



**The Extraordinary Meeting of the  
Kawerau District Council will be  
held on Wednesday 14 June 2023  
commencing at 9.00am**

**AGENDA**

## **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.

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**A G E N D A**

**Apologies**

**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.

**1 Receipt and Deliberations of Submissions to the Mahere ā Tau / Proposed Annual Plan 2023 - 2024 (Communications and Engagement Manager) (110553)**

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Attached is a report on the Receipt and Deliberations of Submissions to the Mahere ā Tau / Proposed Annual Plan 2023 - 2024

**Recommendations**

1. *That the report “Receipt and Deliberations of Submissions to the Mahere ā Tau / Proposed Annual Plan 2023 - 2024” be received.*
2. *That Council receive the submissions to the consultation document for the Mahere ā Tau / Proposed Annual Plan 2023 – 2024; and*
3. *That Council hear Tuwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora who wish to speak their submission At today’s Hearing.*

**R B George**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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**Meeting:** Extraordinary Council

**Meeting Date:** 14 June 2023

**Subject:** Receipt and Deliberations of Submissions to the Mahere ā Tau | Proposed Annual Plan 2023-2024

**File No.:** 110553

## **1 Background**

At a meeting on 26 April 2023, Council adopted the Consultation Document for its Proposed Annual Plan 2023-2024 to commence the consultation and engagement procedure.

During the submissions period that opened on 28 April and closed at 5:00pm on 26 May 2023, Council received ten written submissions.

Council completed a thorough engagement process including distributing a printed consultation document to all households in the district; promotion of the plan and the engagement timeline via the newsletter and online channels; 11 face-to-face meetings with a number of different stakeholders; planned public meetings and staff presentations. The meetings were well received.

Presentation content included the consultation options to keep the rates rises to a minimum, and included updates of Council's focus on planned projects namely the Stoneham Park Residential Development, the Drinking Water Pipe Replacement programme and the Rangi Delamere Pavilion rebuild; In addition, updates were provided regarding Hardie Avenue surface flooding issues and the water discoloration issues.

The purpose of today's meeting is for Council to receive these submissions, to hear those who wish to speak to their submissions and to deliberate on these submissions.

The Mahere ā Tau | Proposed Annual Plan 2023-2024 is scheduled for adoption at the Council Meeting on 28 June 2023.

## **2 Considerations**

Submissions focused primarily on the consultation matters outlined in the Mahere ā Tau | Proposed Annual Plan 2023-2024 Consultation Document as follows:

- An overall rates increase of 8.2% achieved by lowering the percentage of depreciation funded from 67% to 53% for the coming financial year. (Option 1)
- A \$100 increase in the Uniform Annual Charge to \$850. This increase was to smooth the rates impact across ratepayers.
- No change to the general rate differential of 48% Residential and 52% Commercial/Industrial.

Of the ten submissions received, seven supported Council adopting option 1, to decrease the level of depreciation to 53% for the short-term to achieve an 8.2% rates increase.

One submitter wishes to speak to their submission regarding the proposals above and has not outlined their preference for the depreciation funding. Two other submitters did not indicate a preference and submitted other points (as below).

Additional submission points received related to the:

- Support of the Bay of Plenty Regional Council public bus service and request for more seating and bus shelters for school students and the public using school buses and the Bay Hopper;
- Opposition to Three Waters assets being handed over to the new Bay Entity;
- Support for Council's focus on planned projects particularly the Drinking Water Pipe Replacement Programme;
- Review of Solid Waste Operations and the possibility of a viable recycling/upcycling project; Query if the site is combining with the Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre;
- Congratulations regarding: Council's housing strategy and commitment to quality housing; Community facilities namely the Burt Hamilton Hall and the rebuild of the Rangi Delamere Pavilion and to ensure accessibility has been allowed for; Community services and resilience through the Emergency Management group and an offer to support community engagement;
- Support of Council's focus on footpaths, streetlights, carparking and signage and to ensure accessibility. Request to consider Tri-Language (Māori, English and New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL)).

