community. Council's current policy while largely effective in reducing the number of venues and gaming machines, has been ineffective in reducing gambling harm as the gaming machine profits continue to rise.

4.2 Policy Review

Under s101 of the Gambling Act 2003 and s96 of the Racing Industry Act 2020, Kawerau District Council must have a Class 4 Gambling and TAB policy in place. Once a policy has been adopted, it must be reviewed every 3 years. Council last reviewed the Gambling Venue Policy and the Board Venue Policy in December 2017. Gambling policies do remain in force until a review has been completed.

Class 4 gaming machines and stand-alone TAB gambling venues are considered high-risk, high expenditure gambling and are regulated under the gambling policy. The current Gambling Policy is attached at Appendix 1 and the Board Venues is attached as Appendix 2.

There are limitations of what may and may not be included in both a Class 4 Gambling Venue Policy and a TAB Venue. These are set out below:

A Class 4 Venue Policy:

- **Must** specify whether Class 4 venues may be established in the district and where they can be located; and
- **May** specify any restrictions on the maximum number of gaming machines at a venue; and

In considering whether the venues may be established and where they may be located, Council may consider:

- The characteristics of the district and parts of the district
- The location of kindergartens, early childcare centres, schools, places of worship and other community facilities

- The cumulative effects of additional opportunities for gambling in the district
 - How close venues should be permitted to be to any other venue
 - What the primary activity at any venue should be
- **May** include a relocation policy

Council's current policy addresses each of the points above as follows:

- No new class 4 venues to be established in the Kawerau District
- Maximum number of gaming machines is capped at 54 machines
- Where a venue ceases to operate or reduces gaming machine numbers, the cap is reduced. (This is known as a sinking lid policy)
- No relocation of gaming machines

A TAB Venue Policy:

- **Must** specify whether TAB venues may be established in the district and where they can be located.

In considering whether the venues may be established and where they may be located, Council may consider:

- The characteristics of the district and parts of the district
- The location of kindergartens, early childcare centres, schools, places of worship and other community facilities
- The cumulative effects of additional opportunities for gambling in the district

Council's current policy addresses the points above as follows:

- A maximum of one Board Venue is permitted in the district; and
- A board venue must be located in the central business district.

Number of Gambling Venues and Gaming Machines

Although Council has a sinking lid policy in place, which does not allow any new gambling venue licences in Kawerau, the current policy still has a cap of 54 gaming machines.

This cap is no longer required as the remaining venues (2) each have the maximum number of gaming machines allowed at one venue (18) and no new venues are allowed to be established under the sinking lid policy. This means the maximum is now 36 gaming machines.

Overall the policy has worked well in reducing the Gambling venues and machine numbers.

On review, the cap could now be removed.

Discussion

- Are you happy for the gaming machine cap to be removed?
- If not, what gaming machine cap would you like added?

Sinking Lid

Two gaming venues remaining in Kawerau. The continuation of the sinking lid will maintain the current position and may result in a reduction of gaming machine or venues.

While removing all gambling venues from Kawerau, may reduce gambling harm, it may also result in gambling going underground or moving online. This could have the opposite effect and create more gambling harm and it would result in a means of entertainment being removed from the district. In saying this, given the nature of the sinking lid, which is based on natural attrition, the reduction of numbers may not happen in the near future. At the time of any reduction in numbers, the policy may be reviewed to consider all the possible options.

It is recommended that the sinking lid is maintained at this stage and reviewed if numbers are reduced further to ensure the policy is still achieving the preferred outcome.

Discussion

- Do you want to keep a sinking lid policy?
- If not, what provisions do you want in place?

Relocation Policy

Council is not required to have a relocation provision within the Gambling Policy. Currently the policy does not allow relocation. This means venues are not able to relocate within the District for any reason. Reasons to consider relocation would include relocation to a more suitable site for business or compliance purposes. Enabling relocation may aid in supporting community businesses, but is also a more permissive approach, reducing the strength of the sinking lid policy.

Relocation could be considered in circumstances of expiration of a lease, acquisition of property under Public Works Act, site development. Conditions should include the operator of the business must remain the same and the number of gaming machine that were operational at the time the new venue licence takes effect must be the same as the maximum number in the new venue.

Allowing relocation is a more permissive approach, meaning where venues wish to move they would need to apply for a new Licence. The current policy does not allow new licences so the venue would need to either surrender the gaming machines or stay in the same location.

Discussion

- Do you wish to retain a no relocation policy?
- If you wish to have a relocation policy what conditions would you like to apply?

Merging of the Gambling Venue Policy and the Board Venue Policy

Currently Council has two separate policies (Gambling Venue and Board Venue) which both relate to gambling. While the policies are governed under separate legislation, both Acts require Council to adopt a policy in relation to either Class 4 or TAB gambling. Both policies require Council to have regard to the social impact of gambling within the District when adopting or reviewing the policy and each policy must be reviewed every 3 years.

Due to the similar nature of the policies, consideration can be given to merging the two policies into one policy addressing the two gambling activities. Legislation does not prohibit the two policies being combined and a number of other Councils have chosen to merge the two policies.

Merging the two policies will make it easier for individuals to locate all the gambling associated policy information in one place. This helps ensure nothing is missed, when they are undertaking their own research.

Discussion

- Do you wish to merge the two policies into one central Gambling Policy?

5 Policy and Plan Considerations

This policy is not inconsistent with other policies or District Plan matters.

6 Legal Considerations

This review will bring Council in line with legal requirements to adopt and review a Class 4 Gambling Venues Policy and a TAB Venues Policy.

7 Financial Considerations

There are no financial implications in relation to this Policy.

8 Significance and Engagement

In October 2024, letters were sent out to key stakeholders providing them with an opportunity to submit comments to be included as part of the Social Impact Assessment.

Feedback received is attached at the end of the Social Impact Statement.

Any amendments to the policies trigger the requirement to undertake a special consultative procedure. This will provide the community with an opportunity to engage with Council and provide feedback to be considered prior to adopting the final policy.

Should Council make no amendments which change the intent/application of the existing policy, having considered all appropriate information available, there would be no trigger to undertake a special consultative procedure. This approach would still require Council to engage with the community by 'informing' them of what was in the policy and why Council considered it was still appropriate.

The proposed timeframes for the review and engagement is as follows:

26 Feb 2025	Extra Ordinary Council Meeting – Council to consider Assessment and the direction of the policy
March 2025	Draft Policy and Statement of Proposal
26 Mar 2025	Council meeting – Report to Adopt draft Policy and Statement of Proposal
31 Mar 2025 –	Community Consultation Begins
5 May 2025	Community Consultation Closes
28 May 2025	Council Meeting - Receive and hear submissions
June 2025	Council Meeting - Adoption of Policy

9 Conclusion/Summary

This review will bring Council in line with legal requirements to adopt and review a Class 4 Gambling Venues Policy and a TAB Venues Policy.

10 Other Opportunities

Kawerau District appreciates the level of grants received by Council and Kawerau community groups. Corporate Societies are to distribute 40% of the gaming machine profits and it would be great to see the full 40% coming back into the community in which the funds were derived. While this is not a legal requirement, it is something we could encourage.

11 RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report “Gambling Policy Review - Social Impact Assessment and Policy Review Options” be received.
2. That Council approves either:
 - a) Option 1 - To retain the current policy
 - b) Option 2 - To review the policies and make amendments to maintain the focus on reducing gaming machine numbers
 - c) Option 3 - To merge the policies and make any amendments to maintain the focus on reducing gambling machine numbers

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APPENDIX 1 – Gambling Venue Policy



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COUNCIL POLICY

TITLE:	GAMBLING VENUES
MEETING:	Council
EFFECTIVE DATE:	12 December 2017
FILE REFERENCE:	306030
REVIEW:	December 2020

1. BACKGROUND

This is the second iteration of Council's Gambling Venues Policy since the Gambling (Gambling Harm Reduction) Amendment Act 2013 came into force. During the first policy review after that time, in 2014, Council considered the social impact of gambling on Kawerau's high-deprivation communities and the inclusion of a relocation policy. It decided that no relocation of any class 4 venue would be allowed in the Kawerau District. In accordance with the provisions of section 102 of the Gambling Act 2003, as amended, Council opted not to include consideration of a relocation policy in the 2017 review. Clause 4.4.1 is therefore a continuation of the 2014 policy.

2. POLICY OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 To provide a framework for transparent and consistent decision making about class 4 gambling venues in the Kawerau District.
- 2.2 To contribute to the well-being of the Kawerau community by:
 - . Reducing the number of class 4 venues; and
 - . Reducing the number of electronic gaming machines.

3. DEFINITIONS

Class 4 gambling has the meaning given to it by section 30 of the Gambling Act 2003.

Class 4 venue means a place used to operate class 4 gambling.

Gaming machine has the meaning given to it by section 4 of the Gambling Act 2003.

4. POLICY STATEMENT

4.1 Primary activity of Class 4 venues

The primary activity of a class 4 venue shall be:

- i. Sporting activities, or
- ii. The sale of liquor or liquor and food, or
- iii. A New Zealand Racing Board venue.

4.2 Establishing a class 4 venue

Council will issue no consent for any class 4 venue to be established in the District in addition to the number operating on the date this policy was made or as reduced by the operation of this policy, whichever is the lesser.

4.3 Maximum number of gaming machines

4.3.1 Council will issue no consent for any gaming machine to be operated in the District in addition to the number operating on the date this policy was made or as reduced by the operation of this policy, whichever is the lesser.

4.3.2 Council will issue no consent to increase the number of gaming machines operating at any existing class 4 venue in addition to the number operating at that venue on the date this policy was made or as reduced by the operation of this policy, whichever is the lesser.

4.3.3 The total number of gaming machines that may be operated in the District will therefore be capped at a maximum of 54 machines.

4.3.4 As the opportunity arises through a society reducing the number of gaming machines operating at a class 4 venue or ceasing to hold a class 4 venue licence, the cap on the number of machines which may be operated within the District will be reduced.

4.4 Relocation of Class 4 venues

4.4.1 Council has determined that no relocation of any class 4 venue shall be allowed in the Kawerau District.

APPENDIX 2 – Board Venue Policy



COUNCIL POLICY

BOA

TITLE:	BOARD VENUES
MEETING:	Council
EFFECTIVE DATE:	12 December 2017
FILE REFERENCE:	306030
REVIEW:	December 2020

1. POLICY OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 To provide a framework for transparent and consistent decision making about Board venues in the Kawerau District.
- 1.2 To contribute to the well-being of the Kawerau community by controlling the number and location of Board venues in the District.

2. DEFINITIONS

Act means the Racing Act 2003.

Board means the New Zealand Racing Board established under the Act.

Board Venue means premises that are owned or leased by the Board and where the main business carried on at the premises is providing racing betting or sports betting services under the Act.

3. POLICY STATEMENT

3.1 Primary Activity of Board Venues

The primary activity of a Board venue shall be racing and sports betting.

3.2 Applications

- 3.2.1 All applications for Council consents must be made on the approved form and must provide:

- i. Name and contact details for the application.
- ii. Street address of the proposed Board venue.

- iii. The names of all management staff.

3.3 Application Fees

Application fees will be set by Council from time to time, and shall include consideration of:

- i. The cost of processing the application, including any consultation and hearings involved.
- ii. The cost of triennially reviewing the Board venue policy.
- iii. The cost of Council's part, if any, in inspecting Board venues to ensure compliance with consent or licence conditions.
- iv. A contribution toward the costs of assessing the economic and social impact of gambling in high-deprivation communities within the District, which may occur at any time, but will occur at least once every six years.

3.4 Number of Board Venues

A maximum of one Board venue is permitted in the Kawerau District.

3.5 Location of Board Venues

A Board venue may be located in the central business district.

Kawerau District Council Gambling Policy

Social Impact Assessment

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1 Introduction

The Gambling Act 2003 and the Racing Industry Act 2020 requires Councils to implement a Class 4 Venue and TAB Venue policy (previously referred to as a Board Venue Policy). These policies must be reviewed every three years.

Section 102 of the Gambling Act 2003 and s96 of the Racing Industry Act 2020 requires the Policies to be reviewed every three years. However, it also notes that the policy does not cease to have effect where the policy is due for review, or is being reviewed.

Before adopting, reviewing or amending either policy, Council must take into account the social impact of gambling on the Kawerau community.¹ The purpose of this report is to present the key information that the Council will take into account to help inform the review of the Gambling Policies.

The report provides an overview of both the New Zealand and Kawerau specific gambling activity, with a particular focus on Class 4 Gambling (gaming machines in clubs or pubs). While Council is required to have a policy on TAB venues, currently there are no TAB venues within the Kawerau District. Kawerau does have one venue that provides TAB offerings.

This report has been prepared through a review and analysis of literature and secondary data. It also includes feedback from key stakeholders (gaming machine societies and gambling treatment services). The primary sources for this report were Te Tari Taiwhenua The Department of Internal Affairs (DIA), the Ministry of Health, Stats NZ and Grant.org.nz.

2 Legislative Requirements

Gambling in New Zealand is prohibited unless it is authorised under the Gambling Act 2003, the Racing Industry Act 2020, or it is defined as private gambling. Gambling includes a range of activities including Class 4 Gambling venues, TAB venues, lotto, scratch tickets, online gambling and private gambling. The scope of Council's policy and the social impact statement applies only to Class 4 and TAB gambling venues.

While it is illegal to provide online gambling in New Zealand with the exception of lotto and TAB, it is not illegal to gamble on off shore websites. Although being out of the scope of this report it is important to understand the stats provided only relate to onshore gambling activities.

Class 4 Gambling in New Zealand is a not for profit operation. Corporate Societies run the gaming machines to raise money for charitable purposes, community benefit or non-commercial business for the likes of sports teams and community organisations.

¹ Section 102 Gambling Act 2003, s96 Racing Industry Act 2020

TAB Gambling Venues are owned or leased by the New Zealand Racing Board and the main business is providing racing and sport betting.²

Territorial Authorities must regulate Class 4 Gambling Venues and TAB Venues through the introduction of a gambling policy or policies. Regulation under the Gambling Act 2023 is limited to setting where venues can be located, the maximum number of gaming machines and the ability to enable relocation of gaming machines.

The Gambling Act allows a venue to have up to 18 machines if their licence was granted prior to October 2001, otherwise a venue must not have more than 9 gaming machines.

Under the Racing Industry Act, a Territorial Authority can regulate if and where a new TAB Venue can be located within the District.

A key reason for the Gambling Act 2003 is to prevent and minimise the harm caused by gambling. The Gambling Act 2003 define Harm:³

- (a) means harm or distress of any kind arising from, or caused or exacerbated by, a person's gambling; and
- (b) includes personal, social, or economic harm suffered –
 - (i) by the person, or
 - (ii) by the person's spouse, civil union partner, defacto partner, whānau, or wider community; or
 - (iii) In the workplace; or
 - (iv) by society at large

Gambling Venues must provide information and assistance to any person who they believe may have a gaming problem.

The gambling functions and compliance with legislation and policy is monitored by the Department of Internal Affairs.

3 Current Policies

Kawerau District Council adopted the current Gambling Venues Policy and the Board Venues Policy in December 2017. The policy aimed to restrict the growth of gambling by capping the number of Class 4 gambling venues, and capping the total number of gaming machines in the Kawerau District.

The Gambling Venues policy states the following:

- No consent will be issued for Class 4 Venues to be established in Kawerau District
- No consent will be issued for any gaming machines to be operated
- Maximum number of gaming machines is capped at 54
- Where a society reduces the number of gaming machines or ceases holding a gaming licence, the cap on the number of gaming machines will be reduced
- No relocation of any class 4 venue is allowed.

² Section 3, Racing Industry Act 2020

³ Section 4, Gambling Act 2003

The Board Venue policy sets out:

- The maximum of one Board Venue is permitted in Kawerau District
- A Board Venue must be located in the central business district

4 Gambling in New Zealand (Background)

New Zealanders spent \$2.7 billion on gambling in the 2022/2023 financial year, which was up \$500 million from the previous year. Breaking this down approximately \$1 billion was spent on gaming machines (outside of casinos) and \$376 million was spent at TAB venues.⁴ Expenditure is known as gross profit being the amount waged, less the amount paid out in prizes, all forms of gambling.

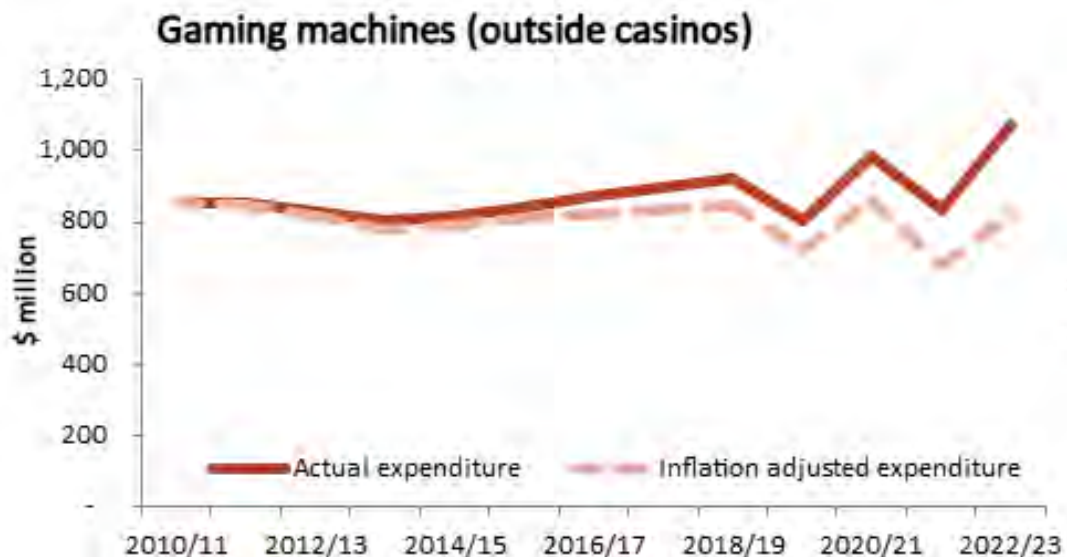


Figure 1 - New Zealand's Total Annual Expenditure at Class 4 Venues (Te Tari Taiwhenua Internal Affairs)

The 2020 Health and Lifestyles Survey found that a little over 69% of the population had participated in at least one form of gambling annually, with Lotto (59.1%), gaming machines (pub/club/casino) (10.9%), and Sports Betting (Horse, Dog, Sporting Events) (10.9%) being the most common forms of gambling.⁵ A further 26.7% of the population participated in online gambling on overseas websites.⁶

In 2022/2023, New Zealand spent \$1.07 billion on a total of 14,503 gaming machines, located in 1026 venues.

⁴ Te Tari Taiwhenua Internal Affairs. Gambling expenditure webpage on the DIA website at URL: www.dia.govt.nz/gambling-statistics/expenditure

⁵ Problem Gambling Foundation (September 2024), Gambling in Aotearoa, www.pgf.nz - [Gambling In Aotearoa New Zealand • Problem Gambling Foundation](#)

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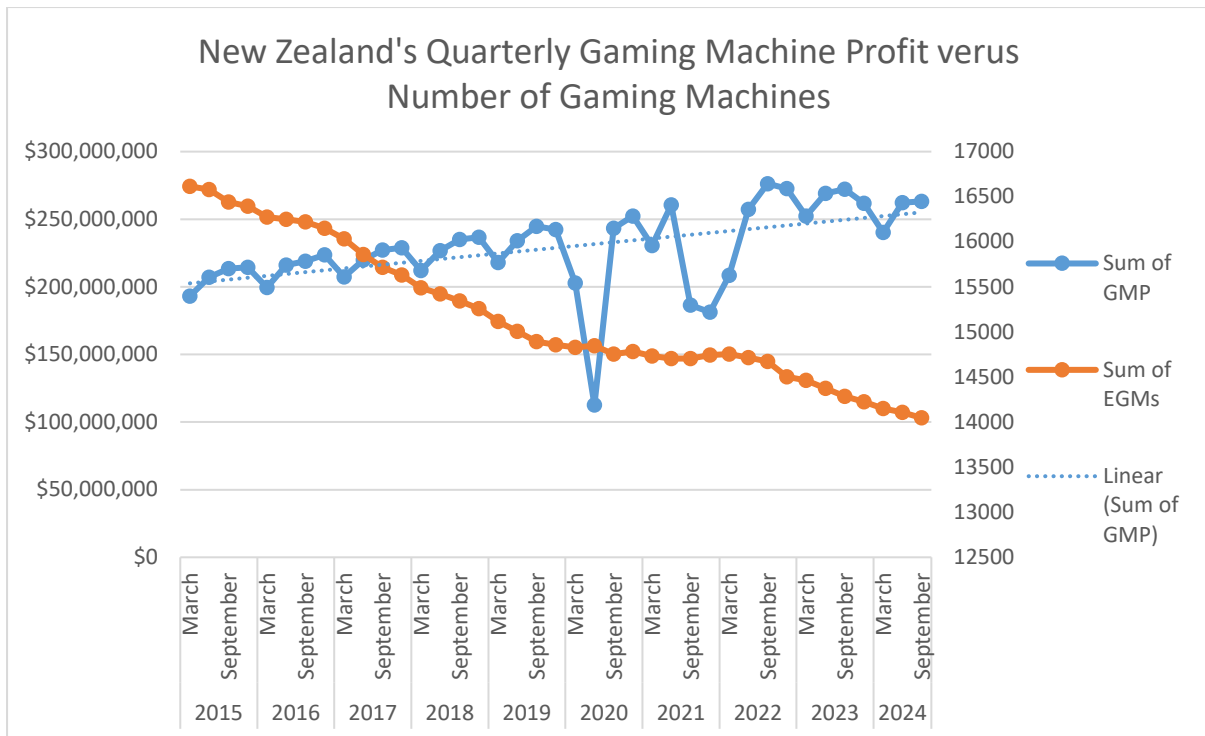


Figure 2 - New Zealand's Quarterly Gaming Machine Profit versus Number of Gaming Machines

The above chart shows that New Zealand's quarterly gaming machine profits are slowly increasing year on year, while the number of gaming machines are decreasing. This indicates that preventing gambling harm may not be as simple as reducing numbers of venues and machines.

5 Kawerau District Landscape

Kawerau District population was recorded as 7,539 during the 2023 Census, with approximately 5,361 being over the age of 18. This represents a change of 5.5% over the last 5 years (2018 – 7,146) and 12.3% over the last 10 years (2013 – 6,363).

5.1 Ethnicity

The majority of those living in Kawerau are from Māori descent, representing 63.2% of the Kawerau Community compared to the New Zealand average of 17.8%. According to the Census information, the Māori population in 2013 was 3,435, and in 2018, it was 4,521. This represents a 6.6% change over the last five years and 31.6% in the last 10 years.⁷

⁷ Stats NZ 2023 <https://2023census-statsnz.hub.arcgis.com/apps/530689dc8c5445fdb64f41769de95bdb/explore>

2022/2023	Kawerau District	New Zealand
European	53.8%	67.8%
Māori	63.2%	17.8%
Pacific	4.7%	8.9%
Asian	3.3%	17.7%
Middle Eastern/Latin American/African	0.3%	1.9%
Other	0.9%	1.1%

Figure 3 - Ethnicity in the Kawerau District and Across New Zealand⁸

The Health and Lifestyle Survey conducted in 2020 found that Māori had a slightly higher participation rate in electronic gaming machines and TAB venues than other ethnic groups, but a lower participation rate in lotteries.⁹ Māori were also identified as being 3.13 times more likely to be moderate risk or high-risk gamblers compared with people of European ethnicity, while Pacific and Asian people were more likely to be non-gamblers compared to Maori and those of European ethnicity.¹⁰

5.2 Deprivation Index

The deprivation index measures the socioeconomic deprivation in New Zealand based on social indicator data sourced from the 2018 Census. Deprivation is measured on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 (Yellow) representing the least deprived areas and 10 (Red) being the most deprived.¹¹

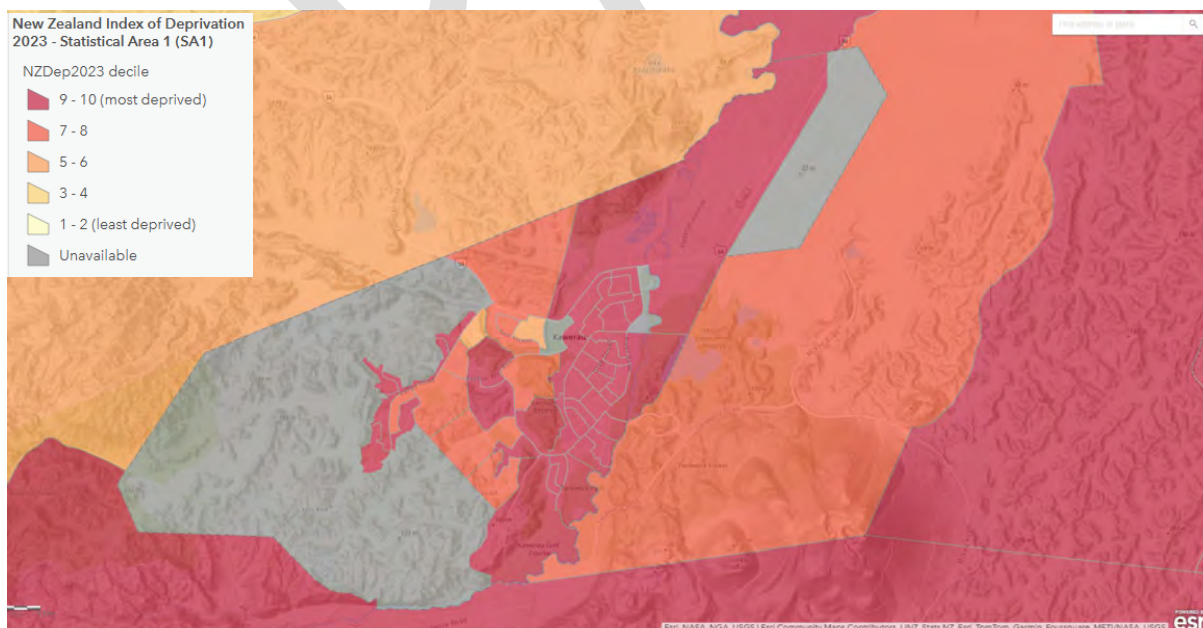


Figure 4 - Kawerau District Deprivation Index

⁸ Stats NZ 2023 <http://www.stats.govt.nz/2023-census/>

⁹ Health Promotion Agency, (2020), Gambling Participation

¹⁰ Health Promotion Agency, (2018), Gambling Report Results from the 2016 Health and Lifestyles Survey http://www.hpa.org.nz/sites/default/files/Final-Report_Results-from-2016-Health-And-Lifestyles-Survey_Gambling_Feb2018.pdf

¹¹ Environmental Health Intelligence New Zealand (2023) <https://www.ehinz.ac.nz/indicators/population-vulnerability/socioeconomic-deprivation-profile/#new-zealand-index-of-deprivation-nzdep>

The deprivation index is assessed on nine census variables including, no access to the internet at home, people receiving a means tested benefit, households with income below the income threshold, unemployed, no qualification, not living in their own home, in a single parent family, people living in households below the bedroom occupancy threshold and people living in a dwelling that is damp or mouldy.¹²

Kawerau Gambling venues are located in the central business area, which has a deprivation level of 9.¹³

Studies have shown a strong correlation between gaming machine profits and gaming machine density, meaning the closer the gaming machines are to each other, the higher the spending. This is further backed up by studies finding a connection between closer proximity to gambling venues as well as gaming machine density increases with an increase in problem gambling.¹⁴

5.3 Density

Based on the estimated district-wide population of 5,361 over 18 years old, the ratio of gaming venues is 1 venue per 2,680 people and there are 6.72 gaming machines per 1000 adults. This is consistent with the trend across New Zealand that gaming machines are more likely to be found in the more highly deprived areas.¹⁵

6 Gambling in Kawerau District

6.1 Class 4 Gambling Venues

In January 2024, there were 36 gaming machines split between two licenced Class 4 Gambling Venues in the Kawerau District. As shown in the figure below, the two venues are located within the central business area and are within 120m walk from each other.

