

COMMUNITY PĀNUI | UPDATE



23 MAY 2024

Kawerau Community Awards 2024 Nominations Now Open

In celebration of Matariki and the wonderful work that volunteers and organisations do to ensure the Kawerau community is a great place to be a part of, Council is hosting their annual Community Awards. 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 know of someone from Kawerau who deserves one of these awards, please collect a nomination form from our Council Office's, Library, isite or from our website.

Nomination forms can be returned to the office or emailed to info@kaweraudc.govt.nz

Nominations close on Wednesday 12 June 2024 at 5pm.

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



Celebrating the 2023 Community Award winners! (Standing from left) Cr Justin Ross, Mayor Faylene Tunui, Award Committee Community representative Bill Gibson, Deputy Mayor Aaron Rangihika, Ngāti Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau Kaumātua and Iwi Liaison Advisor Te Haukākawa Te Rire and Cr Godfery. (Seated from left) Christine Larsen, Marina Peni, Jenny Reynolds, Barry White, Gloria White, Sandy Stonell, Lylla Grace Marsh, and Stewart Marsh.

Thank You for Your Feedback on the Mahere ā tau Proposed Annual Plan 2024/25

Thank you to everyone who took part in the consultation and engagement process for the Proposed Mahere ā tau | Annual Plan for 2024-2025.

Thank you to people who attended one of the public meetings or came to a drop-in session. Council received 59 submissions when submissions closed on 14 May 2024.

The Hearing for people to talk to their submission was held on Wednesday, 22 May. Council will now deliberate next week on 29 May taking into account the feedback received from the community.

This Annual Plan balances the needs and wishes of the community, with the aspirations and resourcing of Te Kaunihera a rohe o Kawerau. Changes to the plan as

requested by the community will mean changes to the budgeting and the setting of rates for the upcoming year.

The final proposal will be put forward to the Council Meeting on Wednesday, 26 June for adoption.

Following this meeting, Council will respond to submitters.

For any further information please contact the Council Office on 07 306 9009 or email submissions@kaweraudc.govt.nz

Council Health and Safety Awards

Recently, Council celebrated their 2024 Health and Safety Awards to celebrate the excellent work by teams and individuals to keep themselves, their peers and the public safe.

Congratulations to:

Lifeguard, team leader, Morne de Lange for being awarded the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Leader presented by Mayor Faylene Tunui. Morne recognises the importance of everyone's health and safety and makes this a priority. Morne actively leads his team through positive engagement and encouragement around all aspects of health and safety, including identification of workplace hazards, the need for continuous improvement and the importance of reporting all incidents.



Solid waste, team member, Adam Martin was awarded the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Champion presented by tumu whakarae | chief executive, Morgan Godfery. Adam was recognised because he demonstrates a safety-first approach, actively follows the organisations vision and charter, and embraces continuous improvement in the area of health, safety, and wellbeing.

The library and museum team, Susan H, Janice, Erica, Shaun, Susan G, Melodie, Anneke, Hally, and Veerle for being awarded the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Champion Team presented by group manager, regulatory and planning, Michaela Glaspey. The library and museum were chosen because they demonstrate a safety-first approach towards their work and show an ongoing commitment to health and safety through their diligence in identifying, reporting, and managing health and safety risks, coupled with embracing the requirement for continuous improvement and participation in developing a positive health and safety culture.

Left: Erica Valk, Mayor Faylene Tunui, Melodie Emery, Susan Harris, Shaun Dredge, Anneke Waalwijk, Janice Tekii, Patrick Frewen, Morgan Godfery, Adam Martin and Morne de Lange

Rating Information Database

Pursuant to the Provisions of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, public notice is hereby given that Kawerau District Council's Rating Information Database is available for public inspection.

The purpose of the Rating Information Database is:

To record all information required for setting and assessing rates.

To enable a local authority to communicate with ratepayers.

To enable members of the public to have reasonable access to the information in the database relating to the calculation of liability for rates.

The Rating Information Database is available for inspection at the District Office, Ranfurly, Court, Kawerau during the office hours of 8.00am to 5.00pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8.30am to 5.00pm on Wednesdays, or on the Council website

Any ratepayer named in the Rating Information Database can object to the information in it on the following grounds:

A rating unit listed in the district valuation roll has been omitted from the database.

Information from the district valuation roll has been omitted or incorrectly entered into the database.

Information entered into the database (other than information from the district valuation roll) is incorrect.

A lawful amendment to the district valuation roll has not been entered into the database.

Objections to the Rating Information Database must be lodged with Kawerau District Council.

Dog Control

In April, the dog rangers responded to 76 service requests.

25 jobs over the past two months have been related to kennel checks, microchipping, releasing dogs from the pound and infringement enquiries

70 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 April were returned to their owners.

