

# COMMUNITY PĀNUI | UPDATE

5 November 2024

## Kawerau Youth Councillors' input recognised by Chief Children's Commissioner

**Aotearoa New Zealand's Chief Children's Commissioner Dr Claire Achmad leads Mana Mokopuna – Children and Young People's Commission.**

The commission had approached the Kawerau Youth Council via former Kawerau youth worker Jordaan Tuitama who now works for the Chief Children's Commissioner, to seek feedback of Kawerau rangatahi on Doing what's RIGHT, which sets out all rights under the Children's Convention and explains them to young people.

Held in July, the workshop with the Kawerau Youth Councillors, and some 31 rangatahi in total, helped inform the new document which was presented to councillors by the Chief Children's Commissioner.

Dr Achmad outlined that in her eyes, all the youth councillors "descend from seeds of greatness and can stand in that mana and be proud of the fact that you are serving the youth council, with awesome people around you like the Mayor and JJ."

Feedback included making the headings and wording simpler to meet the needs of children, which is officially those aged 13 and younger.

Better use of colour, graphics and publishing both an English and Te Reo Māori version was other feedback taken on board.

Dr Achmad said the commission would incorporate further feedback, like developing lesson plans for kaiako teachers, in future publications.

Kawerau District Council Youth Projects Officer JJ Rika also thanked the Commissioner and her team for seeking feedback from the Kawerau Youth Councillors.

"The opportunity for our Kawerau Youth Councillors to be recognised as a strong and honest voice in the motu is important."

JJ acknowledged former Kawerau-based youth worker Jordaan Tuitama for the ongoing recognition of Kawerau rangatahi through the process.

People can download free copies of the booklet online Doing what's RIGHT for mokopuna | Mana Mokopuna.



[www.manamokopuna.org.nz/documents/801/Doing\\_whats\\_RIGHT\\_for\\_mokopuna\\_-\\_August\\_2024\\_-\\_Onlinewithlinks.pdf](http://www.manamokopuna.org.nz/documents/801/Doing_whats_RIGHT_for_mokopuna_-_August_2024_-_Onlinewithlinks.pdf)

*Top: Chief Children's Commissioner Dr Claire Achmad with Mayor Faylene Tunui.*

*Below: Kawerau Youth Council chair Nikau Savage welcomes the Chief Children's Commissioner to Kawerau, with the support of fellow youth councillors.*

*Above Right: Dr Claire Achmad with Kawerau youth worker Jordaan Tuitama, Noel Woods and Simulata Pope at the Kawerau Council Chamber for the presentation of the booklet Doing what's RIGHT for mokopuna | Mana Mokopuna to Kawerau Youth Councillors.*

*Right: Council Iwi Liaison and Cultural Advisor Te Haukākawa Te Rire and Council Youth Projects Officer JJ Rika during the mihi to the Chief Children's Commissioner.*



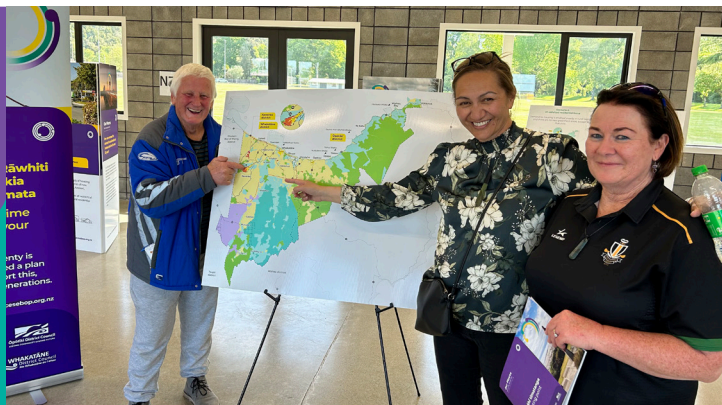
# Our Places

## Eastern Bay Spatial Plan

- Kawerau's housing and growth strategy commenced more than a decade ago, enabling some 170 new residential dwellings including Stoneham Park, which will be critical in delivering housing.
- Kawerau will still need around 650 new homes over the next 30 years
- The Putauaki Trust Industrial Zone now has the potential to expand in the future, supported by two boundary reorganisations between Kawerau and Whakatāne District Councils, ensuring that Kawerau remains the prime location as the industrial centre of the Eastern Bay....