¹² Environmental Health Intelligence New Zealand (2023) <https://www.ehinz.ac.nz/indicators/population-vulnerability/socioeconomic-deprivation-profile/#new-zealand-index-of-deprivation-nzdep>

¹³ <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/mapviewer/index.html?webmap=e051f62ff714474caba8348552fd7524>
NZ Deprivation 2023

¹⁴ Ward, A McIvor, & Bracewell, P (2019) The geographic distribution of gaming machine proceeds in New Zealand Kotuitui: New Zealand Journal of Social Sciences Online, 15(1), 54-74 doi: <https://doi.org/10.1080/1177083X.2019.1640752>

¹⁵ Francis Group (2009). Informing the 2009 problem gambling needs assessment: Report for the Ministry of Health. Wellington: Ministry of Health.



Figure 5 - Kawerau District Gambling Venues

Since the last review of the gambling policies in 2017, Kawerau District has seen a reduction from four venues with 54 gaming machines to two venues with 36 gaming machines.

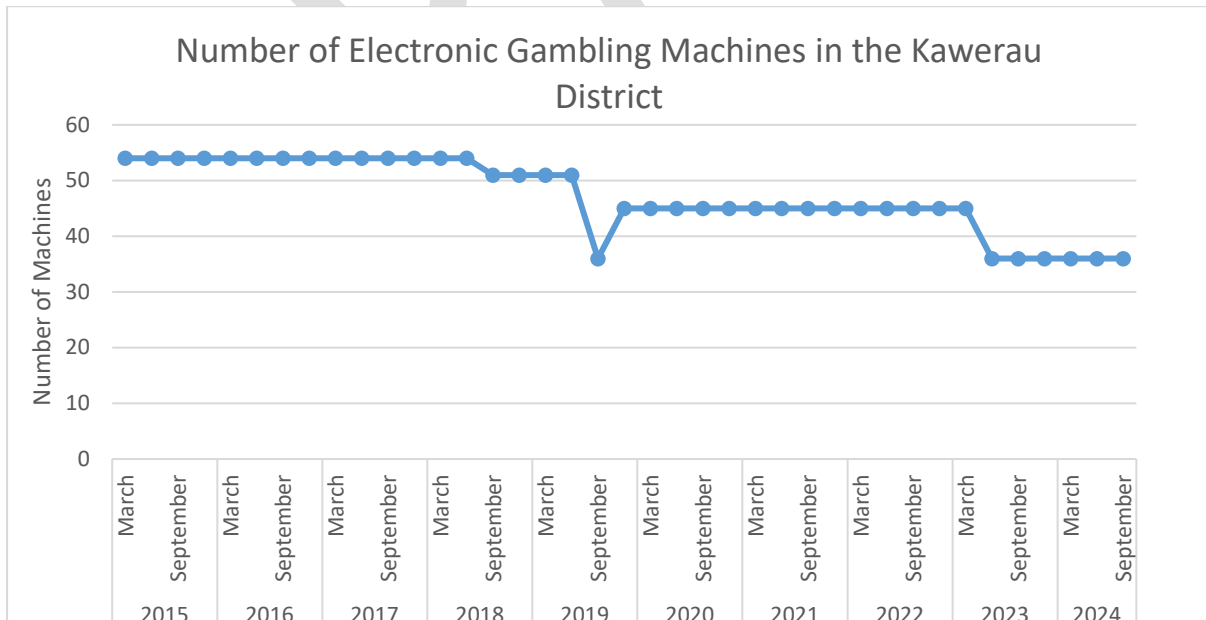


Figure 6 – Electronic Gaming Machine in Kawerau District

The Remaining venue details are outlined below.

Society Name	Venue Name	Number of Gaming Machines	Deprivation Score
Lion Foundation	Caymans Sports Bar	18	9
Four Winds Foundation	Kawerau Hotel	18	9

Figure 7 – Class 4 Venues in Kawerau District

While venues and machine numbers have decreased over time, both in Kawerau and nationally, Gaming Machine Profits continue to increase. This means players are either spending longer hours playing gaming machines, betting more per game or more players are playing gaming machines.

During the 2023/2024 year, a total of \$3,061,861 was paid into gaming machines within Kawerau. Based on the estimated district-wide population of 5,361 over 18 years old the expenditure is approximately \$571.14 per adult in Kawerau. This is an increase from the 2022/2023 year being \$546.41 per adult.

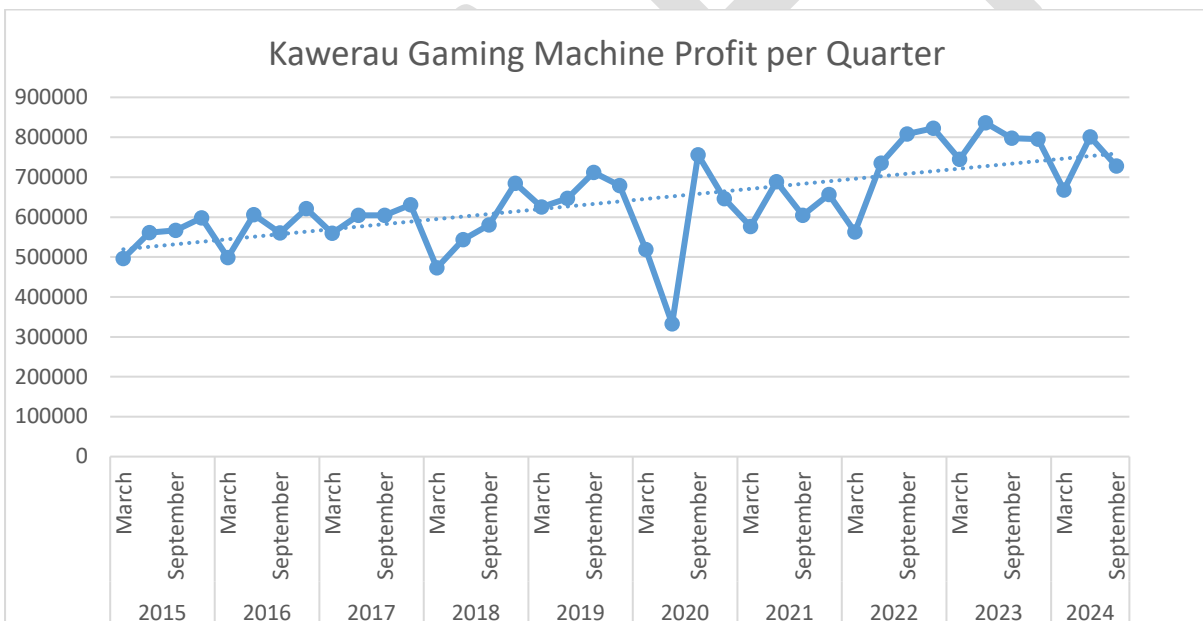


Figure 8 Expenditure on Gaming Machines in Kawerau District

Kawerau District was represented in the Top 5 Territorial Authorities by gaming machine profits (GMP) per Electronic Gaming machine (EGM) for the June 2024 Quarter. Kawerau had a sizeable 20.8 percent GMP per EGM increase in the last quarter.

The quarterly GMP data for April to June showed a 9.9 percent nominal increase from the previous quarter. It was also the highest March to June quarter increase since 2015 and the second highest June quarter since records commenced in 2015 with only June 2023 being higher.



Figure 9 - Top Five Territorial Authorities by Gaming Machine Profit per gaming machine.¹⁶

6.2 Bay of Plenty Comparison

A comparison across the Bay of Plenty shows that despite having the lowest number of gaming machines in the Bay of Plenty region, on average the machines in the Kawerau District bring in more profit than all but Tauranga City Council.

District	Number of Class 4 Venues	Number of Electronic Gaming Machines	Quarterly GMP for period ending Sept 2024	Average GMP per Gaming Machine
Tauranga City Council	31	453	9,883,489.95	\$21,817.86
Western Bay of Plenty Council	9	141	2,225,657.74	\$15,784.81
Rotorua Lakes Council	24	354	6,412,193.68	\$18,113.54
Whakatane District Council	10	161	3,074,201.81	\$19,094.42
Opotiki District Council	4	57	649,804.29	\$11,400.08
Kawerau District Council	2	36	727,727.00	\$20,214.64

Figure 10 - Regional Comparison of Expenditure

¹⁶ DIA, (2024) <https://www.dia.govt.nz/gambling-statistics-gmp-dashboard#dashboard>

6.3 TAB Venues

A TAB venue is defined as any premise owned or leased by the New Zealand Racing Board and the main business is providing racing and sport betting. There are currently no TAB Venues located in the Kawerau District. TAB venues apply 80% of their net proceeds to Racing Authorised Purposes which supports the New Zealand Racing Industry to promote, control and conduct race meetings. The other 20% is applied to Sport Authorised Purposes such as community sports teams.¹⁷

7 Social Benefits of Gambling

Gambling has the ability to benefit the community through providing community funding, employment opportunities and it offers a form of entertainment.

7.1 Employment

There is no up to date data on how many people are employed in the Class 4 Gambling sector. Looking from the perspective that you are not only employing staff to monitor gambling venues, but also the Corporate Societies that manage the funds and issue grants and the Department of Internal Affairs that enforce licencing and compliance functions, it would be fair to say it would easily be in the hundreds.

The New Zealand Institute of Economic Research estimated that if current levels of household expenditure on gaming machines were to be transferred to retail spending; this could create an additional 1,127 full-time equivalent jobs.¹⁸ While this indicates the benefit of employment would remain whether or not gambling was in play, however the research went on to suggest that if gambling was removed, it is likely the money would be transferred to another type of gambling, including illegal gambling.

Therefore, while Class 4 Gambling remains in place, it does provide employment opportunities in New Zealand.

7.2 Entertainment

For most people, gaming is a chosen form of entertainment and provides leisure and recreation. With 10.9% of New Zealand's population playing gaming machines and a further 10.9% betting on sports event or racing,¹⁹ its entertainment value is difficult to dispute.

Gambling may be sought out as a form of socialising, relaxation, excitement or the dream of winning that big jackpot.²⁰

¹⁷ TAB NZ, (2020) Grant information and Dates <http://www.tabnz.org/grant-information-dates>

¹⁸ New Zealand Institute of Economic Reserch (2020) The retail Employment and Tax Costs of Class 4 Gambling in New Zealand: NZIER report to the Problem Gambling Association

https://img.scoop.co.nz/media/pdfs/2008/Final_Report_Diverting_gambling_losses_22_June.pdf

¹⁹ Problem Gambling Foundation (September 2024), Gambling in Aotearoa, www.pgfnz.org.nz - [Gambling In Aotearoa New Zealand • Problem Gambling Foundation](#)

²⁰ TDB Advisory (2021), Gambling in New Zealand: A National Wellbeing Analysis http://www.gamblinglaw.co.nz/download/Gaming_in_New_Zealand.pdf

7.3 Community Funding

Class 4 Gambling is a not for profit activity. Gaming Societies are required to distribute a minimum of 40% of their net proceeds for authorised purposes. Information regarding the distribution through community grants must be published and made available to the community.

In 2023, a total of \$345.46 million was returned to the community through community grants from Class 4 Gambling. This was made up of 23,982 grants approved to 9,783 different organisations for a range of activities covering Sport, Health and Welfare, Research and Education and Arts and Culture and other unspecified grants.

7.4 Community Grants Return to Kawerau District

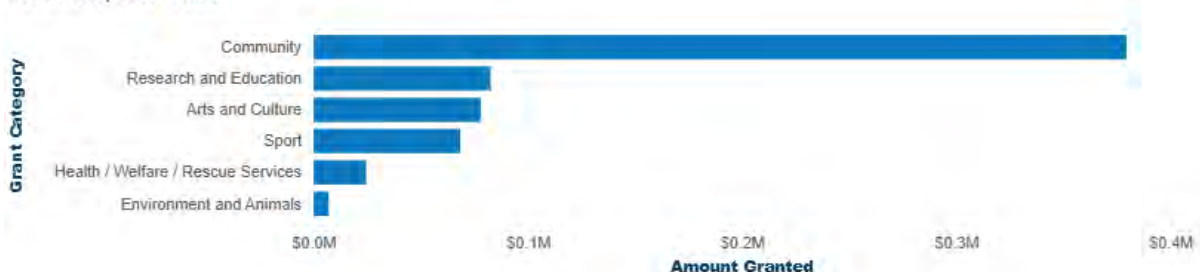
The proportion of funds distributed to Kawerau District from gaming machine proceeds for the last five years is outlined in the table below. In 2019, Kawerau received a return of 59.75% that is well above the required 40%. On average over the last five years Kawerau has received 28.64%, however when removing 2019 which is an anomaly, the percentage drops back to 20.86%.

Comparison – Gaming Machine Profits and Return to Kawerau Community					
Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Gaming Machine Profit	\$2,663,108	\$2,254,004	\$2,526,002	\$2,929,320	\$3,173,811
Kawerau Grants	\$1,590,311	\$527,236	\$453,445	\$642,218	\$640,006
% of funds returned to Community	59.75%	23.39%	17.95%	21.92%	20.17%
40% Share	\$1,065,243	\$901,602	\$1,010,401	\$1,171,728	\$1,269,524
Credit/Shortfall	+\$525,068	-\$374,366	-\$556,956	-\$529,510	-\$629,518

Figure 11 – Comparison of the Gaming Machine Profit and Return to Kawerau Community

Amount Granted by Category

Year of Acceptance ● 2023



Society Name	Amount Granted
Aotearoa Gaming Trust	\$4,544
New Zealand Commun...	\$521,568
One Foundation	\$20,504
The Lion Foundation	\$93,450
Total	\$640,066

Figure 12 - Amount Returned to Kawerau by Category and by Society - 2023²¹

8 Social Cost of Gambling

Gaming machine numbers have decreased however the gaming machine profits coming from gaming machines have still been increasing.

Gaming Machine Profits by Territorial Authority

Despite having the lowest number of gaming machines in the Bay of Plenty region, on average the machines in the Kawerau District bring in more profit than all but Tauranga City Council.

Kawerau District Council's current policy is to restrict the growth of gambling by capping the number of Class 4 gambling venues, and capping the total number of gaming machines in the Kawerau District.

8.1 Gambling Harm

When talking about gambling harm, while much of the focus is on the person who gambles and is experiencing harm, it is important not to overlook the extended reach that gambling harm can have on whānau, friends and the general community.

The 2020 Health and Lifestyle survey found that 4.5% of the New Zealand adult population have experienced some kind of harm from gambling. The level of harm in the overall population has remained relatively stable at around 5% since 2012.²²

National and overseas surveys and research consistently identify Class 4 gaming machines as the type of gambling most associated with gambling problems.²³ Personal gambling related harm can include depression, anxiety, suicide, poor physical and mental health, financial indebtedness, bankruptcy, arrest, imprisonment, unemployment and divorce.²⁴

²¹ Te Tari Taiwenua Internal Affairs (2024)

²² Te Whatu Ora - Health and Lifestyle Survey - <https://doi.org/10.60967/healthnz.26536336.v2>

²³ Ministry of Health (2010). Problem Gambling Resource for Local Government, Wellington: Ministry of Health.

²⁴ Abbott, MW (2001, June). What do we know about gambling and problem gambling in New Zealand? Report no. Seven of the NZ Gaming Survey. Wellington: Department of Internal Affairs.

In 2011/12, about one in 40 people were negatively affected by other people's gambling. Children of problem gamblers face a 31% chance of having alcohol disorders and a 19% chance of experiencing major depression at some point in their lives, compared with 4% and 7% respectively for the general population.²⁵ Māori and Pacific people were more likely to be affected by other people's gambling than those in other ethnic groups.²⁶

Living in a high deprivation area is a major risk factor for problem gambling.²⁷ The second major risk factor is ethnicity. Māori and Pacific adults are approximately four times more likely to be problem gamblers compared to the population as a whole, and Māori and Pacific women are the group most likely to suffer harm related to non-casino gaming machines.²⁸ Other risk factors for problem gambling included having few educational qualifications and being aged 35 – 44 years.²⁹ Being unemployed or out of the workforce are also cited as risk factors.³⁰

Problem Gambling Foundation and the National Public Health Service both advise that the data available around problem gambling does not provide a full picture of gambling harm in the community. This is largely due to the lack of people seeking assistance from gambling harm treatment providers.

8.2 Gambling Harm in Kawerau

Problem Gambling Foundation and the National Public Health Service both advise that the data available around problem gambling does not provide a full picture of gambling harm in the community. This is largely due to the lack of people seeking assistance from gambling harm treatment providers.

The Ministry of Health provide intervention client data as outlined below:

Year	New Client	Total Clients	Total NZ Clients	Increase from previous year	Kawerau Client as % of Nz Clients
2018/2019	20	29	10602	0.4%	.27%
2019/2020	8	14	9502	-10.4%	.15%
2020/2021	22	29	10946	15.2%	.26%
2021/2022	3	4	9683	-11.5%	.04%
2022/2023	6	7	10386	7.3%	.07%

Table 13 - Client using Intervention Services for Gambling Harm³¹

²⁵ Loach, E (2013, October). Submission on the Kawerau District Council Gambling Venue Policy. Tauranga: Problem Gambling Foundation of New Zealand.

²⁶ Ministry of Health (2012). Problem Gambling in New Zealand: Preliminary findings from the New Zealand Health Survey (July 2011 to March 2012). Wellington: Ministry of Health.

²⁷ Ministry of Health (2008). A Portrait of Health: Key results of the 2006/07 New Zealand Health Survey. Wellington: Ministry of Health.

²⁸ Ministry of Health (2009). Preventing and minimising gambling harm: Consultation document. Wellington: Ministry of Health.

²⁹ Ministry of Health (2010). Problem Gambling Resource for Local Government, Wellington: Ministry of Health.

³⁰ Loach, E (2013, October). Submission on the Kawerau District Council Gambling Venue Policy. Tauranga: Problem Gambling Foundation of New Zealand.

³¹ Ministry of Health Gambling Harm Intervention Services

8.3 Treatment Service Providers

Gambling can be a source of entertainment, but for those that think gambling is causing them harm there are treatment service providers available to assist.

There are no dedicated face to face gambling harm services in the Kawerau District. The nearest face to face service provider is located in Rotorua – Manaaki Ora Problem Gambling Service, 1154 Hinemoa Street, Level 1, Rotorua phone 0800 784 842.

National Services are available for those that have access to phone or email. These services include:

Problem Gambling Foundation Services

- Gambling Helpline – 0800 664 262
- Text 5819
- Email – help@pgf.nz

Gambling Helpline – 0800 654 655

- Text 8006

Gambling Māori Helpline - 0800 654 656

Gambling Pasifika Helpline – 0800 654 657

Gambling Youth Helpline – 0800 654 659

Asian Family Services

- 0800 662 342
- Text 832
- Email - help@asianfamilyservices.nz

9 Community Views

Kawerau District Council undertook its last review in 2017. During this review three submissions were received from the community in relation to the Class 4 Venue Policy and the Board Venue Policy. The three submissions all raised concerns in regards to the number of gaming machines and the relocation of venues.

Two of the submitters requested the sinking lid policy be replaced with a cap of 54 gaming machines being the total number in use at that time. They both also requested the adoption of a relocation policy. The third submitter did not support the reduction in numbers of venues and gaming machines and did not support the provision disallowing relocation. All the submissions were received from gambling associated organisations.

Kawerau District Council is expecting to commence the community consultation process in the first quarter of 2025. This will provide stakeholders and community members alike, an opportunity to express their views on gambling. Council will consider all submissions prior to finalising any updated policy.

Key stakeholders were provided an opportunity to feed into the Social Impact statement and their responses have been attached.

10 Conclusion

The purpose of the social impact assessment is to inform the review of the Gambling Venue Policy and Board Venue Policy. This report provides an overview of gambling across New Zealand and more specifically Kawerau District. This report demonstrates there are both positive and negative elements to gambling, like with many things, and it is about finding the balance for the benefit of the community.

Since the last review in 2017, Kawerau has reduced the gambling venues from 4 to 2 and reduced the gaming machines from 54 to 36. During this period Kawerau has also seen an increase in expenditure going into the gaming machines.

The gambling prevalence rate (number of people seeking assistance) may be on the lower end of the scale (between 0.04% - 0.27% of adults), however it is likely those suffering gambling harm is largely underestimated.

The density of gambling venues in Kawerau is medium based on the population with 6.72 gaming machines per 1000 adults. This is intensified given the gambling venues are in a high deprivation area (9) and the two venues are close in proximity.

Māori make up 62.3% of Kawerau's population, which is significantly higher than the national average of 17%. While this should be seen as a positive, research indicates Māori are at greater risk of gambling harm and this is only increased due to the high percentage within our community.

The social impact assessment concludes that the community, is at high risk from gambling harm, and the numbers seeking help for gambling harm are unlikely to be truly reflective of the harm in our community. Our current policy while being largely effective in reducing the number of venues and gaming machines, it has been ineffective in reducing gambling harm as the gaming machine profits continue to rise.

6 November 2024

Kawerau District Council

By email: Michaela.glaspey@kawerau.govt.nz

Dear Michaela

Kawerau District Council Gambling Venues Policy review – Initial Feedback

Further to your email dated 17 October 2024, we wish to provide the following commentary: -

1. The Lion Foundation in the District

The Lion Foundation 2008 operates Electronic Gaming Machines at one hospitality venue within the Kawerau District Council:

Venue	Address	No of EGMS
Cayman Sports Bar	10 Jellicoe Court	18

Venue Operators receive a limited /capped payment – defined by the Gambling Act 2003 and related Regulations, more specifically the Gambling (Venue Payments) Regulations 2016. The venue payment is a fair and equitable payment designed to compensate the Venue Operators for the operational costs incurred in operating the EGMs for the Class 4 Society.

2. Distribution of funding

TLF distributes funding on a monthly basis to community organisations within the District Council.

TLF aims to return at least 90% of funds back to the community of origin (where the funds were generated), with the remaining 10% of funds being returned to organisations providing a national benefit to all New Zealanders.

Our ability to distribute funding to the local community is **entirely dependent** on TLF receiving completed and eligible funding applications. TLF acknowledges that a vast majority of volunteer-based community organisations do not always have the ability to navigate the process that is involved in applying for Class 4 funding. Over the past 24 – 36 months and to ensure that all community organisations have a fair opportunity to access community funding, TLF has launched a series of educational webinars. More recently interactive Q& A sessions have been hosted. The webinars provide valuable “how to

information” and are proving to be a success. These educational initiatives supplement the ongoing work that TLF’s Grants Advisors undertake within the community.

We have also engaged with Council representatives to discuss funding approaches and opportunities. Unfortunately, though – this hasn’t resulted in an increase in applications.

As will be seen for the attached list of grants for the period Nov 2023 – Oct 2024, Council itself receives a sizeable grant on an annual basis. In respect of this list – there are also some grants that are distributed to organisations outside of the “boundaries” of the Kawerau District Council. This is largely due to the fact that the physical address of an organisation determines which TLA it is located in. However, more often than not the services / benefit provided by the organisation crosses TLA boundaries. Proper consideration is given to the suggested benefit provided by recipient organisations by TLF’s Net Proceeds Committee.

We are a broad based, inclusive funder - that is, we fund a wide range of organisations across all community groups. Our grants are committed to the following community sectors:

- Sport
- Community, Arts & Culture
- Health
- Education

As stated previously, approximately 10% of all funds generated from all venues is allocated to national organisations, which include (not an exhaustive list):

Life Education Trust	Royal NZ Ballet	Graeme Dingle Foundation
Holocaust Centre of NZ	NZ Football	Surf Lifesaving NZ Inc
Special Olympics NZ	Netball NZ	Basketball NZ
Endometriosis N Z	Assistance Dogs NZ	Royal NZ Plunket Soc Inc
Barnardo's N Z	NZ Spinal Trust	NZ Rugby League Inc

It is important to note that TLF has stringent processes that are employed when a grant is assessed to ensure that grant funding lands where it is supposed to land. Grants can only be distributed for authorised purpose (Gambling Act).