How to report on the Antenno app

Step 1: Download the app- download the Antenno 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.



Kawerau Youth Council

Kawerau Youth Council held its 2024 training weekend on April 5-7. The weekend aimed to upskill new and returning members by running workshops and presentations on topics they will use this year.

Youth members learned to build effective relationships and work together throughout the weekend. They also learned about critical roles in the Kawerau community.

Youth Council members learned new skills, increasing their capabilities and confidence in community decision-making.

During the weekend, KYC (Kawerau Youth Council) members supported the Kawerau Sports Senior Men's Rugby Team versus Eastern Pirates Rotorua Team. They used the opportunity to learn how to set up a public address system, with the goal of creating a vibrant atmosphere at the rugby game.

There were two main activities throughout the weekend: MasterChef and the Amazing Race. During MasterChef, teams competed in a challenge to decide which team would cook certain dishes. Once they knew what they were cooking, they had an hour to cook and present their dish to the judges.

The Amazing Race was a true test of team's skills and cooperation. Each team was given specific challenges, which they had to complete in a race against time. This activity highlighted the skills of each team member and their willingness to cooperate effectively as a team.

Special acknowledgements to councillors Julian and Godfery, parents, supporters, and youth service providers: The weekend was successful because of your support.

Top: Youth Project Officer John Rika with Crs Berice Julian and Warick Godfery and past and present Kawerau Youth Councillors at Rautahi Marae.

Middle: Rautahi Marae chairman Te Waraki Te Ruki teaching Kawerau Youth Council about the tikanga of Te Aotahi Rautahi Marae.

Bottom: Youth councillors, Whaiapo McClutchie, Anahera McClutchie, Judah Hiraka, Koopere Taura, Cedar McGarvey, Armani Wihapi and Aihe Tamihere on tractors.



COUNCIL BRIEFS

Congratulations Riaan Nel, our new, group manager operations and services

Riaan has worked as the three waters team leader and the engineering manager. His knowledge, experience and personal relationships will aid him this month as he takes on new challenges and works as a part of the leadership team.

Congratulations, Riaan, for your ongoing commitment to the work of Kawerau District Council and our wider community. We wish you all the best in this new role.








Fluoridation extension sought

In April 2024 Council sought an extension to the Director-General of Health's directive to fluoridate. The Mayor wrote to the Minister of Health seeking an extension while the CEO wrote to the Director-General. Council is actively awaiting a response. What that means is that the hardware installation will continue as contracted and funded by the Ministry of Health. Please note fluoride has not been added to the drinking water supply and will not be added in the absence of further directive or notice regarding the outcome of the legal proceedings. Council will continue to pursue an extension until the Director-General returns a decision.

Water pipe replacement

The area two replacement programme is well underway. Thanks to the residents who have notified us of discoloured water after the pipe replacement. Our team comes and flushes the lines as soon as they are notified – and in most cases the issue is sorted. A localised water shut is planned for Sunday, 26 May 2024. This is scheduled on a weekend to ensure there is no disruption to Kawerau South School on a weekday when school is open.

If you experience any issues, please contact Council:

-  Phone: 07 306 9009
-  Email: info@kaweraudc.govt.nz
-  'Report it' on the Antenna app
-  Fill out a 'fix-it' form on the Council website
-  DM us on Facebook

River Road rehabilitation project

At the extraordinary meeting last week, Council approved the project to dewater the River Road section of roading. There were five tenders received and Council has accepted Crossroads Construction to complete the work as scoped. At the cost of \$307,897 with a contingency of \$21,560. Work will begin immediately, and traffic management will be in place on River Road across a 400m span from Transfer Station Road and down past Pat Baker Reserve.

Stormwater tender awarded

Council awarded the contract to perform the storm water asset renewal works to TDG Environmental. Council has allocated \$313,000 to the project with a ten percent variation included in the price.

Thanks to The Sir James Fletcher Kawerau museum team for Rangī Delamere Centre exhibition

A huge thank you to The Sir James Fletcher Kawerau museum team. The lovely photos on display at the Rangī Delamere Centre reopening were a duplicate of the photos in museum exhibition and were well received at the reopening. Thank you to the museum team for sharing your mahi | work for the Delamere whānau and everyone at the reopening to enjoy.

Meetings and important dates

Friday May 24, 5pm

Rates are due 5pm

Wednesday May 29, 9am

Ordinary Council Meeting; Deliberations on the Annual Plan 2024-2025

Monday 10 June, 1pm

Audit and Risk Committee

Wednesday 12, 9am

June Regulatory and Services Committee

Wednesday 12 June, 5pm

Community Award nominations close

Wednesday 26 June

Ordinary Council Meeting. Adoption of the Annual Plan 2024-2025

Community Awards, Concert Chambers 1pm

Friday 28 June

Matariki public holiday