

# COMMUNITY PĀNUI | UPDATE

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## Essity's community planting day enhances Tarawera Riverbank

Mayor Faylene Tunui and councillors were proud to attend the Essity Community Tree Planting Day recently and contribute to the 300 trees planted along the Tarawera Riverbank.

The community planting day was part of Essity's 10-year restoration project of the Tarawera Riverbank that started in 2020. Kawerau Mayor Faylene Tunui and councillors made up the 65-strong tree planting force that shows Essity's dedication to sustainability.

The newly planted trees included totara, kowhai, and kahikatea, all carefully selected to enhance the riverbank ecosystem alongside the riverbank by Essity's Kawerau Paper Mill.

Essity is the only manufacturer of toilet tissue and paper towels in New Zealand and said the restoration project is significant to the Kawerau community, many of whom are employed by Essity.

Council would like to congratulate Essity on this ongoing environmental initiative that aims to enhance, protect, and restore

the biodiversity along the 9.2 hectares of whenua.

Another environmental initiative Essity is working on is reducing their carbon emissions. Essity, with the help of some funding from Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority, are working on a decarbonisation project. Like many industries, paper-making is energy-intensive. The Kawerau Mill has found an alternative to natural gas, replacing the last natural gas component on the paper machine with a new drum dryer that will use geothermal steam for heating and drying. With the transition to geothermal steam, Essity's carbon footprint will be about 66 percent lower in 2025 than in 2009.

*Pictured (from left): Essity's GM Manufacturing Peter Hockley, Mayor Faylene Tunui, Jo Pryor (standing) and David Milne at Essity's community tree planting day.*



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## River Road dewatering success

The River Road dewatering project completed throughout the majority of June was successful. The issues of ground water flooding began in the summer of 2022/2023 and had caused major issues with the roadway, footpaths, and nearby properties.

Dewatering a road involves the removal of water from the ground. This process is essential for maintaining road stability, preventing erosion, and ensuring safe travel.

The work included substantial sub-surface drainage to be installed to prevent the build-up of groundwater becoming an issue. This work was carried out by Crossroads contractors who then leveled out the road with a drum roller machine.

Council would like to acknowledge Crossroads contractors for completing the work on time and within budget despite challenges with the wet weather.

Council received positive feedback from residents who have noted a marked improvement following this work.



## Representation Review – Formal Consultation

**Council will start the formal consultation process for the 2024 Representation Review Initial proposal on Monday 22 July, and we encourage the community to have your say.**

We also wish to thank the 70 people who gave Council feedback during the early engagement period earlier in 2024. Council has considered all the feedback and are proposing:

- **Combination Model** (supported by 60% of respondents) comprising:  
One Mayor; Two councillors elected 'at large' district-wide; Three Councillors representing the Māori Ward and Three councillors representing the General Ward
- **Maintain eight councillors** (supported by 75% of the respondents who gave feedback)
- **No community board** (supported by 70% of respondents who gave feedback)

Feedback from the community conveyed the belief that elected members and the Mayor can and do effectively represent the community without duplication of roles.

**The submission period will run from 22 July to 26 August 2024.**

**Consultation dates:**

- Grey Power Friday 9 August 1:30pm
- KADAP Monday 12 August 1pm
- Tarawera High School senior students Thursday 8 August 11:50am

Please note, more consultation dates will be added once confirmed and will be available via [kaweraudc.govt.nz](http://kaweraudc.govt.nz)

Make a submission via our website, social media or email [submissions@kaweraudc.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@kaweraudc.govt.nz) or drop your written submission to the Council Offices, i-site or library.

**Mixed 'combination model' system with six councillors elected from a Māori ward and a general ward, and two councillors elected 'at large' district wide**

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

**Please note:** 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.

# Welcome Dr Damian Skinner

Recently, Council welcomed Dr Damian Skinner as our new museum curator. He joined us in June and will be working with the museum team to put on exhibitions and keep growing the museum collection so we can tell the many stories of Kawerau.

Previously Damian has worked at Auckland Museum and Te Papa in Wellington, as well as curating exhibitions for a number of smaller museums and art galleries around Aotearoa. His special interest is the 1950s and 1960s, a time of radical change in New Zealand art and culture. It was also a period when many old and established ideas of what it was to be a New Zealander were under attack and began to change, creating the foundation of the contemporary Aotearoa we live in now.

His love of the postwar period was a big part of the reason Damian was keen to join the Kawerau Museum and play

a role in documenting and celebrating the history and people of a town that was designed and built in the 1950s, with a unique relationship to industry, and an inspiring history of reinvention.

Damian has also authored several books about Pākehā and Māori artists, with a special focus on modern art from the middle of the twentieth century. His books include *Crafting Aotearoa: A Cultural History of Making in New Zealand* and *the Wider Moana* and *The Māori Meeting House: Introducing the Whare Whakairo*.