3. Gaming machine numbers

Gaming machines have been present in New Zealand communities since the early 1980s. Initially the machines were operated without a gaming licence. The first gaming licence was issued to Pub Charity on 25 March 1988, almost 36 years ago.

Gaming machine numbers are in natural decline. In 2003, New Zealand had 25,221 gaming machines. As of June 2024, this number has been reduced to 14,109 gaming machines, down from December 2023 (14,226 gaming machines). How much of this is attributed to sinking lid policies – there is respectfully no research which can attribute the decline in gaming machine numbers to sinking lid policies.

In the Kawerau District – the number of gaming machines has steadily declined. In September 2003 – 73 gaming machines were in operation across 5 venues, and as of June 2024 – this number is 36 gaming machines at two venues.

4. Problem gambling rates & harm minimisation

New Zealand has a very low problem gambling rate by international standards. The New Zealand National Gambling Study: Wave 4 (2015)⁷ found the problem gambling rate was 0.2% of people aged 18 years and over (approximately 8,000 people nationally). The problem gambling rate is for all forms of gambling, not just gaming machine gambling.

All gaming machine societies contribute to a problem gambling fund. This fund provides over \$25 million per annum to the Ministry of Health to support and treat gambling addiction and to increase public awareness. The funding is ring-fenced and not able to be redirected to other health areas.

An excellent, well-funded problem gambling treatment service exists. The problem gambling helpline is available 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. Free, confidential help is available in 40 different languages. Free face-to-face counselling is also available, and specialist counselling is available for Māori, Pasifika and Asian clients. An anonymous, free text service (8006) is available. Support via email is also available (help@pgfnz.org.nz).

The Ministry of Health keeps a record of the number of people in each territorial authority that seek help via the phone, text, email or face-to-face counselling services that are available. Problem gambling presentations in the Kawerau District have steadily declined the past four-year period, with the number of clients seen in 2019/20 being higher than the number of clients seen in 2022/23. The Kawerau District presentation data¹ (table 10 – excludes brief interventions) are as follows:

- July 2019 – June 2020
 - o A total of 12 Clients assisted, of which 6 were new clients
- July 2022 – June 2023
 - o A total of 3 clients were assisted, of which 2 were new clients.

We have always attempted to work with the providers of Gambling Harm services across New Zealand and had established concrete relationships. However, many of these relationships have vanished overnight with the sudden closure of the Oasis Salvation Army services with effect from 31 January 2024. We are endeavouring to establish and cement relationships with the four groups that are now the providers of problem gambling prevention services.



Important Information

Tena koutou katoa.

We would like to inform you that after 31 years of delivering prevention and minimization of gambling harm services to the community, the Salvation Army Oasis has received notification from Te Whatu Ora that our contract tender was unsuccessful. As a result, **our service will conclude on the 31st of January 2024.**

From January 2024, please send all gambling harm referrals to the following four providers to support tāngata whaiora (and inquire about public health activities):

Unfortunately, though, and as was identified in the very recently published Malatest Needs Assessment Report ¹ commissioned by the Ministry of Health to provide information to assist with the development of its *Draft Strategy to prevent and minimise gambling harm 2025/2026 to 2027/2028*: -

- There was a lack of support for clients who were required to transition from the Salvation Army services to the new replacement PGF service. (Page 64)
- The problem gambling prevalence rate has remained stable despite significant investment.
- There is a continued downward trend in the number of clients receiving support. The number of clients peaked in 2014/15 at 7,210. In 2022/23 the number of clients was only 4,410, a 2.7% decrease compared with the previous year.
- There has been a large reduction in client referrals from Whakarongorau Aotearoa – Gambling Helpline Aotearoa compared to previous years when an independent Gambling Helpline service was provided. *“The Gambling Helpline, we don’t find that works particularly well because they don’t refer on. We’re not getting referrals from them, so there’s a problem. (Provider).” (Page 70 Needs Assessment).*
- There is a lack of out-of-hours clinical services, residential care services, and support in prisons. *“Our services are disgustingly lacking in weekend providers. I mean, are there any even?... If I didn’t know what I know I would be a lost cause because I don’t feel supported... There’s no support in the weekend you know, when are we going to get over this nine to five business?... My addiction didn’t stop at five o’clock on a Friday. I’d like to see services over the weekend and throughout the evening. (Lived experience).” “You’ve got drug treatment units in prison, but there’s nothing if you’re a gambler, and people sometimes have to pretend they’ve got addiction problems so they can actually get into treatment units. (Lived experience).” (Page 71 Needs Assessment).*
- The wait time to receive help is totally unacceptable, with waits of three to four weeks to get an appointment with a counsellor being common and wait times of over 20 minutes on the Gambling Helpline. *“I can’t say enough about the peer support, she was incredible... However, [client] was going to have to wait three to four weeks to get an appointment with a counsellor. (Lived experience).” “For my [Helpline] experience, just waiting 21 minutes is pretty long if you’re in an unsafe space. The information that was given to me was “Go online”. So why am I ringing if you’re telling me to go and do it myself? (Lived experience)”. (Pages 71 and 73 Needs Assessment).*
- There is a need to provide counselling, treatment and support during a self-exclusion period, and a need to provide clinical follow-up for problem gamblers at the end of their exclusion period. (Page 74 Needs Assessment).
- There are very few research staff with the skills and knowledge to produce quality and meaningful research. *“There are so few of us left in the research space who have detailed gambling knowledge. (Government & research).” (Page 80 Needs Assessment).*

We are committed to supporting our venues and the community.

At The Lion Foundation we play a considerable part in the prevention and minimisation of harm at the venues – a fence at the top of the cliff approach. We ensure our Venue Operators, and their gaming staff are fully trained in all relevant areas of harm minimisation. We have released an online training system which has been developed by industry professionals.

In addition to our online programme, all staff involved in gaming at The Lion Foundation venues undertake frequent face to face training courses (including refresher courses) run by experienced TLF personnel. All TLF personnel have a wealth of experience in the gaming and hospitality sectors. Training focuses on problem gambling – how to observe and identify problem gamblers, how to support problem gamblers and how to ensure that harm is minimised. Gaming rooms may not be operated unless a staff who supervise the room

¹ <https://www.health.govt.nz/publications/draft-strategy-to-prevent-and-minimise-gambling-harm-202526-to-202728>

have been fully trained. In addition to the ongoing training, our industry trained staff are constantly in contact with the venue staff and are available to assist with a variety of matters at a moment's notice – either in person or telephonically.

The Lion Foundation offers a range of harm minimisation material to the gambler in the venue – including, but not limited to, wallet cards with information for potential problem gamblers, signage in and around gaming rooms from the Health Promotion Agency, etc. Venue staff interaction and supervision and observation of patrons is also key to the minimisation of harm.

The Venue Operators, Managers and staff are members of the local community and have the community's interest at the heart of the business.

5. Positive wellbeing benefit

In addition to the funding that is provided to the community – gambling is a legal recreational activity. Gambling (across all formats and not just *pokies*) is a popular form of entertainment. Research has shown that people gamble because they find it an enjoyable and social activity.

The 2021 TDB Advisory report, *Gambling in New Zealand: A National Wellbeing Analysis*² found that gambling in New Zealand had a net positive wellbeing benefit totalling around \$1.74b to \$2.16b per annum.



6. Current policy - Sinking lid and Relocation clause

We would request that the Council considers adopting a capped policy (at current numbers). A capped policy will not encourage growth but will ensure that a much-needed funding mechanism be retained. On 1 December 2023, significant additional safeguards were introduced by new harm minimisation regulations. These new measures coupled with existing safeguards make it appropriate for Council to adopt a capped policy.

² https://www.gamblinglaw.co.nz/download/Gambling_in_New_Zealand.pdf

We would strongly urge the Council to consider **permitting venue relocations**. Extensive safeguards can be written into a relocation clause which would serve as an excellent harm minimisation tool. Properly considered relocation clauses could encourage the relocation of venues out of areas of high deprivation. Permitting the relocation of venues allows gaming venues to move to new, modern, refurbished premises. Allowing local businesses to upgrade their premises and provide a more modern, attractive offering to the public helps to revitalise business districts, improves the local economy, and encourages tourism.

Enabling relocation permits venues to re-establish after a natural disaster or fire. This is fair and reasonable for the venue owners and protects against a sudden loss of community funding following a natural disaster.

7. Conclusion

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the discussion. Should you require any further information, or should you have any questions in respect of the content hereof, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

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Class 4 Gambling Venues Policy Review: Pre-engagement Support for Kawerau District Council

Introduction to PGF Services

PGF Services delivers gambling harm treatment and public health services nationwide. We provide free counselling, advice and support to gamblers and their families. Our mission at PGF Services is preventing and reducing gambling harm for all tangata in Aotearoa New Zealand with integrity, mana, and innovative solutions.

PGF Services is part of the Problem Gambling Foundation (trading as PGF Group). We work closely with Asian Family Services and Mapu Maia Pasifika Service, united by a shared purpose to provide public health and clinical services that contribute to the wellbeing of whānau and communities. Our organisation is a charitable trust operating nationally with services delivered under contract to Te Whatu Ora and funded from the gambling levy.

Class 4 Gambling

Class 4 gambling (pokies in pubs, clubs, and TABs) is the most harmful form of gambling in Aotearoa New Zealand.

As a continuous form of gambling, electronic gaming machines (EGMs or 'pokies') enable players to place hundreds of bets in a matter of minutes. You do not have to wait for the horses to finish a race, a roulette wheel to stop spinning, or for the weekly Lotto draw – just press a button and in mere seconds you have a result.

It is important to consider that all gambling is not the same. Although pokies are a legal form of entertainment in New Zealand, they are highly addictive and have been specifically designed to be very absorbing and encourage people to participate in continuous gambling.

Kawerau and Class 4 Gambling

As of June 2024, there were 2 Class 4 gambling venues and 36 pokies in the Kawerau District.¹ Kawerau has followed the national trend of a general growth in annual gaming machine profit (GMP). The largest spend was in 2023 with approximately \$3,173,810.94 being lost to pokies in the Kawerau district. This increase comes despite a 20% decrease in overall gaming machine numbers due to the closing of one venue with nine machines.

¹ Department of Internal Affairs. *Gaming machine profits (GMP Dashboard)*. Wellington: Department of Internal Affairs; 2024. Retrieved from: <https://www.dia.govt.nz/gambling-statistics-gmp-dashboard>

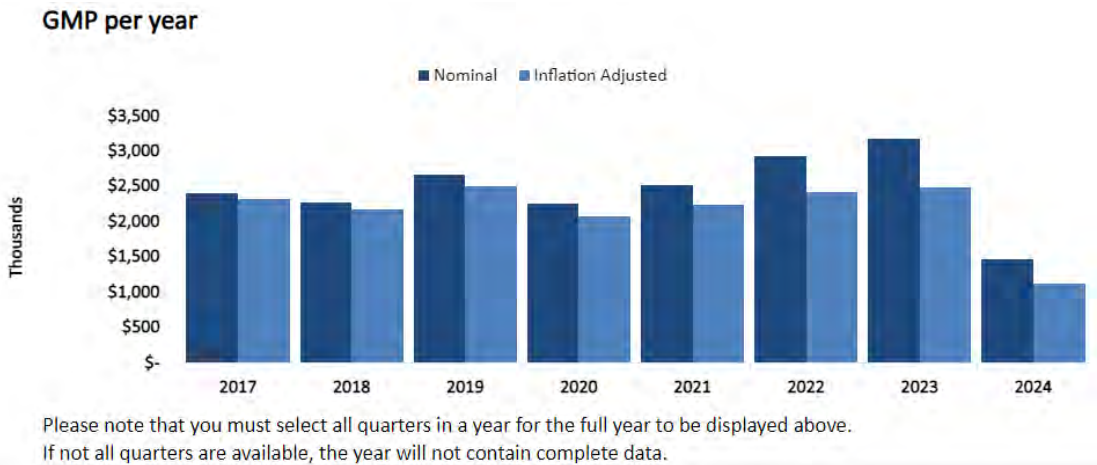


Figure 1: Kawerau District GMP from 2017 to 2023 (DIA, 2024)

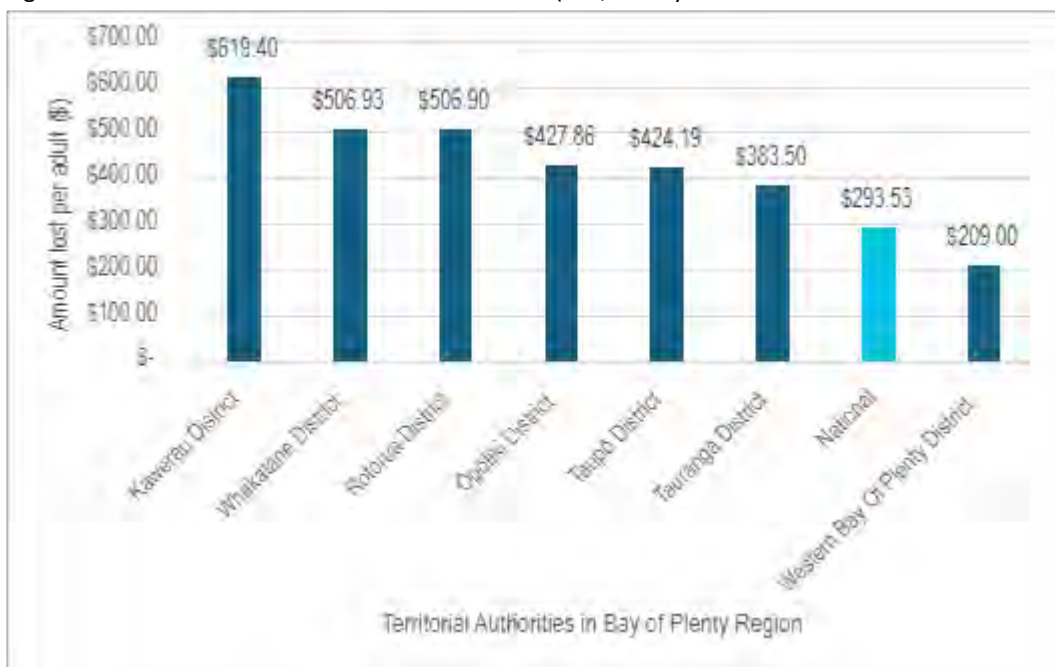


Figure 2: GMP loss per adult population in the Bay of Plenty

Of all the territorial authorities across the Bay of Plenty Region, Kawerau District had the highest GMP loss per adult capita of \$619.40 in 2023. This was also higher than the national average of \$293.53. Data on the adult population for each TLA was retrieved from Statistics New Zealand’s 2018 Census.

Impact of Gambling Harm on the Community

As the only provider of mainstream services for the prevention and minimisation of gambling harm in Aotearoa New Zealand, we have first-hand experience supporting gamblers and affected others in navigating the impact that harmful gambling has had on their lives.

It is estimated that about one in five people in New Zealand will experience harm in their lifetime due to their own or someone else's gambling.² The impact of harmful gambling is diverse, affecting multiple domains of health and wellbeing, including physical, social, emotional, and mental health.

The total number of clients assisted in the Kawerau District are as follows (data has been retrieved from the Ministry of Health's [intervention client data](#)):

Financial Year	Total clients assisted
July 2022 – June 2023	7
July 2021 – June 2022	4
July 2020 – June 2021	29

It is important to note that the Ministry of Health's *Strategy to Prevent and Minimise Gambling Harm* states that "needs assessment and outcomes monitoring reports show that **only 16%** of potential clients for gambling support services (that is, people whose reported harm results in a moderate to high PGSI score) actually access or present at these services", and that this low service use is also evident for other forms of addiction.³

While the Ministry of Health's client intervention data is not an accurate measure of the prevalence of gambling harm in New Zealand, it can tell us the rate of harm from different classes of gambling amongst those who have sought help. Data for 2022/23 shows that of the 4,411 individuals who received full intervention support for their own or someone else's gambling, 1,986 (45.0%) were for Class 4 EGMs.⁴

Moreover, gambling harm disproportionately impacts Māori and Pacific peoples, and these populations have been identified in the Ministry of Health's *Strategy to Prevent and Minimise Gambling Harm 2022/23 to 2024/25* as bearing a burden of harm that greatly outweighs that being experienced by other groups.

The 2020 Health and Lifestyles Survey results indicated that Māori were 3.13 times more likely to be moderate-risk or high-risk gamblers than non-Māori and non-Pacific peoples, and Pacific peoples were 2.56 times more likely to be moderate-risk or high-risk gamblers than non-Māori and non-Pacific peoples.⁵ According to the 2018 Census, 61.7% and 4.6% of Kawerau District's population are Māori and Pasifika respectively.⁶ Consideration around how Class 4 gambling inequitably impacts these groups must be deliberated and addressed.

Sinking Lid Policy

Councils play an important role in addressing the harm caused by Class 4 gambling by adopting gambling venue policies which regulate the number and location of Class 4 pokies.

² Ministry of Health, *Strategy to prevent and minimise gambling harm 2022/23 to 2024/25*. Wellington: Ministry of Health; 2022.

³ Ministry of Health. *Strategy to prevent and minimise gambling harm 2019/20 to 2021/22*. Wellington; 2019.

⁴ Ministry of Health. *Gambling harm intervention services data*. Wellington: Ministry of Health; 2024. Retrieved from: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/mental-health-and-addiction/addiction/gambling-harm/service-user-data/gambling-harm-intervention-services-data>

⁵ Te Hīringa Hauora. *Results from the Health and Lifestyles Survey 2020*. Wellington: Te Hīringa Hauora; 2021.

⁶ Statistics New Zealand. *2018 Census place summaries – Napier City*. Wellington; 2024. Retrieved from: <https://www.stats.govt.nz/tools/2018-census-place-summaries/napier-city>

According to research conducted by the Auckland University of Technology's New Zealand Work Research Institute, sinking lid policies are one of the most effective policies at reducing pokie spending, helping reduce problem gambling expenditure by 13%. Moreover, territorial local authorities (TLAs) who adopted restrictions above and beyond those mandated by the Gambling Act 2003 experienced less gambling harm than those TLAs who have not.⁷

Currently, just over half (55%), or 36 councils in Aotearoa New Zealand have adopted a sinking lid policy.

We commend Kawerau District Council for having adopted a comprehensive sinking lid policy which includes provisions banning any new venue, the relocations of pokie machines, and club mergers. This is the best approach available to minimise gambling harm. It is our recommendation that Kawerau District Council keep the sinking lid policy in place as is and look to continuing towards the goal of reducing pokie machine numbers in the District.

Class 4 Gambling Community Grants

Class 4 Trusts and Societies are required to return 40% of the GMP to the community by the way of grants or applied funding. However, it cannot be guaranteed that money lost to pokies in the district is returned to community groups in the same district. For example, of the \$3,173,810.94 lost in Kawerau District in 2023, approximately \$640,066.00 was returned to organisations based in Kawerau District.⁸ This is around 20% of the amount lost in 2023. We note that the largest grant made in 2023 was to the Kawerau District Council itself of \$433,750.00.

While pokie grants may support local community groups, sports, and services, it is important to remember where the money is coming *from* rather than where the money is going. Evidence has repeatedly shown that the distribution of Class 4 gambling funds is inequitable as funds are less likely to return to the communities in which they were raised. Reports from the Ministry of Health reveal that pokies in the most deprived areas provide over half of the total Class 4 gambling expenditure.⁹ The Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) have also acknowledged that "this means that there is more exposure and access to pokie gambling, normalising gambling in communities who can least afford it and leading to gambling harm."¹⁰

As at 30 June 2024, approximately 61% of Class 4 venues in Aotearoa New Zealand are located in medium-high or very-high deprivation areas. In Kawerau District, 100% of venues are in very-high deprivation areas.¹¹

A report commissioned by the DIA, *Assessment of the effects of Class 4 gambling on wellbeing in New Zealand*, revealed that "one of the most striking features of this report is that [qualitative and

⁷ Erwin C, Lees, K., Pacheco, G., & Turco, A. *Capping problem gambling in NZ: The effectiveness of local government policy interventions*. Auckland: New Zealand Work Research Institute.; 2020.

⁸ Department of Internal Affairs. *Granted Dashboard - Grants by District*. Wellington: Department of Internal Affairs; 2024. Retrieved from: <https://www.granted.govt.nz/dashboard.html>

⁹ Allen & Clarke. *Informing the 2015 gambling harm needs assessment: Final report for the Ministry of Health*. Wellington: Ministry of Health; 2015.

¹⁰ Department of Internal Affairs. *Reducing pokies harm – Public discussion document*. Wellington: Department of Internal Affairs; 2022.

¹¹ Department of Internal Affairs. *Gaming machine profits (GMP Dashboard)*. Wellington: Department of Internal Affairs; 2024. Retrieved from: <https://www.dia.govt.nz/gambling-statistics-gmp-dashboard>

quantitative analyses] both indicate that Class 4 gambling tends to magnify community disadvantage. The evidence strongly suggests that it transfers wealth from more deprived communities to less deprived communities”.

Overall, there is a strong redistributive effect where less deprived communities (decile 1-5) provide 26% of the GMP but receive 88% of the grants. Conversely, more deprived communities (decile 6-10) provide 74% of the GMP but receive only 12% of the grants.¹²

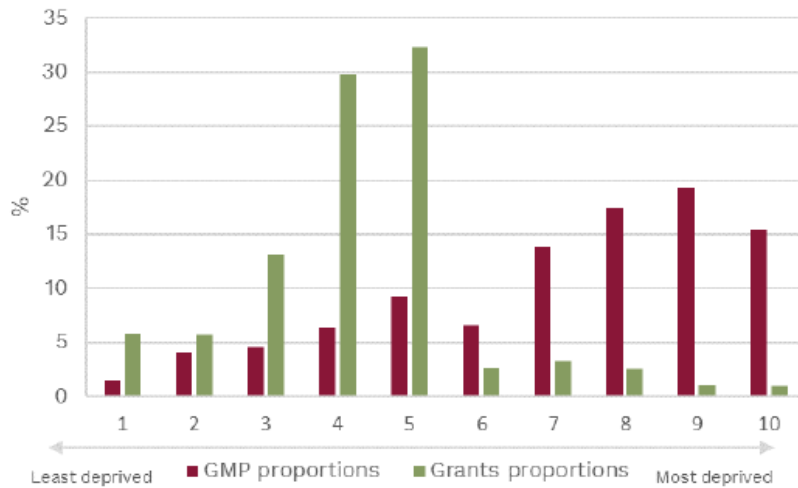


Figure 3: The origin of GMP and the destination of Class 4 grants by socio-economic decile (BERL, 2020)

¹² Cox M, Hurren K, Nana G. Assessment of the effects of Class 4 gambling on Wellbeing in New Zealand: Final Report. Wellington: Business and Economic Research Limited; 2020.

Kawerau Class 4 Gambling Policy

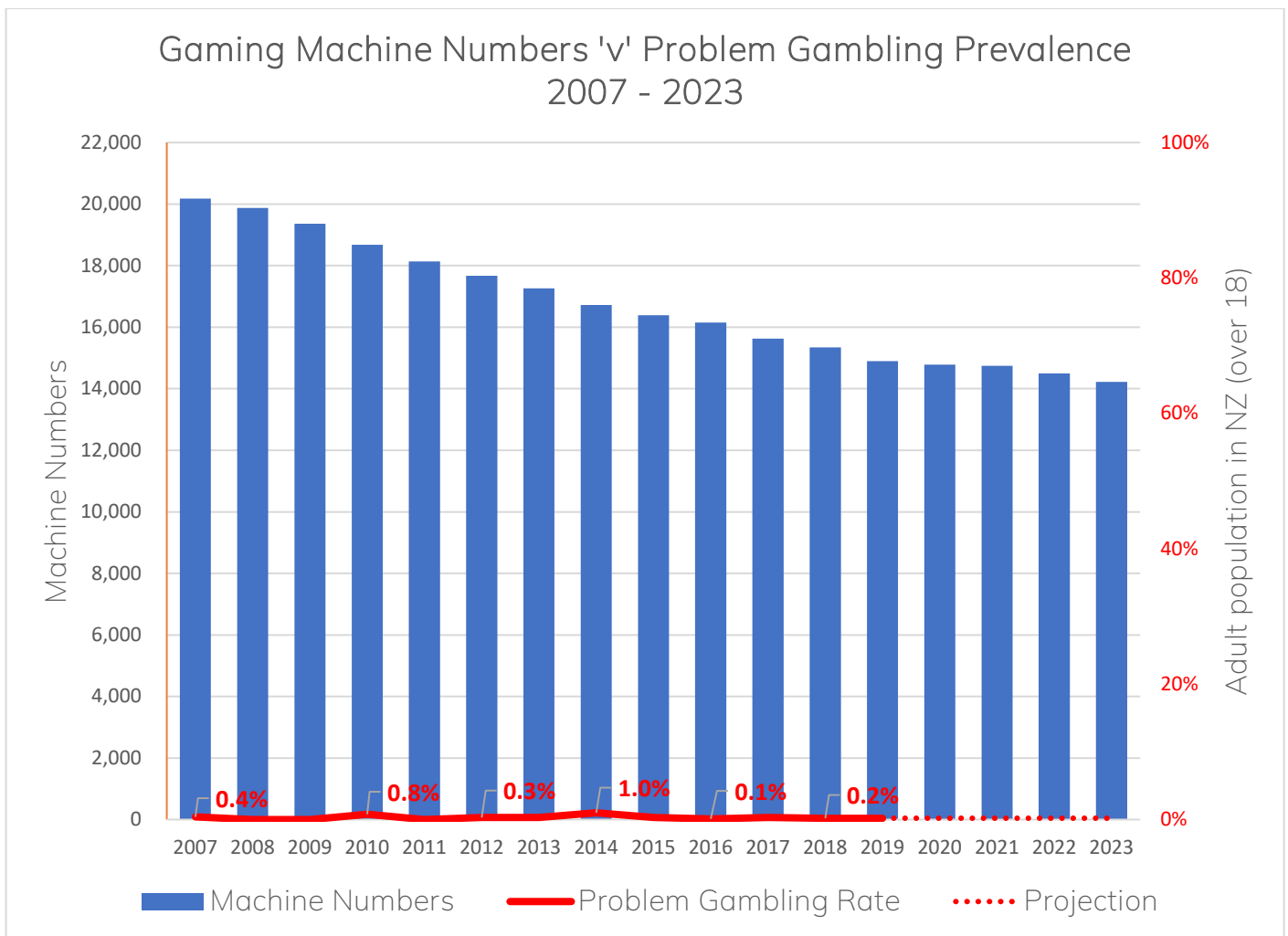
Pre-Consultation



Thank you for giving NZCT the opportunity to be involved in the pre-consultation on your Class 4 gambling policy. Engaging with the community provides for balanced and effective policy making.