Kawerau District Council and our neighbours Whakatāne and Ōpōtiki District Councils, and the Bay of Plenty Regional Council want to find out what all our residents think about developing more homes and businesses (everywhere throughout the motu) ... and what is important to people ...

You can find out more via the website [ourplacesebop.org.nz](http://ourplacesebop.org.nz)



Drop-in' session for Our Places – Eastern Bay Spatial Plan at the Rangī Delamere Centre with (left to right) Cr Rex Savage, Mayor Faylene Tunui and Cr Carolyn Ion

## Have your say about Our Places and how the Eastern Bay may grow

Via the hard copy survey that came out with the last Council pānui, come into the Council Offices, library or isite to collect one OR go online and let us know your thoughts here

[ourplacesebop.org.nz/have-your-say/](http://ourplacesebop.org.nz/have-your-say/)

Submissions  
close Sunday  
17 November

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## Bring your project to life FUNDING AVAILABLE NOW!

We are excited to announce that the *Creative Communities Scheme has reopened Round 1 funding from Friday 1 November to Friday 22 November 2024*. This is a fantastic opportunity for individuals and groups to secure funding for local arts projects that can enrich our community.

The Creative Communities Scheme aims to foster a vibrant and diverse arts scene and to engage local communities and celebrate cultural diversity.

The Scheme provides financial support to a wide range of artistic activities, from performances and workshops to exhibitions and festivals.

**We encourage applications that promote activities, workshops, or wananga to grow participation, visibility, presence, and participation of the arts – in all art forms.**

Whether you are involved in music, dance, visual arts, cultural activities, or any other creative endeavour, this is your chance to bring your project to life.

### PROJECTS THAT HAVE RECEIVED FUNDING IN THE PAST INCLUDE:

- Chalk art festival
- Short film production
- Guest performer concert
- Mural walls
- Photography workshops
- Videography and digital media workshops

If you have any questions or would like help or pointers to fill out an application our Economic and Community Development Manager, Lee Barton, is available to advise on your application.

Please note, you do not have to be an incorporated society, organisation or business to apply for funding.

The grant is open to anyone who wants to showcase or teach the arts. Applicants can be from outside Kawerau, but the creative project must take place in Kawerau. Come and talk to us if you are uncertain about eligibility or your project is on the fringes of the Kawerau District.

Successful applicants will likely receive grants of less than \$5,000 and depending on how many applications the committee assess; the actual amount will vary. If you have a project in mind that is likely to be over \$5,000, there may be other funding available to make your project work.

For more information on how to apply and the types of projects that can be funded, please visit our website, phone Council on 07 306 9009 or email [info@kaweraudc.govt.nz](mailto:info@kaweraudc.govt.nz).

Do not miss this opportunity to make a difference through the arts. Apply now and help us create a thriving artistic community!



## Rates Instalment 2 Due Date

The 2024-2025 rates instalment 2 notices have been sent out.

If you have not received your rates notice yet, or your contact details have changed, please contact our customer services team on 07 306 9009 or visit the Council Office.

If you have set up a direct debit for your rates, the direct debit payment will go out on Wednesday, 20 November 2024.

Rates are due for payment by **5pm Friday, 22 November 2024**. Rates penalties for unreceived payments will be applied from Monday 25 November 2024.

If you currently receive your rates notice via post and want to change to receiving via email, please contact our customer services team on 07 306 9009.

If you are struggling to pay your rates, please get in contact with Council to find out if you are eligible for a rates rebate.



## How do I stick to my plan and not drink and drive?

**Be brave:** make your own decisions, find a safe way home and don't be influenced by others.

**Stay strong and sober:** stick to your decision to avoid drinking and driving.

**If you choose to drink, make the safest choice... don't drive.**

### How to talk to your mates about your decision not to drink and drive:

- ✓ **Be straight up** – let your mates know ahead of time that you won't be drinking and that you're planning on driving home.
- ✓ **Suggest alternatives** – offer to be the designated driver for the night, or suggest getting another friend or family member to pick you up. Let your mates know that you still want to have a good time in a safe way.
- ✓ **Don't judge** – don't make your mates feel guilty or judged for not wanting to drink. Let them know that you're cool with them having a drink or two, but you'll be sticking to non-alcoholics.
- ✓ **Stay positive** – staying sober doesn't have to mean a boring night. Have a good time with your mates, and have some fun activities planned.
- ✓ **Lead by example** – showing your mates that you're committed to making responsible choices can inspire them to do the same. Be a positive influence and encourage your mates to make safe choices as well.

