

COMMUNITY PĀNUI | UPDATE

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Matariki MEMORIAL TRIBUTE VIDEO 2024

Tēnā koutou

As we approach Matariki 2024, we would like to commemorate our loved ones who have passed on since the rising of Matariki in July 2023 to the setting in June 2024.

This special memorial slideshow will be made available during the week of Matariki, so we can all remember our loved ones together. The video will be available on the Council website and shared across our social media platforms.

Calling out to all our Kawerau community who would like to share this opportunity with us! If you have a loved one who has passed within the last year, and you would like them to be included in the tribute video, please send their photo and their name to info@kaweraudc.govt.nz or DM us on Facebook messenger by Wednesday 19 June 2024.

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COMMUNITY AWARDS 2024 – NOMINATIONS OPEN

In celebration of Matariki and the wonderful input that volunteers and organisations have to make the Kawerau community a better place - the Kawerau Community Awards will be held as part of the Matariki week celebrations on Wednesday 26 June at 1pm in the Concert Chamber.

The Community Awards acknowledge individuals and/or groups who have made an outstanding contribution to the community of Kawerau for:

- Voluntary work
- Community impact
- Group contribution
- Contribution by a young person

If you want to acknowledge a Kawerau person or organisation that deserves recognition, please collect a nomination form from our Council Office, library, isite or on our website.

Please return your nomination to the Council office or email info@kaweraudc.govt.nz

Nominations close Wednesday 12 June 2024 at 5pm.

The Awards will be held at the Concert Chamber on Wednesday 26 June at 1pm.

For more information, please contact Council on 07 306 9009.





Mobile alert

On Sunday 26 May as a part of a national test of the emergency mobile alert system most people throughout New Zealand received an alert on their phones.

The test is a good opportunity for us all to think about how we could prepare for a natural emergency.

This is always a good reminder that we need to have an emergency plan for our whānau in the event of a natural disaster such as an earthquake in our rohe, or nearby.

Having a WHĀNAU PLAN is important to be prepared; a plan means:

- Have emergency supplies ready (water, food, torches etc.)
- Check out your home and fix and secure shelving, bookcases and anything that may topple over and injure one of your whānau in an earthquake. This reduces the risk of injuries in an earthquake
- Remember to check in on loved ones after the shakes.
- Check for your own injuries
- Try and stay calm, group together with your family, if people panic it may create additional hazards (i.e., jumping in a vehicle and speeding)
- Check in on whānau and neighbours – ensure they know what to do and they are ok
- Wait and follow instructions from emergency services

If you want to know more,

please contact Emergency Management Bay of Plenty advisor Meagan Edhouse via email Meagan.Edhouse@embop.govt.nz

Proposed Rate Remission Policy



Sport, Recreation, and Community Organisations leasing Council land

A rate remission refers to a partial reduction in the amount of rates you have to pay. The rates remission can function in different ways by either reducing the amount owing or waiving the collection of rates altogether.

The reason for the proposed policy is to provide a fair and equitable basis for clubs, organisations and sporting (non-commercial) to pay for services provided by Kawerau District Council.

The objective of this policy is to facilitate the on-going provision of sport, recreation, and community opportunities for the residents of Kawerau by ensuring that the general rates charged to sporting, recreational, and community organisations that lease Council land are on the same basis as if Council was providing these services. This objective to remit the general rate is provided for under the Local Government Act 2002 and the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

Council is seeking feedback from the community about this proposed policy – visit the Council website for more information or call into the Council Office. Submissions must be received by 5pm Wednesday 12 June 2024.

Thank you, Annual Plan submitters

At the Extraordinary Meeting on 22 May 2024 Council received 59 submissions. Six submitters indicated they wished to speak to at the Hearing, albeit one submitter gave their apologies.



Thank you to all the speakers who spoke at the hearing, we understand that this is a very daunting task. The elected members greatly appreciated the speakers conveying their submission points in person. On Wednesday 29 May, Council held their first deliberation meeting for the submissions. Further meetings are planned to deliberate and make any amendments to the proposed budget prior to the adoption of the Annual Plan 2024-25 on Wednesday 26 June 2024.

To view all the submissions or to see the Annual Plan Hearing for submitters, please see the Council website.

Caption: Ripeka Lessels, Te Whata Tau o Pūtauki Tumuaiki | Principal speaking at the Annual Plan Submission Hearing

Caption: Sport Bay of Plenty GM Strategic Partnerships Larissa Cuff and Sport Bay of Plenty Locally Led Advisor Devena Ruwhiu-Edmonds speaking at the Annual Plan Submission Hearing

Day in the life of a dog ranger

Dogs, livestock, chickens and ... streets?

Our Dog Rangers focus on educational and proactive measures rather than reactive ones; however, sometimes further action must be taken. When they see a roaming dog, they locate the home and educate the owner on safe dog practices. Our dog ranger will then complete a property inspection to help prevent further occurrences.