Sinking Lids Don't Reduce Gambling Harm

We believe that the arguments advocating for the continuation of the current sinking lid policy are fundamentally flawed. Since 2003, many councils have implemented sinking lid policies, leading to a reduction of 11,000 pokie machines—a 44% decrease. However, the rate of problem gambling among adults has remained relatively stable, at a low 0.4% in 2007 and 0.2% in 2018 (with small fluctuations in between). This Health NZ data shows no correlation between sinking lid policies and a reduction in gambling-related harm.



NZ Has a Low Problem Gambling Rate

Currently, only 0.2% of adults experience gambling harm, with about half of that figure associated with pokie machines. For context, approximately 2% of adults are alcoholics, a figure ten times greater than that of problem gamblers. Few would argue for the closure of pubs to protect those 2%, as it would be unfair for the 98% who do not have issues with alcohol. Prohibition has historically failed, and similarly, eliminating pokie lounges over time does not address the root causes of problem gambling, especially since individuals can easily shift to online gambling, which is easily available 24/7.

Despite the number of problem gamblers being very small, their harm is significant, and the Class 4 sector demonstrates a strong duty of care. The Class 4 sector contributes over half of the annual \$20 million

problem gambling levy that funds a nationwide network of problem gambling services. Additionally, NZCT alone invests \$800,000 annually in harm minimization initiatives, including staff training, resources, and technology.

Evaluating the Impact of Sinking Lids

Some advocates claim that sinking lid policies have led to a 13% reduction in harm; however, this misinterprets research that indicated sinking lids decreased expenditure (not harm) by 13%. The research also found that per capita caps had the same effect on expenditure.

Furthermore, sinking lid policies pose a significant risk to the sustainability of pokie grants, especially in Kawerau which has just two gaming lounges. Pokie grants are essential for supporting non-profit organisations to foster happier, healthier, and more connected communities. In 2023, Class-4 societies awarded \$628,162 in grants within Kawerau. NZCT contributed nearly 81% (\$509,664) of this. We note that Council itself applied for and was awarded \$1,465,374 of pokie funding over the 2018-2023 period (\$1,174,624 of this coming from NZCT).

Over the longer period 1 October 2021 to 30 Sept 2024, NZCT awarded 22 grants in Kawerau totalling \$1,160,217. During the same period, NZCT approved millions of dollars more of region-wide and nationwide grants, \$760,922 of which can be identified as being of direct benefit to the people of Kawerau. In total, \$1,921,139 of NZCT grants benefited Kawerau in this period.

If a sinking lid is maintained, how will the Council compensate for this loss of funding? This could necessitate an increase in rates by 4.3% on 24/25 rates which have already increased by 12.2% - highlighting the financial implications of endorsing the continuation of the sinking lid policy.

Gambling Has a Net Positive Wellbeing Benefit

It is essential to acknowledge that gambling contributes net positive well-being benefits estimated at approximately \$2 billion annually¹. This encompasses entertainment value, government revenue, the problem gambling levy, and the unique provision of community grants that inject money into a community's not for profit sector and the retail and service industries that supports it.

The Complex Nature of Problem Gambling

Problem gambling is a multifaceted pathological disorder that rarely occurs in isolation. It is most often comorbid with other problem behaviours. There is no research which evidences that problem gambling is the root of these other problems. The reverse is just as possible.

Class 4 is Heavily Regulated

Pokie lounges operate within strict harm minimisation regulations, with staff trained to identify and intervene when they observe signs of harm. For example, venue staff conduct sweeps of gaming rooms every 20 minutes and limit ATM withdrawals to one per visit, among various other measures.

Sustainable Class 4 Policy

Continuing the current policy constitutes a decision with financial implications amounting to over \$646,000 per annum. It is imperative that the Council revisit their current sinking lid policy to explore a range of options, including sustainable alternatives.

People have gambled for millennia; it will never disappear. However, we can limit its growth, support those affected, and utilise the proceeds of gambling for community benefit. This is what the Class 4 gambling model provides Kawerau.

¹ TDB Advisory Report 2021 Page 87

Grants to Kawerau District - October 2021 to September 2024

Grant #	Organisation	Total Amount Approved	Amount drawn from Kawerau	Date of Approval	Purpose
98358	Central Kids Trust	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	2/05/2023	Play equipment for Te Akoranga Kindergarten
102207	Kawerau and Districts Ageing in Place Inc	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	19/02/2024	Salary
88840	Kawerau and Districts Ageing in Place Inc	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	19/07/2022	Salary
95596	Kawerau Bowling Club Inc	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00	21/11/2022	Artificial green
97070	Kawerau Community Menz Shed	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	31/01/2023	Rent
92888	Kawerau Community Menz Shed	\$3,099.12	\$3,099.12	21/06/2022	Rent of workshop
106085	Kawerau District Council	\$82,000.00	\$82,000.00	17/09/2024	Event costs
102361	Kawerau District Council	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	22/11/2023	Construction costs
99604	Kawerau District Council	\$78,000.00	\$78,000.00	19/09/2023	Event costs
95054	Kawerau District Council	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	20/09/2022	Event costs
88167	Kawerau District Council	\$35,888.00	\$35,888.00	23/08/2022	Acoustics upgrade
106533	Kawerau Fitness Community Trust	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	28/08/2024	Gym equipment
92870	Kawerau Fitness Community Trust	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	21/06/2022	Gym equipment
93401	Kawerau Golf & Squash Club Inc	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	19/07/2022	Tractor
105204	Kawerau Preschool Learning Centre Inc	\$11,918.00	\$11,918.00	16/07/2024	Power pole upgrade
103302	Kawerau Preschool Learning Centre Inc	\$34,333.66	\$34,333.66	19/03/2024	Costs associated with power supply
96386	Kawerau Preschool Learning Centre Inc	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	21/12/2022	Sunshade sails
96927	Kawerau Putauaki School	\$72,637.11	\$72,637.11	20/06/2023	Sports uniforms, flying fox, fitness/sports equipment, microphones, speakers, mixers, cabling
98163	Kawerau Social Services Trust Board	\$9,555.00	\$9,555.00	23/08/2023	Acoustic panels
100955	Kawerau Sports Club Inc	\$32,471.41	\$32,471.41	17/10/2023	Playing uniforms and equipment
93724	Onepu Netball Club Inc	\$3,315.00	\$3,315.00	19/07/2022	Travel and accommodation
87326	Tarawera High School	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	23/08/2022	Build of the extension to Performing Arts Theatre
		\$1,160,217.30	\$1,160,217.30		

Regional and multi-regional grants that benefit Kawerau District

104914	AIMS Games Trust	\$100,000.00	\$15,000.00	20/06/2024	Equipment hire and medical services, and Tournament Director contract fee
104447	Aronui Arts Festival Charitable Trust	\$20,000.00	\$4,924.55	21/05/2024	Festival costs
98720	Aronui Arts Festival Charitable Trust	\$20,000.00	\$2,200.00	20/06/2023	Costs associated with festival
97191	Bay of Plenty Area Pony Club Inc	\$3,000.00	\$300.00	15/02/2023	Travel costs
104975	Bay of Plenty Badminton Association Inc	\$40,000.00	\$6,000.00	20/06/2024	Salaries of Events & School Programme Coordinator and CoachForce Coach & Development Manager
97752	Bay of Plenty Badminton Association Inc	\$40,000.00	\$4,000.00	19/04/2023	Salaries of CoachForce Coach & Development Manager and Community Development General Manager
89527	Bay of Plenty Badminton Association Inc	\$30,000.00	\$2,700.00	22/03/2022	Salaries of CoachForce Sport Development Officer and Events Coordinator/Shuttle Time Program Deliverer
102470	Bay of Plenty Cricket Association Inc	\$5,347.04	\$695.12	12/12/2023	Travel and accommodation, and Women's Coach contract fee
97018	Bay of Plenty Cricket Association Inc	\$3,500.00	\$350.00	19/04/2023	Contractor
92682	Bay of Plenty Cricket Association Inc	\$3,210.52	\$288.95	17/05/2022	Nets hire and coaching fees
101559	Bay of Plenty Croquet Association Inc	\$2,000.00	\$207.73	16/10/2023	Travel and accommodation
96415	Bay of Plenty Croquet Association Inc	\$3,344.14	\$334.41	29/11/2022	Travel and accommodation
106740	Bay of Plenty Golf Inc	\$30,000.00	\$4,500.00	17/09/2024	Contract fees for Participation Coordinator Bay of Plenty and Participation Coordinator BOP Women's Golf and Futures Geyserland Hub
97790	Bay of Plenty Golf Inc	\$30,000.00	\$3,000.00	15/05/2023	Salaries of Participation Coordinator - BOP Women's Golf and Futures Geyserland Hub and Participation Coordinator - Bay of Plenty
93924	Bay of Plenty Golf Inc	\$20,000.00	\$1,800.00	19/07/2022	Salaries of Participation Coordinator - BOP Womens Golf and Futures Geyserland Hub and Participation Coordinator - Bay of Plenty
103147	Bay of Plenty Indoor Bowls Centre Inc	\$1,870.00	\$243.10	16/01/2024	Travel
96824	Bay of Plenty Indoor Bowls Centre Inc	\$1,110.00	\$111.00	21/12/2022	Travel
91051	Bay of Plenty Indoor Bowls Centre Inc	\$1,440.00	\$129.60	18/01/2022	Vehicle hire
92908	Bay of Plenty Motorcycle Club Inc	\$9,067.97	\$816.12	21/06/2022	Medical services

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89978	Bay of Plenty Motorcycle Club Inc	\$4,527.38	\$316.92	20/10/2021	Medical services
95180	Bay of Plenty Multiple Sclerosis Society Inc	\$5,000.00	\$500.00	17/10/2022	Salaries of Field Worker and Service Manager
106399	Bay of Plenty Rowing Association Inc	\$8,169.00	\$1,225.35	12/08/2024	Contractor
97140	Bay of Plenty Rowing Association Inc	\$15,000.00	\$1,500.00	16/02/2023	Contractor
103438	Bay of Plenty Rugby Union Inc	\$245,000.00	\$36,750.00	19/03/2024	Office rent, and salaries of EBOP Junior Rugby Officer, Women's Rugby Development Manager, Athlete Development Manager and WBOP Junior Rugby Development Manager
98609	Bay of Plenty Rugby Union Inc	\$155,000.00	\$17,050.00	20/06/2023	Vehicle lease, and salaries of Central Bay Junior Rugby Manager, Secondary Schools Rugby Manager, Athlete Development Manager, Junior Coach & Referee Development Manager, Referee Manager and General Manager
95621	Bay of Plenty Rugby Union Inc	\$90,000.00	\$9,000.00	27/10/2022	Administration and financial services, salaries of Athlete Development Manager, General Manager, Engagement & Events Coordinator and Marketing & Community Engagement
92880	Bay of Plenty Rugby Union Inc	\$269,580.00	\$24,262.20	21/06/2022	Salaries of Community Volunteers Development Manager, Club & School Coach & Player Skill Development, EBOP Junior Rugby Dev Officer, Capability Community Manager, Community Rugby Manager, Women's Rugby Development Officer, WBOP Junior Rugby Development Officer and Junior coach & Referee Development Manager; Field hire; Coach Development Services contract fee
98666	Bay of Plenty Table Tennis Association Inc	\$10,000.00	\$1,100.00	18/07/2023	Development Officer & Events Manager contract fee, venue hire and equipment
91165	Bay of Plenty Touch Association Inc	\$10,000.00	\$900.00	18/01/2022	Travel and accommodation
100115	BOP Major Squash Events Inc	\$40,000.00	\$4,400.00	22/08/2023	Venue hire
94098	BOP Major Squash Events Inc	\$40,000.00	\$3,600.00	20/09/2022	Venue costs
102782	Canoe Slalom Bay of Plenty Inc	\$19,518.32	\$2,927.75	16/01/2024	Event costs
100464	Canoe Slalom Bay of Plenty Inc	\$25,000.00	\$2,750.00	17/10/2023	Salaries of coaches
95159	Canoe Slalom Bay of Plenty Inc	\$25,000.00	\$2,500.00	27/10/2022	Salary
91065	Canoe Slalom Bay of Plenty Inc	\$20,000.00	\$1,800.00	21/02/2022	Security, generator, bibs, sunshades/umbrellas, accommodation, travel, hall hire and portaloos for event
89349	Canoe Slalom Bay of Plenty Inc	\$25,000.00	\$1,750.00	20/10/2021	Salaries of Junior Coach and Senior Coach
103450	Capital Football Inc - No 5 District Federation of NZ Football Inc	\$300,000.00	\$5,792.39	19/02/2024	Football For All programme costs (on behalf of all Federations)
100237	Capital Football Inc - No 5 District Federation of NZ Football Inc	\$125,000.00	\$2,898.86	19/09/2023	Travel and accommodation for 2023 Youth Futsal Championships (grant benefitting all Football Federations)
91832	Capital Football Inc - No 5 District Federation of NZ Football Inc	\$175,000.00	\$2,740.12	20/06/2023	Travel and accommodation for 2023 National Youth Development League (grant benefitting all Football Federations)
93131	Capital Football Inc - No 5 District Federation of NZ Football Inc	\$112,000.00	\$2,445.79	19/07/2022	Travel and accommodation for 2022 Futsal Youth Championships (on behalf of all federations)
91875	Capital Football Inc - No 5 District Federation of NZ Football Inc	\$96,675.00	\$1,089.42	22/03/2022	Travel costs for 2022 National Youth Development League (on behalf of all federations)
98691	CCS Disability Action Bay of Plenty Inc	\$3,800.00	\$380.00	17/05/2023	Portable radios and power packs
106316	Eventing BOP Inc	\$10,000.00	\$1,500.00	17/09/2024	Storage shed
92687	Hospice Eastern Bay of Plenty	\$45,000.00	\$21,315.79	20/09/2022	Salary
96732	Key To Life Charitable Trust	\$275,000.00	\$27,500.00	13/12/2022	Operational costs
105216	MotorSport Bay of Plenty Inc	\$4,241.20	\$636.18	19/06/2024	Emergency medical services
100767	MotorSport Bay of Plenty Inc	\$4,862.00	\$534.82	23/08/2023	Van Repairs
106321	Netball Waikato Bay of Plenty Zone Inc	\$185,000.00	\$18,352.92	20/08/2024	Salaries of Participation Lead, Umpire Lead, Coach Lead and Relationship Manager, and Pathways Development Lead contract fee
99809	Netball Waikato Bay of Plenty Zone Inc	\$184,825.52	\$14,356.62	22/08/2023	Accommodation, contract fees for SHNL Event Staging, NWBOP Analyst, NWBOP Strength and Conditioning Coach, NWBOP National Netball League Team Physiotherapist, NWBOP National Netball League Manager, NWBOP National Netball League Assistant Coach, NWBOP National Netball League Head Coach and Pathways Development Lead, and salaries of Umpire Development Lead, Coach Lead and Netball Relationship Manager

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94253	Netball Waikato Bay of Plenty Zone Inc	\$165,086.95	\$10,332.99	23/08/2022	Accommodation, contractor fees for NNL Event Manager, WBOP NNL Team Manager, WBOP NNL Team Assistant Coach and WBOP National Netball League Head Coach, and salaries of Pathway Development Lead, Community Projects and Administration, Coach Lead and Relationship Manager
106194	No 3 District Federation of NZ Soccer Inc	\$160,000.00	\$20,288.88	20/08/2024	Salaries of Referee Development Manager, Referee Development Coordinator, Federation Development Officers for Bay of Plenty, Federation Development/Futsal Manager, Competitions Manager and Football Development Manager
100266	No 3 District Federation of NZ Soccer Inc	\$175,000.00	\$12,065.13	22/08/2023	Salaries of Referee Development Coordinator, Referee Development Manager, Federation Development Officer Waikato, Federation Development Officers for Bay of Plenty, Competitions Manager and Football Development Manager
94742	No 3 District Federation of NZ Soccer Inc	\$175,000.00	\$13,341.04	20/09/2022	Salaries of Referee Development Manager, Football Development Officer Bay of Plenty, Football Development Officer Waikato, Football Development/ Futsal Development Bay of Plenty, Community Competitions Manager and Football Development Manager
106207	Northern Districts Cricket Association Inc	\$255,000.00	\$23,153.64	20/08/2024	Salaries of Pathway and Talent Coach Waikato, Pathway and Talent Coach Bays, Development Officer & Competition Administration Poverty Bay, Development Officer Western Bay, Development Manager Bays, Development Officer North Waikato, General Manager Community Cricket, Finance Manager and CEO
100565	Northern Districts Cricket Association Inc	\$282,577.00	\$21,949.62	19/09/2023	Salaries of Development Officer North Waikato, Pathway & Talent Coach Bays, Pathway & Talent Coach Waikato, Development Manager Bays, Comp, Tournament & Programmes Manager, GM Community Cricket, Finance Manager and CEO
94571	Northern Districts Cricket Association Inc	\$304,917.31	\$18,753.79	20/09/2022	Operational costs, and salaries of Pathway & Talent Coach Bays, Pathway & Talent Coach Waikato, Development Manager Bays, Competition and Tournament Manager, GM Community Cricket, Finance Manager and Chief Executive Officer
106001	Sport Bay of Plenty Charitable Trust Board Inc	\$130,000.00	\$19,500.00	20/08/2024	Salaries of School Sport and Recreation Advisor, Spaces and Places Lead, GM Strategic Partnerships and GM Community Sport and Recreation
104858	Sport Bay of Plenty Charitable Trust Board Inc	\$60,000.00	\$32,479.23	20/06/2024	Vehicle lease and salary of Locally Led Advisor EBOP
99615	Sport Bay of Plenty Charitable Trust Board Inc	\$130,000.00	\$14,300.00	18/07/2023	Salaries of GM Sport and Recreation, GM Strategic Partnerships, Regional Facilities Advisor and Early Childhood Advisor
98601	Sport Bay of Plenty Charitable Trust Board Inc	\$60,000.00	\$6,600.00	15/05/2023	Vehicle lease costs, and salary of Locally Led Advisor Eastern BOP
94137	Sport Bay of Plenty Charitable Trust Board Inc	\$135,000.00	\$12,150.00	23/08/2022	Audio visual costs, and salaries of Recreation Advisor Rotorua, Recreation Advisor Tauranga and GM Strategic Partnerships and Sport Manager
104365	Stage Door Productions Charitable Trust	\$30,000.00	\$16,239.61	21/05/2024	Sound and lighting equipment
106386	Tauranga City Basketball Association Inc	\$130,000.00	\$19,500.00	17/09/2024	Salaries of EBOP Development Officer, Competitions & Events Manager, Referee Development Officer, Senior Development Officer, Director of Development and General Manager
98304	Tauranga City Basketball Association Inc	\$130,000.00	\$20,394.36	20/06/2023	Salaries of Development Officer, Competitions and Events Manager, Director of Development and General Manager
97146	Tauranga City Basketball Association Inc	\$79,745.50	\$10,990.86	19/04/2023	Basketball hoops and installation
96649	Tauranga Volunteer Coastguard Association Inc	\$50,000.00	\$5,000.00	17/01/2023	Completion of hull plating and turning of the hull
96625	Te Manatu Ahurea o Tuhoe Trust	\$50,000.00	\$5,000.00	16/02/2023	Event costs
99621	Te Roopu Ahurea A Muriwai Inc	\$12,000.00	\$1,320.00	22/08/2023	Event costs
94099	Te Roopu Ahurea A Muriwai Inc	\$11,660.96	\$1,166.10	20/09/2022	Operation costs of Muriwai Tournament
104983	TENT Board	\$13,715.00	\$7,424.21	22/05/2024	Venue, sound and audio hire, advertising and printing costs, event staging and décor, and Event Management contract fee
99417	TENT Board	\$4,904.35	\$2,570.34	26/07/2023	Advertising and printing costs, event management costs and venue hire
102024	Volleyball Bay of Plenty Inc	\$50,000.00	\$7,500.00	19/02/2024	Salary
95068	Volleyball Bay of Plenty Inc	\$70,000.00	\$6,300.00	20/09/2022	Salaries of Regional Activator and General Manager
92171	Volunteer Western Bay of Plenty	\$15,000.00	\$1,350.00	19/04/2022	Salary

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105069	Waikato Bay of Plenty Endurance Riding Club Inc	\$3,565.00	\$440.51	19/06/2024	First aid course
104334	Waikato Bays Judo Association Inc	\$15,000.00	\$2,250.00	21/05/2024	Event hosting costs
97558	Waikato Bays Judo Association Inc	\$15,000.00	\$1,500.00	19/04/2023	Costs associated with judo tournament
96712	Waikato Community Hospice Trust	\$19,346.00	\$1,658.20	17/01/2023	Salary
95041	Wingspan Birds of Prey Trust	\$12,000.00	\$1,200.00	27/10/2022	Construction of access road
104655	Youth Encounter Ministries Trust	\$5,000.00	\$750.00	8/05/2024	Salary
98417	Youth Encounter Ministries Trust	\$5,000.00	\$550.00	17/05/2023	Salary
98148	YSAR Trust	\$4,347.83	\$134.45	19/04/2023	Training course
		\$5,650,953.99	\$577,628.67		
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103470	Athletics NZ Inc	\$160,000.00	\$15,000.00	19/03/2024	Event costs for Rotorua Marathon, and salaries of Event Manager, Club Development Lead and Competitions Manager
97204	Athletics NZ Inc	\$160,000.00	\$10,000.00	21/03/2023	Event costs for Rotorua Marathon, and salaries of Officials Development Manager, Competitions Manager, Competitions Coordinator, Club Development Lead, Young Persons Lead, Coach Coordinator and Community Manager
91431	Athletics NZ Inc	\$160,970.00	\$8,997.30	21/02/2022	Costs associated with Rotorua Marathon, and salaries of Coach Coordinator, Competitions Manager, Membership and Events Coordinator, Young Persons Lead and Community Manager
91868	Blue Light Ventures Inc	\$7,194.78	\$403.09	19/04/2022	Accommodation, and salaries of Community Youth Workers and Mentors and National Youth Development Coordinator
102433	Chamber Music NZ Trust Board	\$139,300.00	\$45.50	16/01/2024	Regional District Contest Organiser contract fees, and salaries of Engagement Artist, Concerts & Communities Administrator, Operations Coordinator and Manager of Artistic Delivery & Communities
103248	Cystic Fibrosis Association of NZ	\$80,000.00	\$1,582.21	19/02/2024	Salaries of Community Support Lead Registered Social Workers, Team Leader Community Support Registered Social Workers and GM Finance and Operations
91687	Get Kids Active Charitable Trust	\$25,000.00	\$1,169.76	22/03/2022	Venue hire, sound, lighting and equipment
106251	Golf NZ Korowha Aotearoa Inc	\$150,000.00	\$4,203.54	17/09/2024	Salaries of Participation Co-ordinator, Regional Support Manager, Participation Manager South Island, Participation Manager North Island and Participation Programmes Lead Manawatu/Wanganui
100060	Golf NZ Korowha Aotearoa Inc	\$150,000.00	\$4,125.00	22/08/2023	Salaries of Mainland Club Capability Manager, Regional Support Manager, Golf Development Officer, Young People Participation Manager- South Island, Young People Participation Manager - North Island and Māori Golf Development Manager - North Island
95836	Golf NZ Korowha Aotearoa Inc	\$150,000.00	\$4,377.50	21/11/2022	Salaries of Club Capability Manager Canterbury, Regional Performance Golf Coordinator, Regional Golf Club Capability Officer Bay of Plenty and Young People Participation Manager Auckland
90431	Golf NZ Korowha Aotearoa Inc	\$150,000.00	\$3,500.00	23/11/2021	Salaries of Regional Performance Golf Coordinator Manawatu/Wanganui, Regional Support Manager BOP, Club Capability Manager Canterbury and Participation Programmes Coordinator
104597	Gymsports NZ Inc	\$240,000.00	\$6,012.17	20/06/2024	Kiwi Gym Fun Review & Redevelopment, salaries of South Island Relationship Manager, Auckland Northland Relationship Manager, Central Region Relationship Manager and Midlands Region Relationship Manager
97579	Gymsports NZ Inc	\$190,000.00	\$10,733.82	15/05/2023	Vehicle lease, and salaries of Community Sport Manager, Upper South Relationship Manager, Central Region Relationship Manager, Midlands Region Relationship Manager and Auckland/North Region Relationship Manager
97579	Gymsports NZ Inc	\$190,000.00	\$3,833.51	15/05/2023	Vehicle lease, and salaries of Community Sport Manager, Upper South Relationship Manager, Central Region Relationship Manager, Midlands Region Relationship Manager and Auckland/North Region Relationship Manager
91548	Gymsports NZ Inc	\$180,000.00	\$3,883.05	22/03/2022	Salaries of Community Sport Manager, South Relationship Manager, Central Relationship Manager and Midlands Relationship Manager
106269	Halberg Foundation	\$170,000.00	\$3,000.00	20/08/2024	Salaries of regional Advisors
100002	Halberg Foundation	\$169,150.00	\$4,909.20	22/08/2023	Salaries of Advisor Canterbury, West Coast & Tasman, Advisor Taranaki, Manawatu & Whanganui, Advisor Wellington, Advisor Bay of Plenty and Advisor Bay of Plenty & Gisborne
94861	Halberg Foundation	\$120,000.00	\$3,811.73	20/09/2022	Salaries of regional Disability Sport Advisors and Leads