### **3 RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the report "Receipt of Submissions to the Mahere ā Tau | Proposed Annual Plan 2023-2024" be received.
2. That Council receive the submissions to the consultation document for the Mahere ā Tau | Proposed Annual Plan 2023-2024; and
3. That Council hear Tuwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora who wish to speak to their submission at today's Hearing.



Tania Humberstone  
**Communications and Engagement Manager**

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# Kawerau District Council

## Mahere ā tau | Proposed Annual Plan 2023-2024 Submissions



Ten Submissions received as at the closing date  
5:00pm Friday, 26 May 2023

1	Submitter	Annual Plan Submission	Dates Received and Dates Responded
	<p>Elaine McGlinchey 10 Hahuru Road Kawerau 3127 07 323 9005 027 332 8833</p>	<p><b>Wishes to speak?</b> No</p> <p><b>Consultation Topic Selected:</b> Option 1</p> <p>I feel this is the better option for the majority of ratepayers at this point in time.</p> <p><b>Other Submission Points:</b> N/A</p>	<p>Received: 5 May 2023</p> <p>Acknowledgement response sent: via email on 15 May</p> <p>Council Submission Response:</p>
2	Submitter	Annual Plan Submission	Response
	<p>Wayne Thompson 60 Bell Street Kawerau 3127 021 671 518 <a href="mailto:Freethwayne@hotmail.com">Freethwayne@hotmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Wishes to speak?</b> No</p> <p><b>Consultation Topic Selected:</b> Option 1</p> <p>(No comments)</p> <p><b>Other Submission Points:</b></p>	<p>Received: 8 May 2023</p> <p>Acknowledgement response sent: via email on 15 May</p>

		N/A	Council Submission Response:
<b>3</b>	<b>Submitter</b>	<b>Annual Plan Submission</b>	<b>Response</b>
	Wowi loane Sent via Facebook direct message (No other contact details provided)	<p><b>Wishes to speak?</b> No</p> <p><b>Consultation Topic Selected:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Other Submission Points:</b></p> <p>Please can the council consider bus shelters for our kids and the public who wait for school buses and bay hopper, our seasons are really out of control now. For those kids whose parents don't have transport or have to work, wait in the rain soaking wet waiting for the bus. The kids are wet the whole day at school. Thank you for your time.</p>	<p>Received: 4 May 2023</p> <p>Acknowledgement response sent: via Facebook messenger on 4 May</p> <p>Council Submission Response:</p>
<b>4</b>	<b>Submitter</b>	<b>Annual Plan Submission</b>	<b>Response</b>
	Margaret Paul 46 Porritt Drive 07 323 7868 <a href="mailto:Magnesspaul@gmail.com">Magnesspaul@gmail.com</a>	<p><b>Wishes to speak?</b> No</p> <p><b>Consultation Topic Selected:</b> Option 1 (No comments).</p> <p><b>Other Submission Points:</b> Congratulations and thankyou to the Council team who came with no advanced warning and addressed the depreciation</p>	<p>Received: 17 May 2023</p> <p>Acknowledgement response sent: Via email on 22 May 2023</p> <p>Council Submission Response:</p>