Our dog rangers look after more than just dog issues in the rohe; they also ensure there are no hazards or broken signs/streetlights around the area. Our dog rangers maintain a routine approach of logging service requests through the Antenna app and following up with patrols to ensure work is completed. Our dog rangers also monitor and report on areas where frequent incidents occur such as vandalism, willful damage to parks and roaming dogs.

How to report dogs

Our dog rangers patrol most streets in Kawerau twice every day, however we are grateful for the assistance of the community through being our eyes and ears. Notification of concerns, inquiries and feedback can be made via:



The Antenna app



Phone 07 306 9009



Email info@kaweraudc.govt.nz



DM us on Facebook

As the identification of dogs is often a barrier in our inquiries, photos or videos are always appreciated when we receive a complaint.

Below: Dog rangers (left to right) Treivaan Taiapa and Braydon Hakeagaiki beside the dog ranger van



Requests for Service

Do you have a complaint or an issue that you want resolved? Whether it is a pothole that needs fixing, a broken streetlight, or something else that needs our attention, there are multiple platforms you can use to contact the Council. Contact Council via the Council website, Facebook direct message, by phone 07 306 9009, or by the Antenna app.

By making Council aware of the issues around the district, we can use our resources to help fix the problem.



Newsletter why we print and deliver to residents

In September 2023, during the Early Engagement for the Long-Term Plan, Council asked the community what their preferred method of contact is by Council.

The results showed 60 percent of people prefer printed communication.

The newsletter is designed locally and printed in-house and delivered by community groups KADAP (Kawerau and District Ageing in Place) and Tarawera High School students turnabout each fortnight.

How to report on the Antenna app

Step 1: Download the app- download the Antenna app from the Google play store or the Apple App store. Click install and allow access to location, photos and camera.

Step 2: Add places to your app. This could be your own address, your workplace or anywhere personal to you. You can then give these places nicknames.

You can now start reporting.

In the app, along the bottom, select the 'REPORT IT' tab. Then click on the plus (+) sign to begin a new report.

Scroll through the list to find the best report type for you and select it.

Next you can add up to 3 photos. Please, only add photos if it is safe to do so.

The next tab is the location. Here you will let Council know where the issue is located. Simply enter the address of the location or select a location on the map.

The last tab is where you will add more information. This is where you can describe the issue in further detail.

Here you will also add your contact details so you can be updated on the issue. Once you have done that click next and your report will be sent to Council.



COUNCIL BRIEFS

Survey findings show no impact

The results of the five-yearly environmental impact survey of the Council Wastewater Treatment Plant on the Tarawera Awa have been completed.

The survey was completed by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council as part of our resource consent and the great news is that there is no impact on the Tarawera River from the discharge.

Expect delays with River Rd works

Please note that the work has now started on the 400m section of River Road around Transfer Station Road. This area has been plagued with groundwater issues after the massive rainfalls of the 2022/2023 summer. Work is expected to be completed in early July 2024.

There will be traffic management control in place as the work progresses.

Please accept our apologies to residents and users of River Road for any delays.



Ron Hardie Rec Centre repairs

Last week, contractors began the repairs of the Ron Hardie Recreation Centre roof.

Due to the height and contour of the roof, this had taken some time to find contractors willing to do the work!

This is being completed to ensure the centre can continue to be utilised by the community.

Council is also undertaking a review of the centre to check on the structure, foundations and general state. This will help Council plan for the future in terms of the budget required.

Below: Goldseal Group working on the Ron Hardie Rec Centre Roof



Representation Review

Thank you to everyone who has provided feedback for the Early Engagement of the Representation Review. Your feedback has been analysed. Council will come back with their initial proposal soon.

Colder pools

The pools are running at a colder temperature than usual.

The reason for the lack of steam may be due to the recent weather and also may be due to a build-up of silica that constricts the bore hole. Specialist well-drillers who initially drilled this new bore have advised they can drill down the existing well to try and remove any build-up of silica.

Once the well-drillers are on site, they will investigate every option to ensure the beautiful Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre is back up and running at full capacity as soon as possible.

Below: The steam bore at the pools



Meetings and important dates

Monday 10 June, 1pm

Audit and Risk Committee 1pm

Wednesday 12 June, 9am

Regulatory and Services Committee

Wednesday 12 June, 5pm

Community Award nominations close

Tuesday 25 June, 12pm

Kaumātua and senior residents of Kawerau lunch with the Mayor in the Town Hall. Please contact Council on 07 306 9009 to RSVP

Wednesday 26 June

Ordinary Council Meeting

Adoption of the Annual Plan 2024-2025

Kawerau Community Awards, Concert Chamber at 1pm

12pm Friday 28 June

Matariki public holiday