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100284	Life Flight Trust	\$1,125,000.00	\$23,349.93	22/08/2023	Air ambulance aircraft and service operational costs
94584	NZ Rugby Foundation Inc	\$50,000.00	\$4,000.00	20/09/2022	Defibrillators
105075	NZ Rugby League Inc	\$209,000.00	\$8,381.86	16/07/2024	CoachMate, and salaries of National Coach Education Manager, GM Community and Programmes, Coachforce Development Officer and District Game Development Officer
96922	NZ Rugby League Inc	\$80,000.00	\$8,000.00	21/03/2023	Salaries of Coach Force Development Officer and Operations Manager
105673	Parkinsons NZ	\$30,000.00	\$1,874.21	16/07/2024	Salaries of regional Parkinson's Educators
97335	Parkinsons NZ	\$29,974.00	\$628.15	21/03/2023	Salaries of Parkinson's Educators for Taranaki, Gisborne and Eastern Bay of Plenty, Northwestern Bay of Plenty and Manawatu
91837	Parkinsons NZ	\$28,398.00	\$987.29	22/03/2022	Salaries of Nurses for Taranaki, Bay of Plenty, Gisborne and Manawatu
104908	Royal NZ Foundation of the Blind Inc	\$20,000.00	\$3,000.00	16/07/2024	Vehicle
106342	Royal NZ Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Inc	\$7,000.00	\$3,617.09	31/07/2024	Salary
99537	Royal NZ Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Inc	\$7,000.00	\$3,668.66	12/07/2023	Salary
99870	Scout Association of NZ	\$95,000.00	\$1,393.85	22/08/2023	Salaries of General Manager South Island, General Manager Lower North Island and General Manager Upper North Island
94422	Scout Association of NZ	\$75,000.00	\$1,168.09	23/08/2022	Salaries of General Manager South Island, General Manager Lower North Island and General Manager Upper North Island
105351	Special Olympics NZ	\$270,000.00	\$2,116.52	16/07/2024	Salaries of Sports Director, Regional Sports Coordinator Director and Regional Sports Coordinators
98502	Special Olympics NZ	\$270,000.00	\$4,416.23	20/06/2023	Salaries of Sports Director and Regional Sports Coordinators
92933	Special Olympics NZ	\$235,800.00	\$2,140.06	21/06/2022	Salaries of Regional Sports Coordinators
104826	Surf Life Saving NZ Inc	\$60,000.00	\$1,459.48	20/06/2024	Salaries of Sport Manager Central, Manager Southern and Sport Manager Eastern Region
97391	Surf Life Saving NZ Inc	\$60,000.00	\$1,390.79	21/03/2023	Salaries of Sport Manager Central, Sport Manager Southern and Sport Manager Eastern
93090	Surf Life Saving NZ Inc	\$55,000.00	\$1,251.82	21/06/2022	Salaries of Sport Manager Central, Sport Manager Southern and Sport Manager Eastern
96773	Swimming NZ Inc	\$80,000.00	\$1,914.14	16/02/2023	Regional Water Skills for Life Advisors and salary of North Island Aquatic Education and Water Safety Manager
90394	Swimming NZ Inc	\$80,000.00	\$616.33	23/11/2021	Salaries of regional Aquatic Education and Water Safety Advisors and North Island Aquatic Education and Water Safety Manager
92225	Tennis NZ Inc	\$90,000.00	\$1,498.19	19/04/2022	Book A Court hardware installations, and salaries of Participation Coordinator, Coach Development Manager and Head of Participation & Coaching
102061	Touch NZ Inc	\$120,000.00	\$3,290.21	16/01/2024	Salaries of Regional Development Managers
103836	Volleyball NZ Inc	\$99,000.00	\$2,675.17	21/05/2024	Coaches x 3 (North/Central/South), and travel and accommodation
98139	Volleyball NZ Inc	\$100,000.00	\$1,639.81	15/05/2023	Travel and accommodation
89657	Volleyball NZ Inc	\$160,000.00	\$53.25	23/11/2021	Contract fee for Referee Development Manager (North Island), and salaries of Education and Development Manager, Development and Performance Strategist, Game Development Manager, Business Administration Manager and Chief Executive
102779	Yachting NZ Inc	\$145,000.00	\$3,869.28	16/01/2024	Salaries of Regional Development Manager Southern, Regional Development Manager Central, Regional Development Manager Bay of Plenty and Regional Development Manager Northern
96774	Yachting NZ Inc	\$145,000.00	\$3,107.10	17/01/2023	Salaries of regional Development Manager Bay of Plenty, Regional Development Manager Central, Regional Development Manager Southern and Regional Development Manager Northern
91127	Yachting NZ Inc	\$145,000.00	\$2,197.97	21/02/2022	Salaries of Regional Development Manager Bay of Plenty, Regional Development Manager Canterbury, Regional Development Manager Central and Regional Development Manager Northern
		\$6,462,786.78	\$183,292.86		
	Total	\$13,273,958.07	\$1,921,138.83		

NZCT's grants to Kawerau District in 2023

Organisation	Amount Granted
KAWERAU DISTRICT COUNCIL	378,000
KAWERAU PUTAUAKI SCHOOL	72,637
KAWERAU SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	32,471
CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND KINDERGARTEN TRUST	10,000
KAWERAU SOCIAL SERVICES TRUST BOARD	9,555
KAWERAU COMMUNITY MENZ SHED	7,000
Grand Total	509,664

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New Zealand Comm	20161	KAWERAU DISTRICT COUN	KAWERAU DISTRICT COUNCIL	
New Zealand Comm	19924	KAWERAU SPORTS CLUB I	KAWERAU SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	
New Zealand Comm	19685	KAWERAU DISTRICT COUN	KAWERAU DISTRICT COUNCIL	
New Zealand Comm	19561	KAWERAU SOCIAL SERVIC	KAWERAU SOCIAL SERVICES TRUST BOARD	
New Zealand Comm	19295	TENT BOARD	TENT BOARD	
New Zealand Comm	19121	ROYAL NZ SOCIETY FOR TH	ROYAL NZ SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF	
New Zealand Comm	18970	KAWERAU PUTAUAKI SCH	KAWERAU PUTAUAKI SCHOOL	
New Zealand Comm	18682	CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND I	CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND KINDERGARTEN TR	
New Zealand Comm	18117	KAWERAU COMMUNITY M	KAWERAU COMMUNITY MENZ SHED	

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Accepted	300000	300000	22/11/2023
Accepted	45186.41	32471.41	17/10/2023
Accepted	78000	78000	19/09/2023
Accepted	9555	9555	23/08/2023
Accepted	10481.64	4904.35	26/07/2023
Accepted	7000	7000	12/07/2023
Accepted	81953.5	72637.11	20/06/2023
Accepted	10000	10000	2/05/2023
Accepted	14255	7000	31/01/2023

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2023	COMMUNITY	COMMUNITY FACILITIES/LIBRARIES		No
2023	SPORT	MORE THAN ONE SPORT		No
2023	ARTS AND CULTI	MUSIC		No
2023	COMMUNITY	COMMUNITY FACILITIES/LIBRARIES		No
2023	COMMUNITY	FESTIVAL/COMMUNITY EVENTS		No
2023	ENVIRONMENT / ANIMAL WELFARE			No
2023	RESEARCH AND SCHOOL/KURA FACILITIES			No
2023	RESEARCH AND KINDERGARTEN/PLAY CENTRE/KOHAN			No
2023	COMMUNITY	COMMUNITY SUPPORT		No

Grant Request Number	Grant Request: Organisation Name	Grant Request: Authorised Purpose	Grant Request: Amount Requested	Allocated Amount	Grant Request: Contact Email	Grant Request: Main Contact Email	Grant Request: Org TLA	Grant Request: Category
9048413	Kindness Collective Foundation	towards lease of their community hub, food bank and warehouse distribution centre (excl GST)	50000	5000	hello@kindness.co.nz	hello@kindness.co.nz	Auckland City Council	Community - Culture - Arts
9047719	Variety - The Children's Charity Inc	towards Beds and bedding for children living with material deprivation (excl gst)	20000	2500	christine@variety.org.nz	christine@variety.org.nz	Auckland City Council	Community - Culture - Arts
9044770	Perry Outdoor Education Trust	towards outdoor education programmes for schools in Matamata, Morrinsville, Huntly, Kawerau, Hamilton and the Programme Co-ordinator salary, 20 Jan - 31 Dec 2024 (excl GST & food)	120000	20000	karen.singers@poet.org.nz	karen.singers@poet.org.nz	Hamilton City Council	Community - Culture - Arts
9046722	Netball Waikato Bay of Plenty Zone Inc	towards salaries of Finance/Funding Admin (50% of salary), Community Projects/Admin, Netball Relationship Mgr, office rent, 2 x vehicle leases, insurances, shared services costs, MYOB license, parking permits, photocopying & storage shed, Jun 24 - May 25	237000	20000	rachel.andrews@netballwbop.co.nz	rachel.andrews@netballwbop.co.nz	Hamilton City Council	Sport
9044272	Kawerau and Districts Ageing in Place Inc	towards Co-ordinator salary, website set-up/maintenance costs (incl GST)	32000	20000	tregartha1@xtra.co.nz	tregartha1@xtra.co.nz	Kawerau District Council	Health
9045315	Kawerau Golf & Squash Club	towards sanding/painting the interior/exterior of the clubhouse (excl GST, bar area painting & 2% increase)	107309.2	20000	pmranghika@xtra.co.nz	pmranghika@xtra.co.nz	Kawerau District Council	Sport
9041666	Kawerau Sports Club Inc	towards the cost of insurance and leasing the Tarawera Park fields, clubrooms and amenities block (excl GST)	13477	12000	nataashaahimate@gmail.com	nataashaahimate@gmail.com	Kawerau District Council	Sport
9044595	N Z Maori Golf Assn Inc	towards hire costs of the Te Marua Golf Club for the 2024 NZ Maori Golf Championship (excl GST)	5700	5700	watene.hema@golfnz.org	watene.hema@golfnz.org	Kawerau District Council	Sport
9047515	Inspiring Stories Trust	towards salaries for CEO, Events & Experience Manager and Community Outreach Co-ordinator, 1 Jul 24 - May 25	124000	5625	anna@inspiringstories.org.nz	anna@inspiringstories.org.nz	LF National	Community - Culture - Arts
9049022	Ako Matalupu Teach First N Z Trust	towards two months' worth of Mentor Manager's salary	18373	1500	patricia@teachfirstnz.org	patricia@teachfirstnz.org	LF National	Education
9046746	Parkinsons of N Z Charitable Trust	towards the salaries of 13 frontline staff: Parkinson's Educator x 8, Parkinson's Nurse x 5 (Excl Clinical Services Manager x 1)	190281.08	10000	grants@parkinsons.org.nz	grants@parkinsons.org.nz	LF National	Health
9047668	Ronald McDonald House Charities N Z Trust	towards national operating / utilities costs to run Ronald McDonald Houses in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch (excl GST)	70000	5000	grants@rmhc.org.nz	grants@rmhc.org.nz	LF National	Health
9042921	Te Pou Oranga o Whakathea Ltd	towards property purchase (excl GST)	550000	30000	anushya@xtra.co.nz	anushya@xtra.co.nz	Opotiki District Council	Health
9045540	Get Kids Active Charitable Trust	towards medical services, portable shower hire and event management fees for the Junior Touch Guy and Gal Challenge event series 2024 (excl GST)	60391.2	4750	getkidsactivenz@gmail.com	getkidsactivenz@gmail.com	Rotorua District Council	Health
9046049	Rotorua Community Hospice Trust	towards 6 months computer cloud software (ZoomCloud) and printing costs (excl GST)	15214.66	6000	fundraising@rotoruahospice.co.nz	fundraising@rotoruahospice.co.nz	Rotorua District Council	Health
9045634	Bay of Plenty Rugby Union Inc	towards salaries of Community Rugby Mgr, Referee Mgr, Sec Schools Rugby Mgr, Coach Development Mgr & Sports Shared Services contract, Mar - Dec 24 (excl GST, bonus payments)	275000	10000	elaine@Sportsss.co.nz	elaine@Sportsss.co.nz	Tauranga City Council	Sport
9048092	Sport Bop Charitable Trust	towards 12 months Whakatane office rental, salaries of 2 x Sport Development Advisors & Communications Team Leader, 1 Oct 24 - 30 Jun 25, Netball & Badminton Coachforce Agreement fees 1 Oct 24 - 31 Dec 24	200300	20000	heidli@sportbop.co.nz	heidli@sportbop.co.nz	Tauranga City Council	Sport

Meeting: Council

Meeting Date: 26 February 2025

Subject: **Receipt of Submissions, Hearing and Deliberation of the Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw**

File No.: 320400

1 **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide the Council with the written submissions received to support the hearing and deliberations on the review of the Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw.

A full set of written submissions are included in Appendix 2.

2 **Background**

The Freedom Camping Bylaw 2019 was introduced as a means to address problems that had arisen with freedom camping in Kawerau District. The introduction of the Bylaw was considered the best way to protect freedom camping areas and the health and safety of people in the Kawerau District and enable Council to adopt an infringement regime to help manage the freedom camping areas.

A new Bylaw must be reviewed within 5 years of implementation and then every 10 years after this. This is the first review of the current bylaw.

In addition to a standard review, in June 2023, changes were made to the Freedom Camping Act 2011 and the Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Act 2006 through the enactment of the Self-Contained Vehicles Legislation Act 2023 which had the purpose of improving the management of vehicle based freedom camping.

The amendments to the Freedom Camping Act included amending the definition of freedom camping and self-contained vehicle definition. The full definition can be viewed within the proposed draft Freedom Camping Bylaw. Please note the definition also includes exclusions (who is not a freedom camper).

The Act now provides a presumption that freedom camping on local authority land is a permitted activity, including the use of a tent or temporary structures. While Council can restrict freedom camping to set areas within the District, or set types of freedom camping via a bylaw, Council cannot issue a blanket ban on freedom camping.

Council commenced a review of the Freedom Camping Bylaw due to a number of complaints being received regarding freedom campers overstaying.

3 **Initial Review**

The purpose of the Freedom Camping Bylaw is to manage freedom camping within Kawerau District through defining areas of Council-owned land that was either restricted or prohibited for freedom camping. In addition to this, the bylaw provides

enforcement options that are not otherwise available under the Freedom Camping Act or other legislation.

The Bylaw achieves the required outcomes, by limiting the number of reserves available for freedom camping, while still providing the required space to enable freedom campers within our community. Ongoing monitoring enables enforcement where complaints are made or over stayers have been identified.

Enforcement and monitoring has been limited due to staff only being available during working hours, however work is in progress to engage existing contractors to extend their work to include freedom camping. This will also enable better information gathering, as many freedom campers are aware of the working hours for staff and depart before they start and return later in the evening.

The Freedom Camping Bylaw is still required for the following reasons:

- Kawerau receives a consistent number of freedom campers on an ongoing basis (the average would be around 5 per night – although this is likely low), plus we have a number of groups which attend events within Kawerau. Without a bylaw in place, we may not have sufficient control over the use of Council Land (particularly Firmin Lodge and Prideaux Park).
- Enforcement powers, although not often used, help ensure the majority of visitors compliance, and provides staff with a means to address serious non-compliance.
- The bylaw helps inform the community about their rights and obligations.

Overall, the number of complaints received are limited. However, the numbers recorded are not reflective of the work completed in this space. It appears a significant number of incidents have not been entered into our reporting system, making the numbers appear less than they are. In October 2024, the following service requests had been received.

- 2023/24 – one service request
- 2022/23 – four complaints
- 2021/22 – three complaints

Although I am unable to provide exact numbers of complaints, I would estimate the numbers to be more like 30 in a year. This number is still not high, but without a bylaw the complaints are likely to rise, as we may not be able to take enforcement action and we would have no control over where they choose to freedom camp, and this includes non self-contained camping in tents.

The key issues identified with the bylaw are outlined below:

- Wording of the bylaw enables a maximum of seven consecutive nights in any calendar month. Unfortunately, having stayed for six consecutive nights, providing they leave, they could return for another set of seven consecutive nights and not technically be in breach of the bylaw.
- Bylaw does not allow exemptions or prior approval. Council is often faced with individuals requesting to stay additional nights however the bylaw has no provisions to enable this.
- Site assessments indicate the need to adjust the availability of certain sites.
- The bylaw is currently inconsistent with the Reserves Management Plan which is currently under review.

While the bylaw generally works well, some matters are raised on an ongoing basis, which suggests improvement is required to Council's processes and systems.

4 Current Situation

After the review was undertaken, Council determined that a bylaw under the Freedom Camping Act 2011 was the most appropriate way to manage issues relating to freedom camping, and that the proposed bylaw was the most appropriate form of bylaw. The proposed bylaw was assessed as not being inconsistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

On 31 July 2024, the initial proposed freedom camping bylaw was adopted for consultation for the period 5 August 2024 to 6 September 2024. During the consultation period, Council received 21 submissions on the proposed bylaw.

The submissions were received by Council and deliberations were commenced, however were placed on hold awaiting a legal opinion on whether or not the site assessments complied with the provisions under the Freedom camping Act 2011.

Around the same time the High Court decision *New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Incorporated v Queenstown Lakes Council* [2024] NZHC 2729 was reported finding consideration of amenity and economic factors were outside the scope of the Freedom Camping Act 2011. As a result, Council made the decision to complete a reassessment of all site assessments, prior to moving forward.

5 Site Assessment

The initial site assessment of all Council owned land was undertaken for the purpose of reviewing the Freedom Camping Bylaw in June 2024. The completed assessments were initially provided to Council for review on 24 July 2024.

As a result of the High Court findings (mentioned above), the site assessments were re-assessed removing consideration of amenity and economic values when considering the protection of the area within the assessment framework.

While the review of the June 2024 site assessments has changed some scoring of the individual criteria for various sites, the site re-assessments have not lead to significant changes. No sites had been reclassified to enable freedom camping, that were previously recommended to be prohibited or restricted in the June 2024 site assessments. However, It is recommended that three previously included sites, are no longer included in the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw as freedom camping be prohibited for other reasons.¹

¹ Section 44(1) of the Reserves Act 1977 prohibits camping where not specifically incorporated in a operative Reserves Management Plan.

The re-assessments were completed in October and presented to Council in a workshop while a legal opinion was being sought. The legal opinion was received during the writing of this report and the details have been amended in the site assessment document. The legal opinion findings related to providing further clarification on the reasons for the changes in the assessment to ensure clarity to the community. As a result, reasoning has been added below each assessment that had a change in value.

Every site has been reviewed and reassessed to determine whether the initial assessments had been correct. A copy of the full site assessment was available for public consultation along with a summary.

Overall, the re-assessment resulted in a few minor changes to the Freedom Camping Bylaw. These are identified in red under clause 6 Summary of Changes.

6 Summary of Changes

The proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw was drafted to address the issues raised and to align with the new legislation. An outline of the key changes are included below.

- Key Change 1 – Explanatory Statement Removed
The explanatory statement was removed as this did not add value to the bylaw.
- Key Change 2 – New Bylaw format
Updated the template to reflect a modernised bylaw.
- Key Change 3 - Enabling Enactment Added
This references the legislation that enabled the bylaw.
- Key Change 4 – Incorporation of Explanatory Notes
Incorporation of explanatory notes. Explanatory notes allow relevant additional information to be added to better inform the community, without affecting the content of the bylaw. For example references the key definitions in legislation such as “self-contained” and “freedom camp” are included and can be updated without a review of the bylaw. This enables the bylaw to respond to changes efficiently, providing the actual content of the Bylaw is not altered. **Additional comments have been included within some of the explanatory notes.**
- Key Change 5 – Purpose altered for simplicity
Removal of additional words that were not required.
- Key Change 6 – Definitions Updated
Definitions updated to reflect the changes in legislation and to help people better understand the bylaw. Definitions added for act, infringement offence, prohibited and restricted areas, while the definition for council and self-contained (through explanatory notes) were amended. The definition for area was changed to local authority area and we removed the definition for authorised officer as this was no longer required.
- Key Change 7 – Permitted Freedom Camping modified
Changes to the Freedom Camping Act 2011, which provided for the presumption of freedom camping, required the phrasing to be adjusted within the Bylaw.

Freedom camping is permitted in self-contained vehicles unless restricted or prohibited. No freedom camping in a tent or temporary structure is permitted.

- Key Change 8 - General conditions now sits under Restricted Areas
Restricted areas sets out all general restrictions that apply across the district. A few key changes to the condition include:
 - The maximum nights has been adjusted from 7 consecutive nights to a maximum of 7 nights in a calendar month and no person can stay for more than 7 consecutive nights when crossing over two calendar months. This was introduced to prevent individuals staying for six nights and then returning a few days later.
 - Campsite inspections are enabled to ensure freedom campers are complying with requirements.
- Key Change 9 – Prior Approval introduced to enable freedom camping, in circumstances where otherwise it would be prohibited.
This provides people with an option to seek prior approval for a special event, where in circumstance it would not otherwise be allowed. This provision includes the process and considerations. A small charge will apply for processing the application.
- Key Change 10 - Additional information provided around Temporary closures
Time frames for notification was adjusted to better reflect the circumstances. Also included in the explanatory notes, are the advertising methods which may be used for temporary closures.
- Key Change 11 – Changes to the current restricted and prohibited areas
Prideaux Park – extended current restricted area to include grassed area along the northern side of the Bowling Club.

Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre – reduced the available freedom camping parking area to one section but hours remain unchanged. **The reduction of available freedom camping area has been removed.**

Firmin Field – Reduced the parking area available for freedom camping, allowing more parking for ~~hirer's of the Firmin Lodge~~ **recreational users**. Reduced access to Firmin Field which was amended to requiring prior approval, with no parking 10m from the river bank or residential properties. Non-self-contained and tents may be considered ~~in conjunction to hireage of Firmin Lodge due to plumbing capacity.~~

Stoneham Park – removed as no longer available for freedom camping due to development.

Boyce Park and Waterhouse Street Reserve, although already requiring consent must now obtain prior approval.

Recreation Centre – Now prohibited due to health and safety concerns.

Council reserves and playgrounds in residential areas are now referred to as neighbourhood reserves.

The following reserves have been removed from the bylaw, however will remain prohibited for freedom camping under s44(1) of the Reserve Act 1977:

- Waterwheel Heritage Park
- Tamarangi Drive

Circus Paddock has been removed from the Bylaw due to a proposed lease which is likely to be in place prior to the adoption of this bylaw.

- Key Change 12 – Maps Updated
This provides better clarity around location of restricted and prohibited sites. **Maps were updated to remove reserves no longer in the Bylaw.**

7 **Proposed Reserve Management Plan Amendments**

Alongside the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw, Council also want to specifically seek feedback on some amendments to the Reserve Management Plan to ensure the rules are consistent within its different documents. To achieve consistency with the proposals within the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw, as set out in the site assessments, we are proposing some amendments to the Reserves Management Plan. The proposed amendments will be made once the final Freedom Camping Bylaw is adopted by Council following public consultation. The KDC Reserve Management Plan can be viewed here: <https://www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/documents/council-plans-and-strategies/reserves-management-plan>

Boyce Park

Under the Reserve Management Plan, freedom camping is not currently provided for in Boyce Park, so is prohibited under s44(1) of the Reserves Act 1977. However, under the existing bylaw, freedom camping is currently allowed with Council consent although this area has not been used in recent years. It is recommended this reserve is retained for organised groups when capacity of other areas may not be sufficient for demand. Prior consent will be required from Council.

We are proposing to amend Boyce Park in the Reserve Management Plan to allow self-contained vehicles to freedom camp on the reserve with prior approval from Council by adding the following to page 8 of the Reserves Management Plan. Under policies add a heading - Freedom Camping and the following wording_“*That freedom camping is permitted upon prior approval from Council in self- contained vehicles. The maximum length of stay is set out in the Kawerau District Council Freedom Camping Bylaw.*”

Firmin Field

Freedom camping is not currently provided for in Firmin Field, so is prohibited under s44(1) of the Reserves Act 1977. Freedom camping is currently enabled at Firmin Lodge for self-contained vehicles, in our existing bylaw. There are some concerns around the number of freedom campers in the car park, so this area is being limited to the eastern side of the carpark. Currently, freedom camping may also be permitted with prior approval on Firmin Field.

We are proposing to amend Firmin Field in the Reserve Management Plan to allow for self-contained vehicles to freedom camp on the eastern side of the reserve carpark and upon application Council may consider prior approval for self-contained, non-self-

contained and tents by adding the following to page 10 of the Reserves Management Plan. Under policies add a heading - Freedom Camping and the following wording *“That freedom camping is permitted on the eastern side of the Firmin Lodge carpark. In addition, upon application Council may consider prior approval for self-contained vehicles, non-self-contained vehicles and tents for organised groups in which capacity of other areas may not be sufficient for demand. The maximum length of stay is set out in the Kawerau District Council Freedom Camping Bylaw.”*

Prideaux Park

Freedom camping is currently enabled under the Reserve Management Plan, behind the field pavilion. Freedom camping is not provided for in the Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre carpark or alongside the northern edge of the Bowling Club, which both form part of Prideaux Park. However, the Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre is currently provided for through our existing bylaw, the extension to the north boundary of the Bowling Club is an area which is commonly used, but not provided for.