		funding. Many other issues were discussed but it really clarified what the depreciation would mean to our community.	
5	Submitter	Annual Plan Submission	Response
	<p>Disabilities Resource Centre Naomi Freeman Information Services Co-ordinator 141-143 King Street, Whakatane, 3158 07 307 1447 <a href="mailto:naomif@drct.co.nz">naomif@drct.co.nz</a></p>	<p><b>Wishes to speak?</b> No</p> <p><b>Consultation Topic Selected:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Other Submission Points:</b> <i>(Refer Appendices 1).</i></p>	<p>Received: 25/05/2023</p> <p>Acknowledgement response sent: Via email on 30 May 2023</p> <p>Council Submission Response:</p>
6	Submitter	Annual Plan Submission	Response
	<p>Allan Clarke 073238407 <a href="mailto:allan.clarke@ymail.com">allan.clarke@ymail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Wishes to speak?</b> No</p> <p><b>Consultation Topic Selected:</b> Option 1</p> <p>Central government have removed the rights of local elected representation from making decisions on behalf of ratepayers and is therefore in breach of the NZ bill of rights legislation.</p> <p><b>Other Submission Points:</b> I do not support the handing over of the KDC 3 Waters asset balance sheet to an entity that does not represent the interest of the districts ratepayer and will not guarantee any borrowings against these assets by a third-party entity.</p>	<p>Received: 25/05/2023</p> <p>Acknowledgement response sent: Via email on 30 May 2023</p> <p>Council Submission Response:</p>

7	Submitter	Annual Plan Submission	Response
	<p>Kawerau and Districts Grey Power Association Inc.  Lyn Hughes (Secretary)  P.O. Box 209 Kawerau 3169  021 0281 4720  <a href="mailto:Lynhughes63@gmail.com">Lynhughes63@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Wishes to speak?</b>  No</p> <p><b>Consultation Topic Selected:</b> Option 1</p> <p>Kawerau and Districts Grey Power Incorporated Supports Option 1 to lower this year's depreciation rate to 53% with a corresponding rate rise of 8.2%.</p> <p>Grey Power believes residents of Kawerau have enjoyed a good level of service provision from Council to date and in supporting the lower depreciation rate this year, Grey Power expects services to continue at the same level or may well be exceeded.</p> <p>It is good that Council intends to focus on the completion of only planned capital projects.</p> <p>Solid Waste - we note that Council will be reviewing its solid waste operations and Grey Power is hopeful that this review may include viable recycling/upcycling project(s) with community involvement.</p> <p><b>Other Submission Points:</b>  N/A</p>	<p>Received:  26/05/2023</p> <p>Acknowledgement response sent: Via email on 30 May 2023</p> <p>Council Submission Response:</p>
8	Submitter	Annual Plan Submission	Response

	<p>Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora Merehia Savage and Hone Te Rire Co-Chairs</p> <p>C/- Merita White Executive Assistant 07 323 8025 027 278 0934 28-30 Islington Street, Kawerau 3127 <a href="mailto:merita@tuwharetoa.org.nz">merita@tuwharetoa.org.nz</a></p>	<p><b>Wishes to speak?</b> Yes, regarding the proposed rates increase and the depreciation funding for both option 1 and 2.</p> <p><b>Consultation Topic Selected:</b> N/A</p> <p><i>(Refer Appendices 2).</i></p> <p><b>Other Submission Points:</b></p>	<p>Received: 26/05/2023</p> <p>Acknowledgement response sent: Via email on 30 May 2023</p> <p>Council Submission Response:</p>
<b>9</b>	<b>Submitter</b>	<b>Annual Plan Submission</b>	<b>Response</b>
	<p>Barry and Marife Esler 13 Hahuru Road, Kawerau 021 889 875 <a href="mailto:Barryesler@yahoo.com">Barryesler@yahoo.com</a></p>	<p><b>Wishes to speak?</b> No</p> <p><b>Consultation Topic Selected:</b> Option 1</p> <p>(No comments)</p> <p><b>Other Submission Points:</b> N/A</p>	<p>Received: 26/05/2023</p> <p>Acknowledgement response sent: Via email on 6 June 2023</p> <p>Council Submission Response:</p>
<b>10</b>	<b>Submitter</b>	<b>Annual Plan Submission</b>	<b>Response</b>
	<p>Vivienne Wilson 375 River Road, Kawerau 027 245 8332 <a href="mailto:Vivienne.wilson@live.com">Vivienne.wilson@live.com</a></p>	<p><b>Wishes to speak?</b> No</p> <p><b>Consultation Topic Selected:</b> Option 1</p> <p>Kia ora koutou, firstly I would like to acknowledge the mahi and whakawhiti kōrero that has shaped this 'Proposed Annual Plan' for Kawerau. I understand the complexity of balancing budgets with no impact on current services, as well as being mindful of ratepayer's financial situations. At this time</p>	<p>Received: 26/05/2023</p> <p>Acknowledgement response sent: Via email on 6 June 2023</p> <p>Council Submission Response:</p>

