

COMMUNITY PĀNUI | UPDATE

6 AUGUST 2024



Minister Shane Jones opens the new 'Off Highway Road' in Kawerau

On Friday, July 19, a 1.6-kilometre concrete road between McKee Road and Paora Street opened in Kawerau. The off-highway road was funded by the former government's provincial growth fund (PGF), which invested \$1.62 million, and Sequal Lumber, which co-invested \$785,000.

Regional Economic Development Minister Shane Jones says the funding helps develop essential infrastructure for an industrial hub in Kawerau.

Mayor Faylene Tunui gave an address "There was nothing warmer than continuing a conversation that started a long time ago. All good things that have a number of people holding hands, joining together takes time."

The road and development of the Industrial hub will create jobs for people and families in Kawerau.

The off-highway road is for large, heavy vehicles that cannot use the existing highway to access Kawerau and the industrial area.

Above Left: An over-sized truck uses the newly opened off-highway road.

Above Right: Minister Shane Jones cuts the ribbon to officially open the new road, supported by Sequal's Managing Director David Turner and Mayor Faylene Tunui.

Educator accepts Community Award

Long-serving Kawerau educator Janet White was acknowledged for her ongoing commitment, input and passion by Deputy Mayor and Kawerau Community Awards committee chair Aaron Rangihika last week.

In presenting the Community Impact Award, Deputy Mayor Rangihika noted Janet's passion for our community and especially 'our babies' as part of her role with the Kawerau Preschool Learning Centre." Chair Carolyn Ion applauded the ongoing legacy of Kawerau Preschool Learning Centre that Janet continued to uphold. Councillor Justin Ross said Janet was thoroughly deserving of the award for "her vast variety of input into the community."

Deputy Mayor Aaron Rangihika presenting Janet White with Community Impact Award.



KAWERAU
CHRISTMAS
IN THE
PARK 2024

Save the date! Council resolved at the July Regulatory and Services Committee to seek external funding for Christmas in the Park 2024 event, expected to take place on Saturday, 14 December, and to include the Santa Float Parade, community concert (afternoon show) and the variety Show (evening concert) and fireworks.

Council has allocated a budget of \$20,000 from General Rates. However, the aim is to secure the maximum amount of external funding to deliver the event.

Thank you to all the organisations that helped fund the 2023 event: NZCT (NZ Community Trust), Trust Horizon, Lion Foundation, BayTrust, Lotto, business donations, and concessions (stalls). Without all of you, the event would not have been possible.

MTFJ | ISK event

Over 1,000 people attended the MTFJ and Industrial Symbiosis Kawerau (ISK) event. The Kawerau Matariki Industrial Open Day, held on Saturday, 13 July, successfully connected community and industry.

Attendees could sign up with training providers on-site and discuss career pathways throughout the day.

Kawerau DuskZone members played a big part in organising and delivering the event. Sidney Waiari, under the Bay Leaders' umbrella, Majejan Rogers, and Iraia Nuku contributed to the operations team.

Mayors Taskforce for Jobs coordinator Amy Hayes applauded the awesome mahi | work completed by the team. "Majejan Rogers also showcased his MC skills, keeping the crowds entertained between performances."

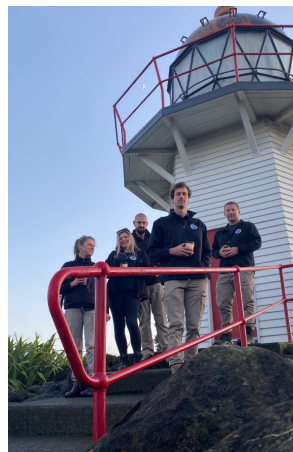
A number of local craft and food vendors were present along with different industries and businesses such as Allied Industrial Engineering, McKay Limited, Sequal Lumber, and Mercury Energy – all underpinning that there is sustainable employment right here in Kawerau.

Bottom left: Some volunteers and Iraia Nuku

Bottom right: ISKs Jacob Kajavala and Mayor Faylene Tunui



Meagan Edhouse supports the Wairoa flooding event



Emergency Management Bay of Plenty sent our emergency management advisor, Meagan Edhouse, to Wairoa to help with the flooding response recently. Meagan worked with the welfare team to support the needs assessment and manage the Emergency Operations Centre processes. During the five-day deployment, Meagan completed 200 needs assessments for people requiring support.

Support came in many ways, from providing food, clothes, and emergency accommodation to psychosocial support and helping businesses.

Meagan noted that helping with Wairoa was a valuable experience because its township is similar in size to Kawerau. "I was impressed by the effectiveness and efficiency of Wairoa's staff in the Emergency Operations Centre. Due to their experience with Cyclone Gabriel, they knew to call Emergency Management in early and were able to make their response much shorter because they knew what they needed to do for the operation to run smoothly."

If you would like to help Wairoa, you can donate on their Give a Little page or through the Wairoa Council website.

(Left to right) Meagan Edhouse, Nicky Parker, Paul Bourton, Josh Bougen and Bruce Rutherford.