We are proposing to amend the wording for Prideaux Park in the Reserve Management Plan. This will allow for self-contained vehicles to freedom camp on the northern edge of the Bowling Club and to enable the use of Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre carpark during the hours of 4pm to 9am. Upon application Council may also consider prior approval for self-contained vehicles on the field by adding the following to page 22 of the Reserves Management Plan. Amend the Heading Self-Contained Motor Vehicle Sites to Freedom Camping and amend the wording to state *“Self-contained motor vehicles are permitted to park behind the field pavilion and along the northern boundary of the Bowling Club. In addition, freedom camping is allowed between 4pm and 9am at Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre carpark and upon application, Council may consider prior approval for self-contained vehicles, for organised groups in which capacity of other areas may not be sufficient for demand.. The maximum length of stay is set out in the Kawerau District Council Freedom Camping Bylaw.”*

Waterhouse Reserve

Under the Reserve Management Plan, freedom camping is not currently provided for in Waterhouse Reserve, so is prohibited under s44(1) of the Reserves Act 1977. However, under the existing bylaw, freedom camping is currently allowed with Council consent, although this area has not been used recently. It is recommended this reserve is retained for organised groups when capacity of other areas may not be sufficient for demand. Prior consent will be required from Council.

We are proposing to amend Waterhouse Reserve in the Reserve Management Plan to allow for self-contained vehicles, non-self-contained vehicles and tents to freedom camp on the reserve with prior approval by adding the following to page 33 of the Reserves Management Plan. Under policies add a heading - Freedom Camping and the following wording *“That freedom camping is permitted upon prior approval from Council in self-contained vehicles, non-self-contained vehicles and tents. The maximum length of stay is set out in the Kawerau District Council Freedom Camping Bylaw.”*

8 Statutory Considerations

Prior to approving the Proposed Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw and Statement of Proposal for consultation, Council must consider the statutory considerations.

8.1 Is the bylaw the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problem?

Kawerau District receive a large number of freedom campers in comparison to its size. With limited accommodation sites in Kawerau a lot of visitors need to consider alternative options.

While freedom campers are welcome, they also contribute towards some negative impacts on the environment and the community. These include:

- Pollution of the environment, resulting in health issues such as unsanitary human waste;
- Freedom Campers limiting access to site for other visitors such as tourist sites like the pools, Firmin Lodge, residential areas.

Since the amendments to the Freedom Camping Act 2011, Council has recognised that controlling freedom camping was necessary to protect the district's environment, including the visual amenity, landscapes and waterways.

Complaints and community tensions can occur, particularly when rate payers are inconvenienced by Freedom Campers through limited access, damage to infrastructure, concerns about the mess left behind.

Lastly there are also concerns around the use of non-self-contained vehicles, campers staying too long, failing to pay for powered site and campers not using on-board facilities.

The bylaw is an appropriate way of monitoring and managing the Freedom Campers and the site they visit.

8.2 Is the proposed bylaw the most appropriate form of bylaw? s155(2)(a) LGA

Section 155(2)(a) requires Council to determine whether the proposed Bylaw is the most appropriate form of bylaw. While finding that the previous bylaw could be improved, it is believed that the proposed amendments will sufficiently address any shortcomings along with ensuring consistency with the Freedom Camping Act 2011 updates.

8.3 Does the proposed new bylaw give rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990?

The proposed Bylaw is not considered to be inconsistent with the Bill of Rights 1990.

While there may be potential limitations to the freedom of movement due to limited access to Council grounds for the purpose of freedom camping, it is considered these limits are justified for the following reasons:

- Site assessments have been completed which provide an assessment of which sites should be restricted to protect the area, health and safety of visitors or the significance of the site.
- The site is still accessible on foot and visitors are welcome, it is only the vehicle access or the ability to camp that is restricted.
- The majority of sites do not have access or are fenced off.

- The new bylaw enables prior approval we special circumstances are in pay, which does limit any restrictions.

9 **Public Consultation**

Public consultation was first carried out between 5 August 2024 and 6 September 2024. The proposed freedom camping bylaw, statement of proposal and submission forms were made available online, with hard copies available at the Council Office and the Library. Social media posts were also used to inform people of the proposal through links to the online information. Council also provided five public drop in centres to provide the community with an opportunity to discuss any thoughts and provide feedback. These meetings were advertised in the newspaper and on our website.

An invitation was sent to Ngāti Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau, Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora, Ngāti Rangitihī, Ngāti Awa, Māori Investments and Tuhourangi to discuss or make a submission on the proposed Bylaw. We have received no feedback.

We also reached out to the New Zealand Motor Home Association through local representatives to advise them of the consultation on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw. They have provided a submission on the initial proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw.

As a result of reviewing and amending the site assessments and freedom camping bylaw for a second time, further public consultation was undertaken between 18 November and 20 December 2024. The updated proposed freedom camping bylaw, statement of proposal and submission forms were again made available online, with hard copies available at the Council Office and the Library. Social media posts were also used to inform people of the proposal through links to the online information. Council also provided a further five public drop in centres to provide the community with an opportunity to discuss any thoughts and provide feedback. These meetings were advertised in the newspaper and on our website.

All previous submitters were notified of the review and invited to submit on the amendments.

10 **Current Situation – Submissions Received**

10.1. Overview of submissions received

A total of 8 submissions have been received. The full set of submissions are included in Appendix 2. At the time of writing, no late submissions have been received.

10.2. Hearing of submissions

Of the 8 submissions received, 2 had requested to be heard, however one has recently withdrawn due to unavailability. A schedule of speakers is provided in Table 1 below, their submission appears as submission #2 in Appendix 2.

Table 1 – Schedule of oral submitters

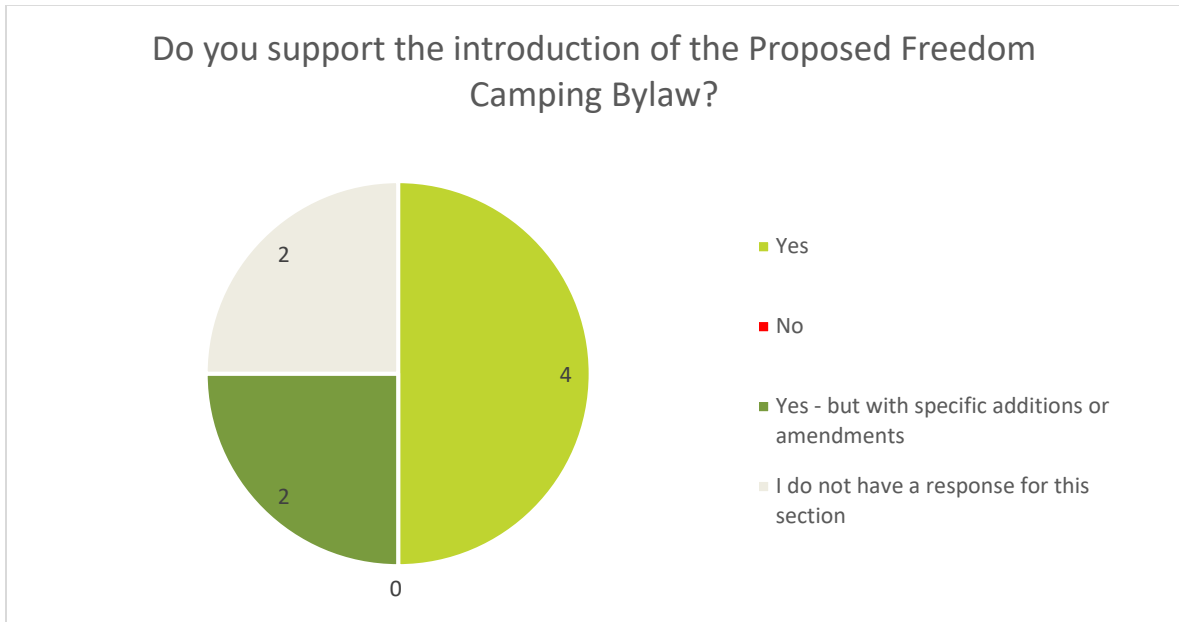
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10.3. Analysis of submissions of the seven key questions

The following section summarises the responses to the seven key questions on the submission form.

Question 1:

Do you support the introduction of the Freedom Camping Bylaw as proposed?



Of the 8 submissions, the responses have been categorised as positive (6 submissions, 75%), or no view (2 submissions, 25%).

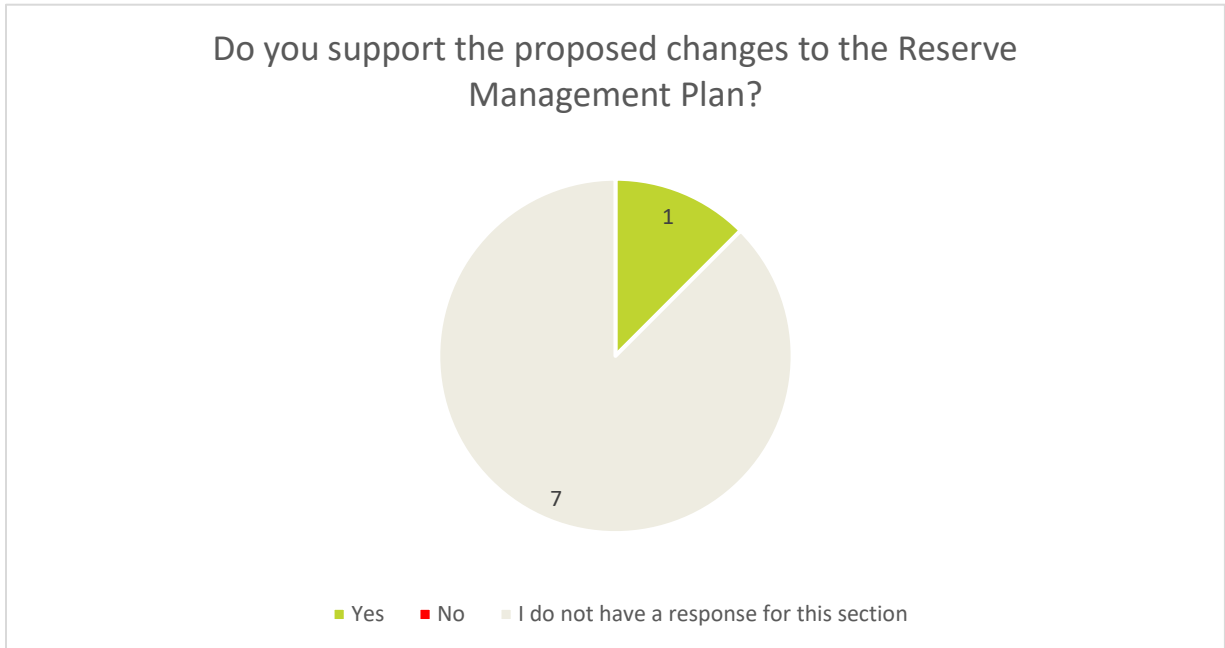
A total of 6 submissions had a positive sentiment towards the introduction of the proposed Bylaw, 2 of these submissions indicated the need for amendments, however not all submitters stated the amendments under this question. Those that indicated their reasoning stated their concern for those locals living in their vehicles who are homeless.

No submissions provided a negative sentiment.

Support
<p>“We believe that freedom camping is an essential piece of NZ's domestic tourist network. The freedom campers bring dollars to regions, whilst not staying in big holiday parks potentially, research has shown they stay in the area for longer and spend more money on activities. The ability to manage the designated areas in the past has relied on expensive human labour. We have developed a number of tools for monitoring the site, with the potential to switch on payment in the future. We also have things like digital honesty boxes/donation boxes. These remove cash, reducing the security issues seen with traditional cash boxes. Our system also collects data on who is on site, how many days/nights and where else in the district they have been. We work with a number of councils across NZ to achieve different outcomes and support councils by giving them tools for education and enforcement.”</p> <p>“I support freedom camping as I will be homeless soon and will need places to park if i can get a mobile home or caravan”</p>
Support with Amendments
<p>“I think the new bylaw is needed, and I am for it , However I am concerned of what this means for our locals who live in their vehicles who are homeless”</p>
Do Not Support

Question 2:

Do you support the proposed changes to the Reserve Management Plan?



Note: Submitters that did not complete the submission form, where included with those who indicated no view.

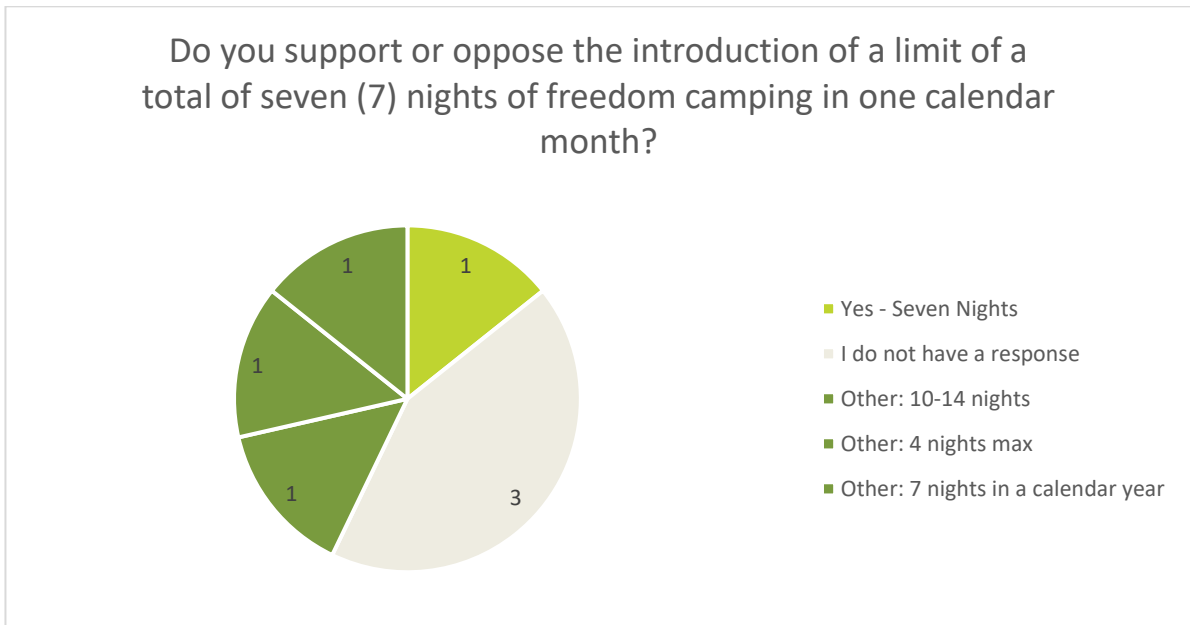
Of the 8 submissions, the responses have been categorised as positive (1 submission, 12.50%), or no view (7 submissions, 87.50%).

While the majority had no response (7) did not respond to this question, two of those recorded as non-responders made follow up comments, one in support of the amendments to the Reserves Management Plan and one stated it was appropriate to ensure it was still fit for purpose.

Support
Do Not Support
No Response Yes/No Question
<p>“I think a review is appropriate to ensure it is still fit for purpose and meeting the needs of campers and the community.”</p> <p>“We support the proposal where it permits/restricts freedom camping via the bylaw and amendments to the RMP.”</p>

Question 3:

Do you support or oppose the introduction of a limit of a total of seven (7) nights of freedom camping in one calendar month?



Of the 8 submissions, the responses have been categorised as positive (2 submissions, 25%), alternative (3 submissions, 37.5%), or no view (3 submissions, 37.5%).

Two submitters agreed with 7 nights.

A total of 3 submissions recommended alternative nights, however these were divided with 1 submitter wanting more nights (10-14) and 2 wanting less nights (4, 7 in one year). No reasons were given for the extended timeframe.

Support
"My suggestion would be to state no more than 2 or 3 consecutive nights in any week. This would allow more users the chance to use the parks"
Do Not Support
"4 nights max"
"10-14 nights"
No Response Yes/No Question
"7 nights in a calendar year"

Question 4:

What are your reasons for your support or opposition of the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw?

This question was an accidental double up – but provided some further feedback.

Of the 8 submissions, there were 4 submissions.

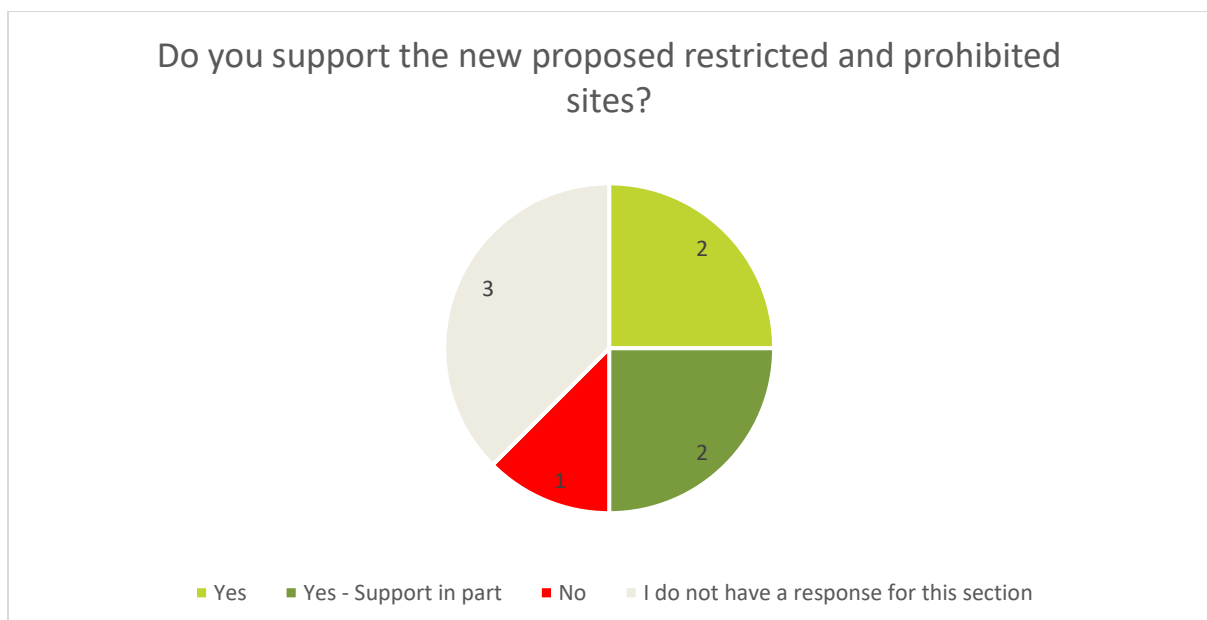
Two submissions related to the 7 days being an appropriate timeframe. The other comments relate to it being difficult to find freedom camping and that it would be good to maintain the freedom camping sites.

Support
"I feel it's a good number of days to enjoy Kawerau and enough to leave then wanting more"
"I am a regular freedom camper in Kawerau, I value the availability of the FC sites so I would like to see them maintained, with respect to the local area and other users."
"It's difficult to find other freedom camping but understand others have created this need"
"There is no need for freedom campers to need any more than 7 nights in a year. If they are regularly visiting, they should pay to use the services and businesses in town."
Do Not Support
No Response Yes/No Question

Question 5:

Do you support the new proposed restricted and prohibited sites? This would mean:

- **Prideaux Park** - extend current restricted area to include the grassed area along the northern side of the Kawerau Bowling Club;
- **Firmin Field** - reducing the area for freedom camping to provide better parking for recreational users.
- **Ron Hardie Recreation Centre** - now prohibited due to health and safety concerns with Sulphur levels;



Of the 8 submissions, the responses have been categorised as positive (4 submissions, 50%), negative (1 submissions, 12.5%), or no view (3 submissions, 37.5%).

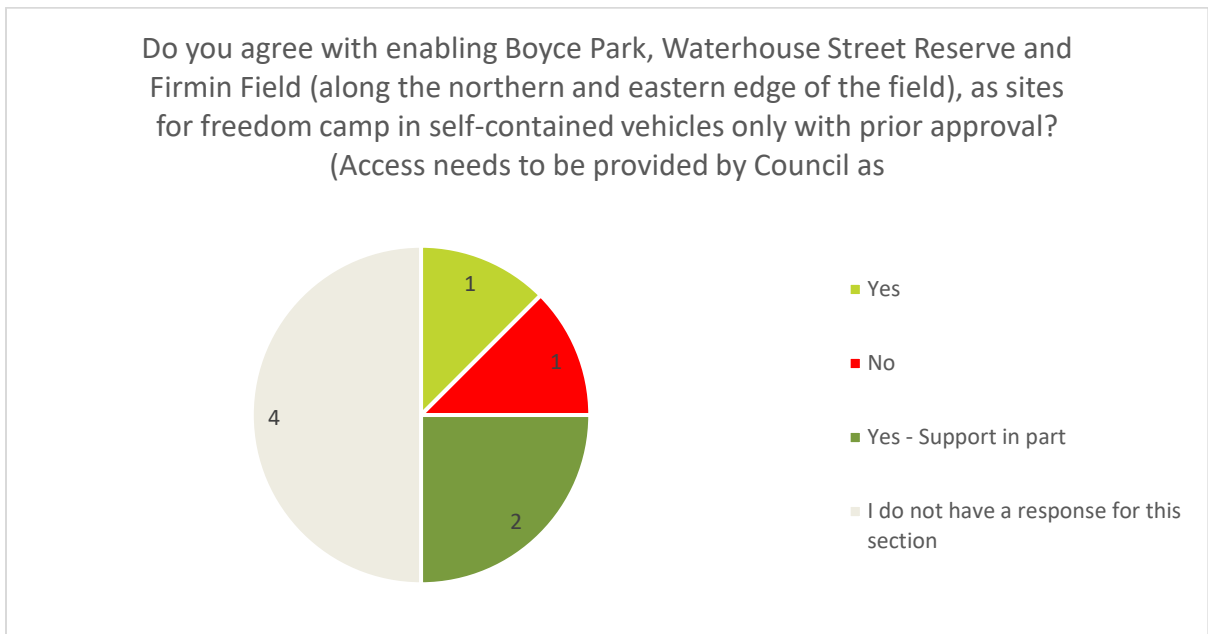
The majority of submissions (4) indicated positive sentiments to the proposed changes to the restricted or prohibited sites. Two of these submissions only supported in part, some of the reasons given included only allowing at Firmin Field not the other locations and given freedom camping parking at Firmin is limited, then the parks should be restricted to freedom campers only, not recreational uses.

One submitter did not support the proposed changes and requesting it be kept limited, creating less issues and no increase in levels of service to maintain.

Support
“Controlling of sites and having allocated sites means you can control waste streams. You can also put pay-to-use services, meaning the campers pay for services and put money back into the community and don’t use for free, costing rate payers.”
Support in Part
“Only at Firmin Field” “At Firmin park, cars from recreational users are frequently in the allocated FC sites, in particular those with power options. If FC is to be restricted in this area then cars should not be allowed in the FC parks.”
Do Not Support
“Keep it limited. Less issues and no increase in services needed to maintain these services.”

Question 6:

Do you agree with enabling Boyce Park, Waterhouse Street Reserve and Firmin Field (along the northern and eastern edge of the field), as sites for freedom camping in self-contained vehicle only with prior approval? (access needs to be provided by Council as reserves do not have vehicle access)



Of the 8 submissions, the responses have been categorised as positive (3 submissions, 37.5%), negative (1 submissions, 12.5%), or no view (4 submissions, 50%).

A total of 3 submissions showed positive sentiments. 1 submitter agreed and made no further comments, while the 2 submitters who agreed in part with one wanting to ensure the prior approval was not prohibitive and the second did not want Waterhouse Street Reserve, to allow this area for dog walkers.

One submitter did not support the proposed changes and suggested Council offer a “reserve and pay” space to help keep rates low.

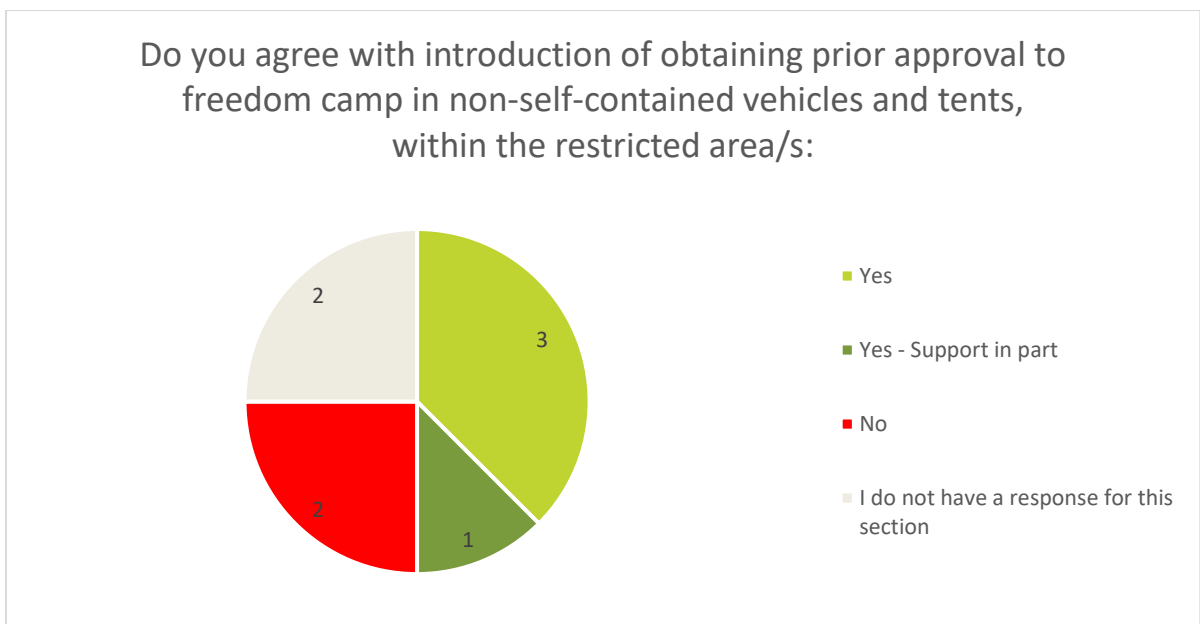
The majority of submissions (4) did not indicate a response to this question.

Support
Support in Part
“I agree, as long as obtaining prior approval isn't prohibitive. Please keep in mind that Firmin Field is also used, on occasion as a rescue heli-landing site.”
“Firmin field is a great spot across the road I don't agree....dog walkers need that space”
Do Not Support
“Rather than offering freedom camping in these spaces, the council should offer a "reserve and pay" space, clip some tickets to help keep land rates low and increase council revenue.”
Do Not have a Response
“We have a system where the users can register to stay there. It can be free, but we build a trail of where they have been across the district, assisting staff and council with informed data of where hot spots are meaning correct resource allocation and not doing things by routine.”