		<p>'Option 1', is my favoured choice.</p> <p><b>Other Submission Points:</b> What is happening with the isite and Pools? Will they be combining? Sorry, I am unable to speak to this submission but I work in Rotorua on Wednesday's.</p>	
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**Appendix 1 – Tuwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora Submission**





Friday, 26 May 2023

[submissions@kaweraudc.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@kaweraudc.govt.nz)

Tēnā koutou e ngā rangatira,

**Re: Submission to the Kawerau District Council – Proposed Annual Plan 2023/2024**

*Ko te Amorangi ki mua, ko te Hāpai ō ki muri. Ka pai ki muri, ka ora ki mua. Koina te tikanga o tēnei reo whakamihī ki a tātou.*

*Ka whai atu tātou i te maunga o te rapuhanga, i te rahinga o te mātauranga Māori. Ko wēnei o ngā whakaritenga, whakanekeneke, āhuetanga ahurea Māori i roto i wa tātou nei mahi. No reira, mai Pūtauaki ki te Takanga i o Apa, ki te tipuna whare o Hāhuru, arā, te takahanga o te iwi o Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau, te mihi atu nei ki a tātou katoa.*

Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora (TKKH) is a well-respected health, education, and social service provider underpinned by values of rangatiratanga, whakawhanaungatanga, kaitiakitanga, manaakitanga, tika me pono, aroha, whakanui and tūmanako. These values are embedded in the culture as the backbone of the Hauora, reflecting their sense of duty and responsibility in upholding their commitment towards contributing to the well-being of the people residing within the rohe of Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau and the wider Eastern Bay of Plenty communities.

On behalf of Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora we would like to submit our response to the proposed Annual Plan 2023/24. The key areas of our submission are;

**1. MAHI TAHI**

- TKKH through our Te Tumu Whakarae, Dr. Peta Ruha are excited to mahitahi with our District Council. “kanohi ki te kanohi” korero allows the balancing act of both organisations to achieve our aspirations collectively for the betterment of our whanau within our hāpori. Such aspirations of participation between our organisations are;
  - i. The Housing Strategy
  - ii. Youth Development
  - iii. Eastern Bay Alcohol Policy
  - iv. Other Community Initiatives when a tukana-teina tikanga approach arises to ensure our whanau well-being in our communities are in the forefront for consideration when decisions are made.

**2. FUTURE SPATIAL PLAN**

- TKKH will also be excited to participate in future spatial plan discussion for the betterment of our community and our whanau.

3. PROPOSED RATES INCREASE

- There are overlapping layers for consideration because this kaupapa touches deeply within our hearts and therefore we would like the opportunity to speak in support of our submission.

4. DEPRECIATION FUNDING OPTION 1 or 2

- Similarly, to the proposed rates, TKKH would like the opportunity to speak in support of our submission. And as the timeline of the submissions opened on the 28<sup>th</sup> April, has provided TKKH just 4 weeks to grasp our understanding of what this looks like and the impacts that such a decision may endure our future proofing.

TKKH also notes that even though Te Papa Maengenge (Board of Trustees) have the authority to make decisions, our decision is not made by Te Papa Maengenge ourselves and is made alongside our Te Tumu Whakarae and her kaimahi too. We value the views of our kaimahi and the many, many whanau who have walked in our doors needing support.

We will await your response to our submission.