Important dates and meetings

22 July to 26 August

Representation Review special consultation period

6 – 7 August

Rangitaiki Kapa Haka Festival,
Ron Hardie Recreation Centre, Kawerau

Thursday 8 August 11:50am

Meeting with Tarawera High School senior students about Representation Review

Friday 9 August 1:30pm

Meeting with Grey Power about Representation Review

Monday 12 August 1:00pm

Meeting with KADAP about Representation Review

Saturday 10 August, 11:00am

St John 3 Steps for life session, Kawerau St John Hall,
River Road

Wednesday 14 August, 9.00am

Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting

Wednesday 28 August, 9.00am

Ordinary Council Meeting

Friday 6 September, 4:30pm

Kawerau Young Achiever Awards Ceremony, Town Hall

Wednesday 11 September, 9:00am

Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting

Wednesday 11 September, 11:00am

Extraordinary Meeting – Hearing for Representation Review Submissions

Wednesday 25 September, 9:00am

Ordinary Council Meeting

Open for consultation



Freedom Camping Bylaw review

Kawerau is a popular location for freedom campers and Council introduced the Freedom Camping Bylaw in 2019 to protect the environment, including the visual amenity, landscapes and waterways.

It is now five years since the bylaw was introduced and time for the first review which will incorporate the new Self-Contained Motor Vehicles Legislation Act 2023 that became law in 2023 and the subsequent changes to the Freedom Camping Act 2011.

The Freedom Camping Bylaw review proposes a maximum of seven nights in any one calendar month. In addition, the places where freedom campers can stay have been reviewed.

For more information and to make a submission, please visit the website kaweraudc.govt.nz or visit the Council Office, Library or isite or contact Council on 07 306 9009.

- Submission period opens Monday, 5 August and closes 6 September 2024
- Hearing for submitters Wednesday, 25 September 2024

Proposed Naming Policy for Kawerau District

Council is introducing a naming policy for the Kawerau district to provide a reliable procedure for elected members to accept proposals, go out for consultation and enable transparency for community members to participate in the naming of streets, reserves and developments. A key focus of the naming policy is to embed the guidance and input of tangata whenua iwi Ngāti Tūwharetoa (Bay of Plenty) Settlement Trust which is currently an informal process.

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Representation Review – Initial Proposal

We are now asking the community, residential and non-residential ratepayers what their views are on our initial proposal of who the seats around the council table best represent the district.

Our initial proposal for formal consultation is:

- The Mayor and eight councillors
- Two 'at large' (district-wide) councillors
- Three Māori ward councillors
- Three general ward councillors
- No community boards

Have your say and fill out the submission form (overleaf), for the initial proposal for our Representation Review and then drop it at the Council office, isite or library. You can also make an online submission via our website or social media. Alternatively, email your submission to submissions@kaweraudc.govt.nz

Submissions close on Monday, 26 August 2024; please visit the Council website kaweraudc.govt.nz for more information and the frequently asked questions.

Please note: The Representation Review does not revisit whether Māori wards remain in place for Kawerau.

The new bill introduced by the government means a referendum / poll will be held at the 2025 local elections, and it will be up to voters to decide if the district retains Māori wards or not from 2028.

In the mixed 'combination model' system everyone can vote for the Mayor and the two "at large" district wide councillors. In addition, electors on the Māori Electoral roll can vote for three Māori ward councillors and electors on the General Electoral roll can vote for three general ward councillors

Everyone votes for



ONE MAYOR



TWO "AT LARGE" DISTRICT WIDE COUNCILLORS

If you are on the General roll you vote for

If you are on the Māori roll you vote for



THREE GENERAL WARD COUNCILLORS



THREE MĀORI WARD COUNCILLORS

2024 Representation Review Initial Proposal Formal Submission

Submissions
close
26 August



**KAWERAU
DISTRICT COUNCIL**
Te Kaunihera ā rohe o Kawerau
TAONGA O TE WHENUA - TREASURE OF THE LAND

Name

Organisation (if submitting on behalf of an organisation)

Contact email or phone

Do you wish to speak to support your submission at a Council hearing on 11 September 2024?

Yes, I would like to speak to my submission No, I do not want to speak to my submission

1. What is your view on retaining eight (8) councillors and the Mayor to represent the Kawerau District?

Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree I do not have a view

2. OR what is your preferred number of councillors?

6 8 10
 7 9

Please explain why

3. What is your view on the initial proposal – the mixed system where:

- Everyone can vote for the Mayor
- Everyone can vote for two (2) 'at-large' councillors
- Electors (voters) on the Māori roll can vote for three (3) Māori ward councillors
- Electors (voters) on the general roll can vote for three (3) general ward councillors
- No community boards

Strongly Agree Strongly Disagree
 Agree I do not have a view
 Disagree

Please explain why

4. Is there another option you prefer over the initial proposal?

Yes The two ward system of 4 Māori ward councillors and 4 general ward councillors.

This means:

Everyone can vote for the Mayor

Electors (voters) on the Māori Electoral Roll can vote for the four (4) Māori ward candidates

Electors (voters) on the general Electoral Roll can vote for the four (4) general ward candidates

No I prefer the initial 'mixed system' proposal (outlined above)

Or do you prefer another option (please outline)

Please explain why

NOTE: As part of the consultation process, Council must make all submissions available for public inspection. If you have any questions, please contact Council via phone 07 306 9009.

Make a submission via our website, social media, drop in your written submission to the Council Offices, isite or library or email submissions@kaweraudc.govt.nz