Question 7:

Do you agree with the introduction of obtaining prior approval to freedom camp in non-self-contained vehicles and tents, within the restricted area/s:

- **Waterhouse Street Reserve, and/or**
- **Firmin Field (on the Northern and Eastern areas of the field itself).**



Of the 8 submissions, the responses have been categorised as positive (4 submissions, 50%), negative (2 submissions, 25%), or no view (2 submissions, 25%).

The majority of submissions (4) indicated positive sentiments to enabling specific areas for non-self-contained vehicle with pre-approval. Although there is limited reason provided, those that agreed in part recommended an upgrade to the ablution block and only for very short stays.

Two submitters did not support the non-self-contained vehicles or tents with prior as the timeframe was too long 48hrs maximum and recommended a charge for Council cost dealing with rubbish, providing water. One wanted whānau to visit for free without the worry of fines.

Support
Support in Part
<p>"I think a toilet block upgrade would be required for NonSc options to be viable. I think it should only be short-term stays in a tent. Long stays would kill the grass. Please keep on current staff who look after these sites! They are great!"</p> <p>"No ablution block not a good ideahuman waste wise"</p>
Do Not Support
<p>"Freedom camping is freedom camping, we want whanau to come to Kawerau and not have to worry about getting fines for not having a sticker"</p> <p>"Definitely not for seven days. They can have 48hrs max and pay a service fee (for rubbish, waste, water provided by council) fees should be a min \$10pp"</p>

Question 8:

Please provide any further comments you have on the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw?

Out of the 8 submitters, 5 made further comments on the proposed freedom camping bylaw. These submissions cover a range of perspectives from concern for the homeless the growing number of people living in their motorhomes to the method in which the site assessments were completed.

The following cover the key themes identified in the responses to question 7.

General comments

One submitter is new to freedom camping but did agree rules need to be set. Another made the comment, provision for two areas, plus provision for group who wish to use other, plus free pools and free power.

Homelessness

Concerns were raised about what this will mean for the homeless that live in their vehicles.

Lifestyle

There were six submissions that related to the growth of people living in their recreational vehicles. There is a request to consider the rights of responsible campers and recognise their contribution to the economic and social fabric of our community.

There are concerns that Councils across the country are restricting camping areas. Freedom camping is considered a kiwi way, a vital and affordable way to travel and it is believed people should be safe to stay without be harassed by the bureaucracy.

Protection of Town integrity and environment

One submission references the desire to maintain freedom camping but the need to balance with maintaining the town integrity and the protection of the environment.

Freedom Camping Site Re-Assessment

One submitter while commending Council for removing the not relevant considerations such as amenity and economic values, was concerned that other considerations appeared to back fill the reasons in order retain or increase the scores.

Waterwheel Heritage Park

One submission stated the Waterwheel Heritage Park meets the criteria for restricted camping and requests that in the future there is an opportunity to allow some form of vehicle base freedom camping on site and recommended Council enable through the bylaw and passes a resolution under the Reserves Act.

Temporary Closures or Restrictions of Freedom Camping

One submission while not objecting to temporary closures recommended clarification around the definition of temporary to ensure if used it is required to be proportionate and not inconsistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights.

Freedom Camping Restricted Areas – Roads with speed limits of 50km/h or less

One submitter does not supports the prohibition of freedom camping on roads with speed limits of 50km/hr or less and states it is unclear why it is necessary to effectively blanket ban campers from parking directly outside any residence, commercial or industrial premise. The submitter recommends it be deleted.

Freedom Camping Prohibited Area - Council Owned Carparks

One submission suggested council owned carparks are ideal locations for motorhomes to park overnight and other towns have benefited from offering overnight parks within walking distance from town.

Business Services

One submitter referenced their suite of solutions for freedom camping being a pay as you go system, with booking system and monitoring.

For the full comments, please refer to Appendix 2 Submissions on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw, Question 8.

11 Options Considered

I have not set out options in this report as the purpose of the report is to receive and deliberate on the submissions received in regards to the Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw.

However, there are some key questions to be considered to provide guidance on the preparation of the final Freedom Camping Bylaw for adoption.

Questions:

Is Council satisfied with the Bylaw in the current state?

Does Council wish to keep Waterhouse Street Reserve as a site for self-contained vehicles with prior approval (Question 6)? People were generally okay with Firmin but other sites have either not been raised or with Waterhouse Street Reserve were considered better left for other uses.

Concerns were raised in regards to needing an ablution block ungraded to allow non-self-contained-vehicles and tents with prior approval at Waterhouse Street and Firmin Field? There are toilets only at this site, an ablution block would require showers which is not in our budget.

Concerns were raised in regard to temporary closure not being defined, however the intent of the provision was accepted. This could be amended with some appropriate wording.

Interest in the use of Waterwheel Heritage Park was raised for consideration and adoption. While this should be considered, it is worth noting this is located next to the dog pound which could result in disruption to the dogs and resulting noise concerns.

Recommendation that the prohibition of parking directly outside residential, commercial or industrial premises in 50km/hr areas or less be removed. Safety is a key factor here with narrow roads and campervan impeding visibility. Consideration could be given to 7 nights with property owners' written approval.

Consideration was requested for Council Owned Carparks in walking distance to town. This is provided at Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre, but you may wish to consider other areas.

12 Policy and Plan Considerations

There are minor amendments required to the Reserves Management Plan to align with the amendments in the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw. The Reserves Management Plan is currently under review.

There are no other identified inconsistencies with any of the Council's policies or plans in relation to this report.

13 Risks

There are no known risks associated with the matters of this report.

14 Financial Considerations

The following considerations have been undertaken.

Enforcement – Compliance with the Freedom Camping Bylaw is currently undertaken by Council Staff. This will continue at no additional cost.

We are about to tender for the after-hours animal and noise control contracts, in which we will include Freedom Camping as a new role. It is expected this may be able to be covered within our current budget, however this will not be confirmed until the tender process has been completed. An estimate is being prepared at the time of writing this.

Where the additional services cannot be covered within current budgets (or exceeds expectations), the services will continue being undertaken by Council Staff, with the option to extend working hours through running a spilt shift.

Council' Economic & Community Development Manager obtained funding of \$80,000 from the Transition Fund to assist with the development of the new bylaw, signage, and ambassadors to work with freedom campers. This will cover the additional costs required for new and more educational signage and pamphlets. A Freedom Camping ambassador will also be able to engage with freedom campers on the introduction of the new bylaw to provide an educational approach, prior to any enforcement.

15 Legal Considerations

Prior to approving the Proposed Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw and Statement of Proposal for consultation, Council must consider the following statutory considerations.

8.1 Is the Bylaw the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problem?

Kawerau District receive a large number of freedom campers in comparison to its size. With limited accommodation sites in Kawerau a lot of visitors need to consider alternative options such as freedom camping.

While freedom campers are welcome, they also contribute towards some negative impacts on the environment and the community. These include:

- Pollution of the environment, resulting in health issues such as unsanitary human waste;
- Freedom Campers limiting access to sites for other visitors such as tourist sites like the pools, Firmin Lodge, residential areas.

Since the amendments to the Freedom Camping Act 2011, Council has recognised that controlling freedom camping was necessary to protect the district's environment, including the visual amenity, landscapes and waterways.

Complaints and community tensions can occur particularly when ratepayers are inconvenienced by Freedom Campers through limited access, damage to infrastructure, concerns about the mess left behind.

Lastly there are also concerns around the use of non-self-contained vehicles, campers staying too long, failing to pay for powered site and campers not using on-board facilities.

The Bylaw is an appropriate way of monitoring and managing the Freedom Campers and the site they visit.

8.2 Is the proposed Bylaw the most appropriate form of Bylaw? s155(2)(a) LGA

Section 155(2)(a) requires Council to determine whether the proposed Bylaw is the most appropriate form of Bylaw. While finding that the previous Bylaw could be improved, it is believed that the proposed amendments will sufficiently address any shortcomings, along with ensuring consistency with the Freedom Camping Act 2011 updates.

8.3 Does the proposed new Bylaw give rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990?

The proposed Bylaw is not considered to be inconsistent with the Bill of Rights 1990.

While there may be potential limitations to the freedom of movement due to limited access to Council grounds for the purpose of freedom camping, it is considered these limits are justified for the following reasons:

- Site assessments have been completed which provide an assessment of which sites should be restricted to protect the area, health and safety of visitors or the significance of the site.
- The site is still accessible on foot and visitors are welcome, it is only the vehicle access or the ability to camp that is restricted.
- The majority of sites do not have access or are fenced off.
- The new Bylaw enables prior approval for special circumstances.

16 Significance and Engagement

The matters in this report are considered to be of a moderate significance due to the level of community interest, and the possible adverse impact on the community and environment.

Public consultation was conducted between 5 August and 6 September 2024 to obtain the views of the community. The method of consultation is set out above at 2.3.

17 Conclusion

This report is provided to Council for the purpose of receiving and hearing the submissions.

Upon the receipt of these submissions, Council is required to deliberate to consider any required amends prior to deciding on whether or not to adopt the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw.

18 RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report "Receipt of Submissions, Hearing and Deliberation of the Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw" be received.

2. That Council receive the written and oral submissions.
3. That Council deliberates on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw following the hearing submissions; and
4. That Council provide recommendations related to any amendments requested as a result of the submissions received.



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APPENDIX 1**Kawerau District Council – Freedom Camping Bylaw
Hearing for Submitters****Submitters Speaking:****Time: 10 Minutes**

9:00am	Lylla Grace	
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APPENDIX 2

Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw Submissions

Thank you to all eight submitters and those who wish to speak at the hearing.

Council asked the community for feedback on the Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw in Kawerau with the following questions:

1. Do you support the introduction of the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw?
2. Do you support the proposed changes to the Reserve Management Plan?
3. Do you support or oppose the introduction of a limit of a total of seven (7) nights of freedom camping in one calendar month?
4. What are your reasons for your support or opposition of the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw?
5. Do you support the new proposed restricted and prohibited sites? This would mean: Prideaux Park - extend current restricted area to include the grassed area along the northern side of the Kawerau Bowling Club; Firmin Field - reducing the area for freedom camping to provide better access for other recreational users. Ron Hardie Recreation Centre - now prohibited due to health and safety concerns with Sulphur levels;
6. Do you agree with enabling Boyce Park, Waterhouse Street Reserve and Firmin Field (along the northern and eastern edge of the field), as sites for freedom camp in self-contained vehicles only with prior approval? (Access needs to be provided by Council as reserves do not have vehicle access)
7. Do you agree with introduction of obtaining prior approval to freedom camp in non-self-contained vehicles and tents, within the restricted area/s: Waterhouse Street Reserve Firmin Field (on the northern and eastern areas of the field itself)
8. Please provide any further comments you have on the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw.

#	Name/Organisation	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
01	Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau Maori Women's Welfare League	YES	<p>Q1. Yes, but with specific additions</p> <p>Q2. I do not have a response for this section</p> <p>Q3. 4 nights max</p> <p>Q4. Respondent did not answer this question.</p> <p>Q5. Yes, in part – Only at Firmin Field</p> <p>Q6. I do not have a response to this section</p> <p>Q7. Yes</p> <p>Q8. Respondent did not answer this question.</p>	
02	Lylla Grace	YES	<p>Submitters response to hearing topics</p> <p>Q1. Yes, but with specific additions: I think the new bylaw is needed, and I am for it , However I am concerned of what this means for our locals who live in their vehicles who are homeless</p> <p>Q2. I do not have a response to this section</p> <p>Q3. Yes</p> <p>Q4. I feel it's a good number of days to enjoy Kawerau and enough to leave then wanting more</p> <p>Q5. Yes</p> <p>Q6. Yes</p> <p>Q7. No: Freedom camping is freedom camping, we want whanau to come to Kawerau and not have to worry about getting fines for not having a sticker</p> <p>Q8. I am for the new bylaws but I am very concerned about what this means for the whānau who' are homeless that live in their vehicles here that have been here for years</p>	

#	Name/Organisation	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
03	Anonymous	NO	<p>Q1. Yes</p> <p>Q2. I do not have a response to this section: I think a review is appropriate to ensure it is still fit for purpose and meeting the needs of campers and the community.</p> <p>Q3. Yes: My suggestion would be to state no more than 2 or 3 consecutive nights in any week. This would allow more users the chance to use the parks</p> <p>Q4. I am a regular freedom camper in Kawerau, I value the availability of the FC sites so I would like to see them maintained, with respect to the local area and other users.</p> <p>Q5. Yes, in part: At Firmin park, cars from recreational users are frequently in the allocated FC sites, in particular those with power options. If FC is to be restricted in this area then cars should not be allowed in the FC parks.</p> <p>Q6. Yes, in part: I agree, as long as obtaining prior approval isn't prohibitive. Please keep in mind that Firmin Field is also used, on occasion as a rescue heli-landing site.</p> <p>Q7. Yes, in part: I think a toilet block upgrade would be required for NonSc options to be viable. I think it should only be short-term stays in a tent. Long stays would kill the grass. Please keep on current staff who look after these sites! They are great!</p> <p>Q8. Respondent did not answer this question.</p>	
#	Name/Organisation	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response

04	Penny	NO	<p>Q1. Yes: We believe that freedom camping is an essential piece of NZ's domestic tourist network. The freedom campers bring dollars to regions, whilst not staying in big holiday parks potentially, research has shown they stay in the area for longer and spend more money on activities. The ability to manage the designated areas in the past has relied on expensive human labour. We have developed a number of tools for monitoring the site, with the potential to switch on payment in the future. We also have things like digital honesty boxes/donation boxes. These remove cash, reducing the security issues seen with traditional cash boxes. Our system also collects data on who is on site, how many days/nights and where else in the district they have been. We work with a number of councils across NZ to achieve different outcomes and support councils by giving them tools for education and enforcement.</p>	
			Q2. I do not have a response to this section	
			Q3. I do not have a response to this section	
			Q4. Respondent did not answer this question.	
			<p>Q5. Yes: Controlling of sites and having allocated sites means you can control waste streams. You can also put pay-to-use services, meaning the campers pay for services and put money back into the community and don't use for free, costing rate payers.</p>	
			<p>Q6. I do not have a response to this section: We have a system where the users can register to stay there. It can be free, but we build a trail of where they have been across the district, assisting staff and council with informed data of</p>	

			<p>where hot spots are meaning correct resource allocation and not doing things by routine.</p> <p>Q7. I do not have a response to this section</p> <p>Q8. Introduction</p> <p>Penny are a Blenheim based technology company who have developed our own suite of solutions contributing to a management tool for sites. This includes a booking system, boom gate for entry/exit, Penny Protect (for remote site monitoring with live data and the ability to power other hardware) and activation pods for services to take payment. These tools are used for freedom camp monitoring in several ways.</p> <p>Penny offers councils a comprehensive suite of hardware and software solutions designed to support effective and efficient freedom camping management. Understanding that every council has unique challenges and goals, our technology is flexible and can be adapted to achieve your specific desired outcomes.</p> <p>Penny appreciates the opportunity to contribute to this consultation on the benefits of pay-to-use and site monitoring technology. Our organization has extensive experience in providing managed interventions via an innovative combination of platform and hardware solutions. These managed interventions allow for seamless, targeted, and efficient access to services in both public and private sectors, supporting sustainable operations and enhancing user experience. These solutions provide staff with 24/7 management tools and information and reduce cost of having staff on the ground.</p> <p>Why Choose Penny?</p>	
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		<p>1. Tailored Solutions for Unique Needs</p> <p>Every area has its own set of challenges, from managing visitor flow to enforcing regulations and collecting fees. Penny's technology can be configured to accommodate these diverse requirements, ensuring councils can meet their goals while enhancing visitor experiences.</p> <p>2. Comprehensive Suite of Tools</p> <p>Penny provides a variety of integrated solutions, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management Tools: Streamline site administration with data-driven insights and reporting features. • Enforcement Tools: Ensure compliance with council policies through real-time monitoring and automated alerts. • Payment Tools: Enable seamless payment collection and revenue management, reducing administrative overhead. <p>3. Key Product Highlight: Penny Protect</p> <p>Penny Protect acts as a 24/7 virtual warden, offering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continuous site monitoring to gather critical data. 	
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Full management capability without restricting site access.- The ability to have automated payment collection, ensuring smooth transactions. <p>By balancing enforcement and accessibility, Penny Protect empowers councils to maintain fair and open freedom camping areas.</p> <p>4. Cost-Effective Retrofitting with pay to use technology.</p> <p>Penny's technology can be integrated with existing infrastructure, minimizing operation costs and increasing operational efficiency.</p> <p>Retrofitting infrastructure can be a cost-effective solution to start generating revenue and offering more and better services to guests. With a focus on delivering measurable outcomes, Penny ensures a solid return on investment for councils.</p> <p>Benefits of Pay-to-Use Technology</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Sustainable Funding for Critical Services <p>The pay-to-use model ensures that users contribute directly to the costs of the technology they are accessing. This model provides a reliable revenue stream, reducing dependency on public funds or grants. For managed interventions requiring dedicated hardware, such as diagnostics or high-security operations, this financial structure supports long-term operation, continuous upgrades, and maintenance without straining public resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Example: Pay-to-use models in public areas provide affordable services,	
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		<p>ensuring waste streams are captured and users pay for the service while maintaining service quality and service reliability.</p> <p>2. Increased Access and Scalability Pay-to-use technology, particularly when managed through a central platform, enables flexible scaling. This scalability allows services to be deployed in diverse locations—urban, rural, or remote—while maintaining quality and affordability. Moreover, it allows for the strategic deployment of resources in response to demand, optimizing the availability of interventions where they are most needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Example: Deploying hardware-supported platforms in remote areas to deliver managed freedom camping services, offering real-time information and data which was previously only manually collected due to logistical constraints. <p>3. Targeted, Data-Driven Interventions Managed interventions on our platform generate real-time data insights, empowering stakeholders to understand usage patterns, improve service delivery, and optimize resource allocation. By leveraging data, our pay-to-use solutions can deliver interventions that are closely tailored to community needs and preferences, resulting in more effective and user-centric services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Example: Data collected through public site monitoring can inform policy makers about peak times for services, popular usage locations, and demographic data—helping to guide future interventions. 	
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	<p>4. Technological Innovation and Modernization The revenue generated through pay-to-use models facilitates continuous investment in R&D, enabling providers like Penny to develop new, high-impact features and hardware updates. This ensures that technology infrastructure remains current, secure, and capable of meeting evolving user needs. Additionally, it allows public service providers to implement cutting-edge solutions without direct capital investment from government budgets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Example: Our platform integrates seamless updates and hardware enhancements, ensuring high levels of cybersecurity, enhanced functionality, and user satisfaction—all funded through a sustainable pay-to-use revenue model. <p>5. Flexible and Transparent Cost Management A pay-to-use model offers transparent costing, allowing users and funding bodies to understand and plan for the expenses associated with specific services. For government, this means the ability to project expenditures based on usage metrics and adjust policies in line with real-time data, leading to better cost control and budget planning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Example: Data from pay-to-use or number plate transactions allow governments to adjust funding allocations according to actual demand, maximizing the efficiency of allocated resources.	
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		<p>How Penny Supports Councils</p> <p>1. Improved Operational Efficiency</p> <p>Real-time monitoring reduces the need for on-site staff. The ability for users to communicate with operators ensures maintenance and security issues are reported in a timely manner. Centralized management tools simplify oversight across multiple locations. Providing insight into site usage and user data.</p> <p>2. Enhanced User Experience</p> <p>Non-restrictive technology fosters a welcoming environment for visitors. It offers the ability for sites to provide more and better facilities to users. Increased security and monitoring of remote sites alongside potential automated payments and compliance systems provide a hassle-free experience.</p> <p>3. Sustainable Solutions</p> <p>Cost-effective retrofitting extends the lifecycle of existing infrastructure. Scalable and flexible technology accommodates future growth and changing council needs. This dramatically reduces the impact of tourism on the natural environment by ensuring waste is disposed of correctly and uses are aware of best practices.</p>	
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			<p>Reducing the impact of tourism on the local community by driving tourist flows away from underwater areas and towards desirable sites.</p> <p>Partner with Penny Today Penny's solutions are trusted by local government, central government, DOC, Iwi, NZMCA and private developers nationwide for their adaptability, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness. By supporting managed interventions with both platform and hardware solutions, technology can transform public service and site use delivery, making it both efficient and user centred.</p> <p>By partnering with Penny, your council can create better-managed freedom camping areas that benefit both visitors and the community.</p> <p>For more information or to schedule a consultation, contact Gene Simmiss at: Phone: 0273748218 Email: gene@penny-tech.com Website: www.penny-tech.com</p> <p>Together, we can make freedom camping work for everyone.</p>	
#	Name/Organisation	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
05	Anonymous	NO	<p>Q1. Yes: I support freedom camping as I will be homeless soon and will need places to park if i can get a mobile home or caravan</p> <p>Q2. I do not have a response to this section</p> <p>Q3. 10-14 nights</p> <p>Q4. It's difficult to find other freedom camping but understand others have created this need</p>	

			<p>Q5. I do not have a response to this section</p> <p>Q6. Yes- in part: Firmin field is a great spot across the road I don't agree....dog walkers need that space</p> <p>Q7. Yes: No abluion block not a good ideahuman waste wise</p> <p>Q8. I'm new to freedom camping but do agree rules need to be set</p>	
# 06	Name/Organisation Angela Harris	Hearing NO	<p>Submitters response to hearing topics</p> <p>Q1 – Q6. Respondent did not answer these questions.</p> <p>Q7. Yes</p> <p>Q8. Provision for two areas, plus provision for groups who wish to use other areas. Plus free pools, and free power.</p>	Response
# 07	Name/Organisation Anonymous	Hearing NO	<p>Submitters response to hearing topics</p> <p>Q1. Yes</p> <p>Q2. Yes</p> <p>Q3. I do not have a response to this section: 7 nights in a calendar year</p> <p>Q4. There is no need for freedom campers to need any more than 7 nights in a year. If they are regularly visiting, they should pay to use the services and businesses in town.</p> <p>Q5. No: Keep it limited. Less issues and no increase in services needed to maintain these services.</p> <p>Q6. No: Rather than offering freedom camping in these spaces, the council should offer a "reserve and pay" space, clip some tickets to help keep land rates low and increase council revenue.</p>	Response

			<p>Q7. No: Definitely not for seven days. They can have 48hrs max and pay a service fee (for rubbish, waste, water provided by council) fees should be a min \$10pp</p> <p>Q8. Respondent did not answer this question.</p>	
#	Name/Organisation	Hearing	Submitters response to hearing topics	Response
08	New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Inc.	NO	<p>Q1- Q7. Respondent did not answer these questions.</p> <p>Q8. Further submissions on Kawerau District Council's (revised) Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2024 and amendments to the Reserve Management Plan Introduction</p> <p>1 The New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Inc. appreciates the opportunity to provide further submissions on the Kawerau District Council's proposal. Some 120,000 New Zealanders are members of the NZMCA and over 230 reside in Kawerau. Most NZMCA members are hybrid campers frequently alternating between commercial campgrounds, private campsites, and freedom camping areas. Our members are directly impacted by the revised proposal.</p> <p>2 Kawerau is one of 58 Motorhome Friendly Towns in New Zealand and we have, for many years, promoted the town (for free) as a destination for motorhomes to visit. Our membership is growing and maintaining a lawful bylaw while providing safe and desirable sites to freedom camp responsibly, are important criteria for towns to achieve and maintain MHFT status.</p> <p>3 The NZMCA acknowledges there can be a cost to managing some freedom camping sites and we have helped other councils by offering</p>	

		<p>financial assistance to improve their sites (see-attached examples). It is also worth remembering that many of our members are taxpayers and ratepayers, and we imagine Kawerau residents' freedom camp in other districts too.</p> <p>Legal opinion</p> <p>4 The Council amended its original proposal following earlier submissions, a legal opinion, new case law, and revised site assessments. On 18 November, we requested a copy of the legal opinion as that information would assist with our understanding of the revision before making further submissions. Given our interest in freedom camping along with the impact of Kawerau's proposal on our membership, we are dismayed the Council refuses to share this information nor explain why withholding it outweighs the public interest.</p> <p>2</p> <p>Site re-assessments</p> <p>5 Section 4 notes freedom camping on reserves is prohibited unless approved by the Minister, provided for in a campground, or permitted within a reserve management plan. In 2013, the Minister of Conservation delegated councils the authority to permit camping on reserve land, and we note councils can permit (with or without restrictions) freedom camping by resolution if there is no RMP that explicitly prohibits the activity on site.</p> <p>6 The NZMCA commends the Council for acknowledging amenity and economic values (as was described under section 5.1) are not relevant matters for consideration. We support the</p>	
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		<p>Council's decision to exclude these matters from its site assessments. However, we have concerns that while the Council has removed these matters from individual site assessments, it has found other matters to backfill the reasons in order to retain or increase the scores that ensure the sites prohibit freedom camping.</p> <p>7 Waterwheel Heritage Park meets the criteria for restricted freedom camping and the RMP does not explicitly prohibit freedom camping on site. If in future there is an opportunity to allow some form of vehicle-based freedom camping on site, we recommend the Council enables this through the bylaw and passes an appropriate resolution under the Reserves Act.</p> <p>8 We support the proposal where it permits/restricts freedom camping via the bylaw and amendments to the RMP.</p> <p>Temporary closure or restriction of freedom camping</p> <p>9 The NZMCA does not oppose temporary restrictions or site closures per se. We acknowledge why these decisions may be necessary, provided they are consistent with section 11 of the Freedom Camping Act 2011 (FCA) and the Bylaws Act 1910. However, clause 11 of the bylaw is broadly written and does not define "temporary". If the Council exercises its authority under clause 11 beyond "temporary" (i.e. the modified restriction is not timebound and/or offers no criteria to be met for it to be lifted), the decision could be challenged on the basis it is ultra vires because it is not truly temporary.</p>	
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		<p>10 We recommend amending clause 11 so that Council must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Confirm any decision made under clause 11 is consistent with section 11 of the FCA, that it is the most appropriate and proportionate way of addressing the perceived problem in relation to that area, and that it is not inconsistent with the NZBORA.b) Define the affected area either by a map or description of its locality.c) Give appropriate notice to the public and, where practicable, directly to key stakeholders, including a timeframe and criteria to be met for the temporary closure or restriction to be lifted. <p>3</p> <p>Schedule One: Freedom camping restricted areas</p> <p>11 The NZMCA supports permitting freedom camping on roads with a speed limit of 50km/hr or less. However, from the information provided it is unclear why it is necessary to effectively blanket ban campers from parking directly outside any residence, commercial, or industrial premises on the same side of the road as that premises. There will no doubt be circumstances when residents and business owners support campers parking/camping overnight on the roadside outside their premises.</p> <p>12 Nevertheless, the High Court in NZMCA v QLDC determined an 'area' is specific to local authority areas; therefore, this prohibition cannot be necessary to protect access to private properties or to protect their visual amenity.</p> <p>13 Furthermore, the likelihood campers will park throughout the district on roadsides such that</p>	
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			<p>they obstruct access to all roads is so low that we doubt whether this prohibition would pass the appropriateness or proportionality test required by section 11(2)(b) of the FCA.</p> <p>14 Lastly, the prohibition is vague and requires campers to determine when it applies without any clear maps or descriptions as required by section 11B (1) of the FCA.</p> <p>15 For all these reasons, we do not support the prohibition and recommend deleting it from the bylaw.</p> <p>Schedule Two: Freedom camping prohibited areas</p> <p>16 Kawerau is a motorhome friendly town and council owned carparks are ideal locations for motor homers to park overnight and spend money in town. Many other towns have benefited financially from offering overnight parking sites within walking distance to town.</p> <p>17 To provide for and protect access, we recommend reviewing whether some of the carparks can set aside limited space for restricted freedom camping.</p>	
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Proposed **Freedom Camping** **Bylaw 2024**

Kawerau District Council Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2024

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Kawerau,
Taonga o te whenua,
Treasure of the land.