Ngā mihi, na



Merehira Savage  
Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora  
Co-Chair



Hone Te Rire  
Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora  
Co-Chair



**Appendix 2 - Disabilities Resource Centre Submission**



24 May 2023

Kawerau District Council  
PO Box 1004  
KAWERAU 3169



Tēnā koe,

### **SUBMISSION TO KAWERAU DISTRICT COUNCIL ON THE ANNUAL PLAN 2023/2024**

The Disabilities Resource Centre is devoted to providing an accessible and responsive service for people with disabilities and the elderly. We aim to encourage and support them to exercise their right to live with dignity and maximum independence in the community of their choice.

Our Strategic Vision is to assist people with disabilities to achieve their goals through leading health and disability services.

We conduct business under the organisational values of Care, Responsiveness, Respect, Accountability, Integrity and Good Employer. We achieve these values by providing the following services:

- Information and Advisory Services
- Home Care Services
- Community Services

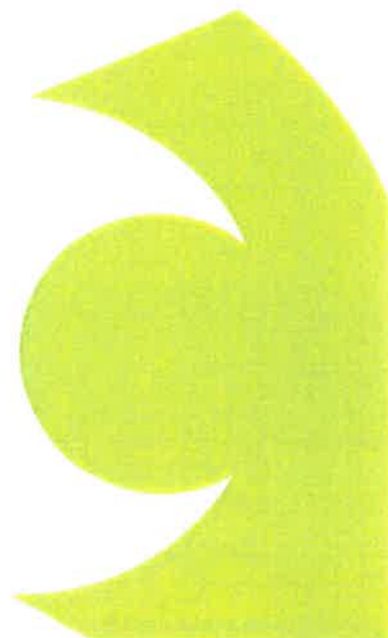
The Disabilities Resource Centre does not request the opportunity to speak in support of this submission to the Kawerau District Council.

Yours faithfully

Bronwen Foxx  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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Charities Commission: CC22840

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Disabilities Resource Centre (DRC) would like to thank the Kawerau District Council for the opportunity of commenting on the Annual Plan 2023-2024.

We would like to comment as follows:

We congratulate the Kawerau District Council for its many achievements and can appreciate the work the Council does to ensure a positive district for people to live in. We acknowledge the Council's awareness of the access needs and rights of people with disabilities and its contribution to the lives of disabled people.

### **Drinking Water Pipes**

Disabilities Resource Centre agrees with the Council's priority for replacing drinking water pipes and reducing the issues of discoloured water. Including bringing forward works, where budgets allow.

### **Quality Housing**

The Disabilities Resource Centre wants to acknowledge the Council's commitment to the housing strategy in enabling the importance of quality housing for our growing population. The provision of housing for the disabled and elderly is vital, along with healthier homes for whānau.

### **Community Facilities**

We congratulate the Kawerau District Council on their prominent community facilities. In completion of the Rangī Delamere Pavilion we would like to ensure that accessibility has been allowed for. We can support you with this project.

The Burt Hamilton Hall is a great asset, that we use monthly for a support group. The size and facilities are fantastic.

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## **Community Services**

We wish to acknowledge the Kawerau District Council's commitment to building greater resilience through your Emergency Management group and growing your community engagement. The Disabilities Resource Centre would like to offer our support in community engagement.

Kawerau District Council acknowledges the importance of funding and delivering community events in bringing people together and reminding them that there are many others who share the same values. And the annual Matariki Morning tea for Kuamātua is a great example.

## **Transport**

We support the Council's focus on footpaths, streetlights, carparking and signage. And to ensure all is accessible. Tri-language is now being used in some signage – Māori, English and New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL). We would encourage for any use of this and can give you contacts for NZSL interpreters.

We support the Bay of Plenty Regional Council for the public bus service. DRC are Accessibility Concession assessors for the public buses, as well as Total Mobility assessors for taxi's. We would like to see more seating at bus stops so people with disabilities and the elderly feel more comfortable waiting at the stops.

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