***Haere mai | welcome to the team Damian.***

## Thank you, Trust Horizon

Kawerau District Council would like to thank Trust Horizon for their generosity and support. Trust Horizon granted Council \$60,070 to upgrade the Kawerau District Council Archives and Museum Storage Building in 2023. To prevent the deterioration of the artifacts and materials, the storage facility must be strictly temperature controlled.

Work started on the Sir James Fletcher Kawerau Museum collections and the Museum Archives to upgrade the temperature and humidity control systems. The work is now complete and will allow all the historical items in the museum to be preserved in their current state.

*Caption: Left to right Shaun Dredge and Dr Damian Skinner in front of the Sir James Fletcher Kawerau Museum*

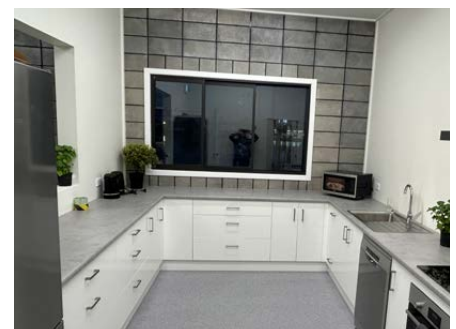


## Rangi Delamere Centre available for hire

Having reopened earlier this year, the Rangi Delamere Centre is available for private hire. Traditionally, the centre was used by the netball during the winter season and tennis in the summer.

The venue is available to hire on a casual, one-off, or reoccurring basis for events, meetings, birthdays, weddings, and tournaments. Council looks forward to the venue being used as much as possible.

If you have any questions or would like to book this facility, please contact Council by phone on 07 306 9009 or email [info@kaweraudc.govt.nz](mailto:info@kaweraudc.govt.nz)



## How to report roaming dogs on Antenna

- ▶ Along the bottom, select the 'REPORT IT' tab. Then click on the plus (+) sign to begin a new report.
- ▶ Scroll through the list and click on 'Dog and animal issues' which will take you to another page, where you will choose a report type. Select 'Roaming dog.'
- ▶ Next you can add up to 3 photos. Please, only take photos if it is safe to do so.
- ▶ The next tab is the location. Let Council know where the issue is located.
- ▶ On the last tab you can describe the issue in further detail. Once completed click next and your report will be sent to Council.

You can also report roaming dogs by phoning the Council Office on 07 306 9009.

## Kawerau District Plan review

Council will be seeking feedback as part of an early engagement process soon including hui with Tangata Whenua, industry, commercial businesses and the wider community.

More info will be in coming issues of the pānui.

District Plans must be reviewed every 10 years, and the Kawerau District Plan is due for review.

Council needs to ensure that the plan is modernised and that it is going to be fit for purpose for the next 10 years. A lot has changed since the original District Plan, and much more will change over the next decade.

There are several proposed changes to the District Plan Review including renaming some zones for the plan and introducing other regulations.

The District Plan must comply with the requirements of the National Planning Standards.



## Nominations are open for Kawerau Young Achievers Awards 2024

**Celebrate the success of our rangatahi | youth with the Kawerau Young Achievers Awards 2024.**

Nominations are now open until Friday 2 August 2024. For more information and to make nominations, please visit the District Office or our Council website.

The Kawerau Young Achievers Awards will be held on Friday 6 September 2024 in the Kawerau Town Hall.

## Dog Control

**In June, the dog rangers responded to 73 service requests.**

**15** jobs over the last month have been related to kennel checks, microchipping, releasing dogs from the pound and infringement enquiries

**58** service requests were related to roaming, barking and attacks

During the past month, there have been a few issues involving attacks on people and animals. Handled on a case-by-case basis, these issues have resulted in some dogs being impounded or surrendered, warnings being issued to owners and property inspections being completed. Six out of 11 dogs impounded in June were returned to their owners.

So far 56% of dog owners have registered their dogs. If you still need to register yours, do it online or come into the Council offices today.

Penalty fees will be applied from August 2, if you need support, please get in touch via phone on 07 306 9009 or email [info@kaweraudc.govt.nz](mailto:info@kaweraudc.govt.nz)

## Important dates and meetings

### 22 July- 26 August

Representation Review special consultation period

### 31 July, 9am

Ordinary Council Meeting

### 2 August

Nominations for Kawerau Young Achiever Awards Close

### 5 August, 1pm

Audit and Risk Committee Meeting

### 6-7 August

Rangitaiki Kapa Haka Festival Ron Hardie Recreation Centre

### 10 August, 11am

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

### 14 August, 9am

Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting

### 28 August, 9am

Ordinary Council Meeting

### 6 September, 4:30pm

Kawerau Young Achiever Awards Ceremony, Town Hall

### 11 September, 9am

Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting

Followed by an Extraordinary Council Meeting – Hearing for Representation Review Submissions

### Wednesday 25 September, 9am

Ordinary Council Meeting