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1. Introduction

2. Title

This bylaw shall be known as the Kawerau District Council Freedom Camping Bylaw 2019.

3. Commencement

This bylaw came into force on 1 October 2019. Amendments to this bylaw come into force on _____ 2025, in accordance with a resolution of Council made on _____ 2025.

4. Enabling enactment

This bylaw is made in accordance with section 11 of the Freedom Camping Act 2011 ('Act'). This bylaw should be read alongside the Act.

5. Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is to control freedom camping in the Kawerau District in order to:

- a) Protect local authority areas;
- b) Protect the health and safety of people who may visit local authority areas; and
- c) Protect access to local authority areas.

Explanatory Notes

The provisions of this bylaw only apply to land owned and controlled by Council. It does not apply to private land or land owned by the Department of Conservation, Land Information New Zealand or the New Zealand Transport Agency.

6. Explanatory notes

This bylaw contains explanatory notes, which do not form part of this bylaw. The Council may add, amend or delete explanatory notes at any time without amending the bylaw.

2. Definitions

For the purpose of this bylaw, the following definitions apply:

Act	means the Freedom Camping Act 2011 (“Act”).
Chief Executive	means the person appointed by Council under section 42 of the Local Government Act 2002.
Council	means Kawerau District Council.
District	means Kawerau District.
Enforcement Officer	means a person appointed as an enforcement officer under section 32 of the Freedom Camping Act 2011.
Freedom camp	has the meaning set out in section 5 of the Act.

Explanatory notes

As at 7 June 2023, section 5 of the Act, defines freedom camp as:

- (1) In this Act, freedom camp means to camp (other than at a camping ground) within 200 m of an area accessible by motor vehicle or within 200 m of the mean low-water springs line of any sea or harbour, or on or within 200 m of a formed road or a Great Walks Track, using either or both of the following:
 - (a) a tent or other temporary structure:
 - (b) a motor vehicle.
- (2) In this Act, freedom camping does not include the following activities:
 - (a) temporary and short-term parking of a motor vehicle:
 - (b) recreational activities commonly known as day-trip excursions:
 - (c) resting or sleeping at the roadside in a motor vehicle to avoid driver fatigue.
- (2A) In this Act, a person is not freedom camping if the person—
 - (a) is a person other than a person who is in New Zealand on the basis of a visitor visa (within the meaning of the immigration instructions); and
 - (b) is unable to live in appropriate residential accommodation; and
 - (c) as a consequence of that inability, is living in either or both of the following:
 - (i) a tent or other temporary structure:
 - (ii) a motor vehicle.

For the avoidance of doubt, as at 7 June 2023, section 5(3) of the Act defines camping ground as:

- (a) a camping ground that is the subject of a current certificate of registration under the Camping-Grounds Regulations 1985; or
- (b) any site at which a fee is payable for camping at the site.

Freedom camping	has the equivalent meaning of Freedom camp.
Infringement offence	means an offence specified in section 20 of the Act.

Explanatory notes

Sections 20 of the Act, sets out the infringement offences which include the following:

- freedom camps or makes preparation to freedom camp in breach of any prohibition or restriction specified in a bylaw.
- freedom camps, in a vehicle that is not self-contained, in breach of a bylaw.
- fails to display a warrant card for the vehicle being used to freedom camp.
- freedom camps or makes preparation to freedom camp in a self-contained vehicle with more people than the vehicle is certified for.
- while freedom camping in a local authority area, interferes with or damages the area, its flora or fauna, or any structure in the area.
- deposits waste in or on the area (other than into an appropriate waste receptacle)
- fails or refuses to leave a local authority area when required to do so by an enforcement officer acting under section 36.

For clarification to **make preparations** means to do either or both of the following:

- erect a tent to use it for freedom camping;
- park a motor vehicle to use it for freedom camping.

Local authority area	has the meaning as in section 6 of the Act.
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Explanatory Notes

As at 7 June 2023, section 6(1) of the Act, where Local Authority Area is defined, states:

- (1) In this Act, local authority area—
- means an area of land—
 - that is within the district or region of a local authority; and
 - that is—
 - controlled or managed by or on behalf of the local authority under any enactment...

Prohibited area	means an area identified in Schedule 2: Prohibited Areas, in which freedom camping is prohibited.
Restricted area	means an area identified in Schedule 1: Restricted Areas, in which freedom camping is permitted subject to restrictions.
Reserve	means any land classified as a reserve under the Reserves Act 1977 or its amendments.

Self-Contained

has the meaning given in section 4 of the Act.

Explanatory Notes

As at 7 June 2023, section 4 of the Act, defines self-contained as:

(4) In relation to a motor vehicle, means that the vehicle has a valid certificate of self-containment issued in accordance with section 87U(3)(d) of the Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers Act 2006.

The Self-contained Motor Vehicles Legislation Act 2023 amends the Act and enables a transition period to enable compliance with the new self-contained requirements. Part 1 of Schedule 1AA for the meaning of self-contained during the transitional period, being 7 June 2023 to 7 June 2025)

If you have a blue warrant on your personal self-contained vehicle, this is valid until its expiry or 7 June 2025, whichever is sooner.

A green warrant is valid for four years from the date you receive the warrant. From 7 June 2025, all vehicles will need to be certified with a green warrant, to be certified self-contained under the new requirements.

For further information check out the MBIE website <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/immigration-and-tourism/tourism/tourism-projects/supporting-sustainable-freedom-camping-in-aotearoa-new-zealand/freedom-camping-changes>

Government is currently considering an extension of time to obtain a green warrant. Where Government extend the transitional period, this explanatory note will be updated.

Explanatory Notes

To be certified Self-contained, the motor vehicle must achieve compliance with NZ Standard 5465:2001. The standard can be viewed or printed once for free at this link: <https://www.standards.govt.nz/shop/nzs-54652001>.

For the avoidance of doubt, the standard requires that a Self-contained motor vehicle be equipped with a toilet that is permanently fixed to the vehicle in order to be certified.

Vehicle

has the meaning given in section 2(1) of the Land Transport Act 1998.

Waste

means any kind of waste, including human waste.

3. Freedom Camping Areas

7. Freedom Camping

- 3.1.1. Freedom camping is permitted in any local authority area within the District, in a self-contained vehicle, unless it is restricted or prohibited by this bylaw or under any associated enactment, bylaw, or reserve management plan.
- 3.1.2. For clarification, freedom camping in any tent or temporary structure in any local authority area is prohibited.

8. Freedom camping - Restricted Areas

- 3.1.1 A person may freedom camp in any area identified in Schedule 1: Restricted Areas for Freedom Camping, are marked yellow on the maps in Schedule 3. Freedom Campers must comply with the restrictions listed below:
- a) No person may freedom camp except in a self-contained vehicle.
 - b) No person may freedom camp for more than 7 nights in any one calendar month.
 - c) No person may freedom camp for more than 7 consecutive nights when crossing over two months.
 - d) All waste must be either removed or disposed of in the bins provided.
 - e) All wastewater (including human waste) must be disposed of in the dump sites provided at Prideaux Park and Firmin Field.
 - f) Campsites must be kept clean and tidy.
 - g) Freedom campers must not prevent others from undertaking legitimate activities in the area or restrict access to any public area or private land.
 - h) No person may light any fires.
 - i) All persons are subject to all other requirements that apply generally to the area where they are camped, including dog, alcohol and noise control.
 - j) No person may interfere with or damage any freedom camping area, flora, fauna or structure.
 - k) Enforcement officers must be able to inspect any campsite and freedom campers must comply with any reasonable direction.
- 3.1.2 Despite sub clause, 3.2.1 some restricted areas require prior consent as identified in Schedule 1. Restricted Areas requiring prior consent are for large organised groups or events, which cannot be accommodated within existing Restricted Sites. Restricted Areas requiring prior consent are marked blue on

the maps in Schedule 3.

- 3.1.3 Despite sub clause, 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 a person may freedom camp in any restricted area, if they have obtained the prior written consent of the Council, granted under clause 4 of this bylaw, and complies with any conditions of the consent. The written consent must be produced on request of an enforcement officer.

9. Freedom camping - Prohibited Areas

- 3.1.4 No person may freedom camp in any local authority area in the District described in Schedule 2: Prohibited Areas, and mark red on the maps in Schedule 3.
- 3.1.5 Despite sub clause, 3.3.1 a person may freedom camp in a prohibited area if they have obtained the prior written consent of the Council, granted under clause 4 of this bylaw, and complies with any conditions of the consent. The written consent must be produced on request of an enforcement officer.

Explanatory notes

The Reserves Act 1977 prohibits camping on all reserves unless one of the exemptions in s44(1) of that Act apply (one of the exemptions is that freedom camping is specifically provided for in the operative reserve management plan). Council cannot grant consent under the Act [Freedom Camping Act 2011] for freedom camping on reserves. However, Council has been delegated the Minister for Conservation's powers under s44 Reserves Act 1977 to consent to the following pursuant to a deed of delegation dated 12 June 2013:

- i. The use of a reserve for temporary or permanent personal accommodation; and
- ii. Consent to any vehicle, caravan, tent or removable structure remaining on a reserve for a period of more than four weeks during the period 1 November in any year and ending with 31 March.

Refer to clause 4 for details on the application process.

4 Prior Consent from Council

10. Application for Consent

- 4.1.1 The Council may grant written consent to a person, to freedom camp, contrary to any prohibition or restrictions that apply under this bylaw.
- 4.1.2 An application for consent must be made in writing, to the Chief Executive Officer, at least 10 working days prior to the date on which freedom camping is planned to occur.
- 4.1.3 The application must be accompanied by the application fee, set in Council's schedule of fees and charges.
- 4.1.4 Completed applications will be considered by Council and may be granted at Council's sole discretion.

Explanatory notes

Council anticipates the following reasons may be grounds for an application:

- Where associated with a special event or occasion occurring in the area and an exemption is required for the duration of the event or occasion.
- Where the anticipated availability of freedom camping sites will not meet the expected needs.
- Complying with the restrictions in the bylaw is not reasonable in the circumstances.

- 4.1.5 The Council may impose any conditions to any consent granted, that Council considers appropriate and are consistent with the purpose of this Bylaw, as set out in clause 1.4.
- 4.1.6 The consent is not transferable to another person or event.
- 4.1.7 An enforcement officer may revoke a consent given under clause 4.1.1 if any person breaches the conditions specified in the consent or the freedom camping covered by the consent, breaches this bylaw or the Act.

5 Temporary Closure or Restriction of Freedom Camping

11. Temporary Closure or Restriction

Council may temporary close or restrict freedom camping in any local authority area or part of any area, where the closure or restriction is considered necessary to:

- a) Allow maintenance of the area or facilities in the area;
- b) Prevent damage to the area or facilities;
- c) Protect the safety of persons or property; or
- d) Provide better public access to facilities, including access to local events held in the area.

12. Notice

Council will give notice of a closure or restriction of this bylaw, as soon as reasonability practicable, taking into the circumstances of such closure or restriction.

Explanatory Notes

Notice given by Council may include any of the following:

- A sign erected in the area
- Advertising on Council website and/or Council facebook page
- Advertising on the radio
- Public notice in a paper

6 Offences

13. Offences

Every person who freedom camps, or makes preparation to freedom camp, in a local authority area in breach of any prohibition or restriction imposed in this bylaw commits an infringement offence under section 20(1) of the Act. This includes a breach of any condition of an approved prior consent.

14. Exceptions

Every person who has obtained a written consent from Council, granted under clause 4.1.1 of this bylaw, and who complies with all conditions of that consent, is not acting in breach of any prohibition or restriction in this Bylaw as set out under section 20(1)(a) and (f) of the Act.

Explanatory notes

Every person who commits an offence under the Act is liable for a penalty for any amount prescribed under s20E of the Act or in any regulations made under s43 of the Act. Penalties for infringement offences under the Act are specified in the Freedom Camping (Penalties for Infringement Offences) Regulations 2023 and can be viewed here:

Freedom Camping (Penalties for Infringement Offences) Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/136) Schedule 2 Penalties for infringement offences under Freedom Camping Act 2011 – New Zealand Legislation

Where no regulations are made, the infringement fee is \$400 (s20E of the Act)

Infringements may be issued to:

- person who committed the offence;
- the registered owner of the vehicle used to freedom camp
- the person lawfully entitled to possession of the vehicle used to freedom camp. (s26 of the Act)

Enforcement officers may require a person to leave an area if the officer has reasonable grounds to believe the person is committing or has committed an offence. (s36 of the Act)

SCHEDULE ONE

Freedom Camping Restricted Areas

Freedom Camping in areas described below is subject to restrictions specified in clause 3.2 of this bylaw.

All restrictions must be complied with unless prior written consent of the Council is obtained under clause 4 of this bylaw.

Explanatory Notes

Restricted Areas included some locations which require prior consent to be accessed. These have been included as restricted due to the public interest in these areas for large events. These sites are shown as blue below and on the maps.

Map	Area and Description	Restrictions
01	<p>Prideaux Park</p> <p>Prideaux Park is located on the corner of Islington Street and Plunket Street and extends all the way to Glasgow Street.</p> <p>Access off Plunket Street, Kawerau.</p> <p>Three areas are available for freedom camping at Prideaux Park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stream side area located behind the Prideaux Park Pavilion. Four power sites available – contact Kawerau isite for details. • Grassed area behind Kawerau Bowling Club. • Grassed area in front of Kawerau Bowling Club. <p>Dump station available on site.</p>	<p>Restricted to self-contained vehicles.</p> <p>Grassed area in front of Kawerau Bowling Club is only available where no events are being held at Prideaux Park. Vehicle and all camping equipment must not encroach on the access way.</p> <p>Prior Consent required if requesting to use the sports field.</p> <div data-bbox="895 1518 1430 1823" style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Explanatory Notes</p> <p>Freedom Camping on Prideaux Park will require an amendment to Council's Reserves Management Plan to enable the use of self-contained vehicles for freedom camping on the reserve.</p> </div>
01	<p>Maurie Kjar Aquatics Centre Carpark</p>	<p>Restricted to self-contained vehicles.</p>

	<p>Maurie Kjar Aquatics Centre is located on the corner of Plunket Street and Glasgow Street and is accessible from either street.</p> <p>One area is available for freedom camping.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sealed carpark on eastern edge. 	<p>Freedom camping only available between 4pm and 9am.</p>
<p>02</p>	<p>Firmin Field</p> <p>Firmin Field is located between Waterhouse Street and Porritt Drive and runs along the side of Tarawera River.</p> <p>Access is off Waterhouse Street.</p> <p>One area is available for freedom camping.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sealed carpark along eastern edge. Six powered sites available - contact Kawerau i-site for details. <p>Access off Waterhouse Street, Kawerau.</p> <p>Dump station available on site.</p>	<p>Restricted to self-contained vehicles</p> <p>Restricted to the eastern edge of the carpark closest to Tarawera River.</p> <p>Prior Consent is required if requesting to use the field as part of an organised group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No freedom camping within 10 metres of the riverbank or the residential properties. <p>Prior consent is also required for the use of non-self-contained vehicles or tents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No freedom camping within 10 metres of the riverbank or the residential properties. <div data-bbox="895 1406 1433 1794" style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Explanatory Notes</p> <p>Freedom Camping on Firmin Field will require an amendment to Council's Reserves Management Plan to enable the use of self-contained vehicles for freedom camping on the reserve and allow for the consideration of non-self contained vehicles and tents for organised groups..</p> </div>

<p>No Map</p>	<p>Roads with a speed limit of 50km/hr or less</p> <p>Freedom camping is available on local roads with a speed limit under 50km/s.</p>	<p>Restricted to self-contained vehicles.</p> <p>Campers must not be parked directly outside any residence, commercial or industrial premises on the same side of the road as that premises.</p> <p>No freedom camping is allowed on :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valley Road outside of Cemetery • Weld Street around the reserve. • Robinson Street around the reserve. • Holland Crescent around the Cobham Drive Reserve.
Map	Area and Description	Restrictions
<p>03</p>	<p>Boyce Park</p> <p>Boyce Park is located on the corner of Tamarangi Drive and River Road. Access is of River Road.</p> <p>All freedom camping must seek prior approval</p>	<p>Prior Consent required if requesting to use the field as part of an organised group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restricted to self-contained vehicles. • No freedom camping within 10 metres of the riverbank. <div style="border: 1px solid #808000; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; background-color: #E0E080; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Explanatory Notes</p> <p>Freedom Camping on Boyce Park will require an amendment to Council's Reserves Management Plan to enable the use of self-contained vehicles for freedom camping on the reserve.</p> </div>
<p>04</p>	<p>Waterhouse Street Reserve</p> <p>Waterhouse Street Reserve is located between Waterhouse Street and Tarawera High School and runs along the side of Tarawera River.</p>	<p>Prior Consent required if requesting to use this reserve as part of an organised group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restricted to self-contained vehicles.

	<p>All freedom camping must seek prior approval</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No freedom camping within 10 metres of the riverbank. <p>Prior consent is also required for the use of non-self-contained vehicles or tents.</p> <div data-bbox="900 427 1437 837" style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px;"><p>Explanatory Notes</p><p>Freedom Camping on Waterhouse Street Reserve will require an amendment to Council's Reserves Management Plan to enable the use of self-contained vehicles for freedom camping on the reserve and allow for the consideration of non-self contained vehicles and tents for organised groups..</p></div>
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SCHEDULE TWO

Freedom Camping Prohibited Areas

Freedom Camping in areas described below is prohibited as specified in clause 3.3 of this bylaw.

Explanatory Notes

Freedom camping on reserves is prohibited under section 44 of the Reserves Act 1977 and therefore prohibited under section 10(2)(b) of the Freedom Camping Act 2011, except where it is permitted in the designated places on reserves specified in Schedule 1, which are subject to the restrictions in this Bylaw.

Map	Area and Description
05 & 01	<p>Stoneham Walk, Ruruanga Reserve and the Valley Road/Kirk Crescent Reserve</p> <p>Freedom camping is prohibited within Stoneham Walk which incorporates Ruruanga Reserve and Valley Road/Kirk Crescent Reserve.</p> <p>This area is bounded by Valley Road (northwest) and Fenton Mill Road (southeast). Around the edges the reserve backs onto residential properties off Blundell Avenue, Marshall Street, Kirk Crescent and Bell Street. The previous stock pound also backs onto the reserve to the south.</p>
06	<p>Recreation Centre Reserve</p> <p>Freedom camping is prohibited from the recreation centre reserve located on Tombleson Way (off Onslow street). This encompasses the parking area in front of the Ron Hardie Recreation Centre, the geothermal area behind the Ron Hardie Recreation Centre, the bmx track, basketball court, skate park and play ground.</p>
07	<p>Keith McKenzie Park</p> <p>Freedom camping is prohibited from Keith MacKenzie Park located off Tamarangi Drive on the north side just west of the entrance into Kawerau town centre.</p>
08	<p>Tarawera Park, Lyn Hartley Reserve and Roy Weston Park</p> <p>Tarawera Park, Lyn Hartley and Roy Weston Park all link together running along the edge of Tarawera River. The main entrances is from either Porritt Drive entering Roy Weston Reserves or off Cobham drive. The three</p>

	reserves extends from the Golf Club to the south and Firmin Field to the North. On the western side they are border by residential properties off Cobham Drive, Holland Crescent, Ward Street and Porritt Drive.
09	<p>Monika Lanham Reserve and Fraser Street Reserve</p> <p>Freedom Camping is prohibited on Monika Lanham. Monika Lanham encompasses the hill to the southwest of the town centre. This reserve is surrounded by Fenton Mill Road, River Road and Onslow Street and the Fraser Street Reserve to the south.</p>
10	<p>River Road Reserve</p> <p>Freedom camping is prohibited from the River Road reserve which is largely inaccessible. This reserve sits in between the Tarawera High School, and the Tarawera River</p>
11	<p>Previous Stock Pound Area (yet to be renamed)</p> <p>Freedom Camping is prohibited from the previous stock pound area located off Fenton Mill Road. This reserve is bordered by Fenton Mill Road, Kirk Crescent and Stoneham Walk.</p>
12	<p>Neighbourhood Reserves (in Residential Areas)</p> <p>Freedom camping is prohibited on all neighbourhood reserves as listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance/Seddon Street Reserve • Boss Road Reserve • Fraser Street Reserve • Hilldale Reserve – Beattie Road and Hardie Avenue • Porritt Glade Reserve • Tuwharetoa Road Reserve • Valley Road/Delamere Drive Reserve • Beattie/Shepherd Street Reserve • Cobham Drive Reserve • Hadley Street Reserve • MacKenzie Street Reserve • Robinson Street Reserve • Valley Road/Ryder Place Reserve • Weld Street Reserve <p>Each of the reserves above are small reserves located on the roads as set out in the reserves name.</p>
13	<p>Kawerau Cemetery</p> <p>Kawerau Cemetery is located off Valley Road and is surrounded by residential houses from Delamere Drive and Ryder Place.</p>

<p>14 & 15</p>	<p>Kawerau Town Centre</p> <p>Freedom camping is prohibited in the Kawerau Town Centre being the inner area bounded by Islington Street, Onslow Street and Plunket Street. This area also includes all of Islington Street and Liverpool Street. (See restrictions under Road lower than 50km.)</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>Council Owned Carparks</p> <p>Freedom camping is prohibited in the following Council owned carparks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Porritt Drive long side the river) • Fenton Mill Road (located at the entrance to Stoneham Walk) • Corner Plunket and Glasgow Street (Parking area around Skate Park) • Corner Onslow and Plunket Street (Customer Parking) • Plunket Street carpark opposite the Maurie Kaur Aquatics Centre (Customer Parking) • Islington Street main carpark located on the northern side of Council Offices (Customer Parking) • Islington Street carpark behind 23 to 33 Islington Street (Customer Parking for Local Businesses) • Keith Mackenzie Park carpark off Tamarangi Drive (Park Access)
<p>17 & 18</p>	<p>All Kawerau Local Purpose/Amenity Reserves</p> <p>These include the following reserves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fenton Road Reserve – This is the large open grassed berm on the western side of Fenton Road. • Pat Baker Reserve, Beattie Road Reserve and Dump Reserve – These three reserves form one larger reserve. They are located off River Road or Beattie Road and apart from Pat Baker Reserve which is a scenic reserve at the northern edge, the rest of the reserve travels in a southerly direction out towards farmland. • Owen/Julian Road Reserve – This reserve is located between the ends of both Owen and Julian Road and spread out with farmland on one end and Hilldale reserve on the other. • Reserve near Manukorihi Drive - This reserve is located to the east of Tarawera River off Tamarangi Drive directly east of the bridge crossing

	the river. The reserve sits between the Tarawera River and the Industrial area.
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SCHEDULE THREE - MAPS

PRIDEAUX PARK - Map 1



FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW

- Restricted
- Restricted with Prior Consent
- Prohibited



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FIRMIN FIELD - Map 2



FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW

- Restricted
- Restricted with Prior Consent
- Prohibited



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BOYCE PARK - Map 3



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WATERHOUSE STREET RESERVE - Map 4



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STONEHOME WALK, VALLEY ROAD/KIRK CRESCENT RESERVE - Map 5



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RECREATION RESERVE - Map 6



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KEITH MCKENZIE RESERVE - Map 7



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TARAWERA PARK, LYN HARTLEY RESERVE, ROY WESTON PARK - Map 8



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MONIKA LANHAM RESERVE, FRASER STREET RESERVE - Map 9



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RIVER ROAD RESERVE - Map 10



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PREVIOUS STOCK POUND AREA - Map 11



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NEIGHBOURHOOD RESERVES - Map 12



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KAWERAU CEMETERY - Map 13



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KAWERAU TOWN CENTRE - Map 14



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KAWERAU TOWN CENTRE, LIVERPOOL STREET - Map 15



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COUNCIL OWNED CARPARKS - Map 16



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KAWERAU LOCAL PURPOSE/AMENITY RESERVES - Map 18



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