## COUNCIL BRIEFS

### Christmas in Aotearoa

The theme of this year's Christmas Float Parade has been decided – it is Christmas in Aotearoa. For more information and to enter a float into the parade to be held on 14 December, please contact Council's isite team.

### Christmas in the Park Memorial Tribute Video

As part of the Kawerau Christmas in the Park Community Show, we will once again create a 'Memorial Tribute Video', to be publicly shared during Christmas in the Park. This memorial tribute will remember community members who have passed, in 2024.

Our aim for the video is to provide a special moment for us to remember our loved ones and honour their legacy.

To submit a loved one for the video, please make sure to email the following information to

- ✉ info@kaweraudc.govt.nz or
- f DM us on Facebook

**no later than Friday, 15 November 2024**

- Name
- Photo
- Date of Passing

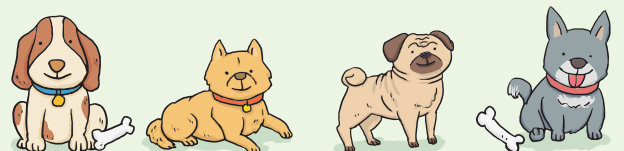
We kindly ask that submissions are only for Kawerau residents who have passed since the beginning of this year. Please ensure that the image is high resolution, otherwise, we may not be able to use it on the big screen.

## Join Us for Kawerau District Council's Annual Dog Day!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, **30 November 2024**, and bring your furry friends to our Annual Dog Day!

It's the perfect opportunity for your dogs to socialise and for you to learn about essential services like desexing, vaccinations, and microchipping. Don't forget to bring your Community Services card to take advantage of special offers.

**See you in front of the main council building from 9am!**



## Priority Wastewater Renewals

### Attention Residents:

A wastewater lines renewal project will occur from Monday, 4 November 2024 to Friday, 22 November 2024, from 07:30 AM to 05:00 PM. This project includes CCTV pipe inspection, replacement of existing pipes with new PE pipes, cleaning, and lining of wastewater pipes.

### Important Instructions:

**Toilet Seats:** Place down toilet seats and place something heavy on top, to avoid pressurised blowbacks.

**Water Usage:** Limit water usage during the day.

### Affected Addresses:

**125-171, 183-217 River Road (odd numbers only)**

**6 Fitzroy St**

**36 Pollen St**

**15-29 Ballance St (odd numbers only)**

**1-3 Freyberg St**

**12-24 Domett St (even numbers only)**

**98, 107, and 109 Onslow St**

Please note: if you are one of the residential properties that will be affected a letterbox drop was completed by contractors on Friday 1 November. If you have any questions, please contact Council on 07 306 9009 or email [info@kaweraudc.govt.nz](mailto:info@kaweraudc.govt.nz)

## Spraying of Sports Fields, Parks, and Reserves

Council wishes to advise that we have resumed the summer spraying of sports fields, parks and reserves areas for weeds and the dreaded Onehunga prickles as soon as the weather allows. Spraying will be completed (where possible) in the early hours of the day to minimise disruption to our community.



## Pets in Emergencies

Did you know that New Zealand has one of the highest companion animal ownership rates in the world with over 65% of households having one or more pets? That's why it is important to think about how you will look after your pets during an emergency.

It's a good idea to make a plan for your pet. You should make sure you have the necessary supplies for them if you need to evacuate or escape your home, such as copies of medical and vaccination records, along with collars, leads and other familiar items such as their favourite toys or blankets.

**Not sure where to start?** Check out this great list from MPI: Preparing animals for emergencies [NZ Government \(mpi.govt.nz\)](https://www.mpi.govt.nz)



## Summer Holiday Liquor Licensing

Plan ahead for liquor licensing applications. Event organisers who want to apply for a special license to sell or supply alcohol are reminded that they need to submit applications at least 20 working days ahead of their planned summer events. Get in early to ensure that your application can be considered. Remember between 20 December and 15 January, there are no 'working days', which means events planned for the Christmas and New Year period must have applications lodged by Wednesday, 20 November 2024. This ensures that the agencies have time to report and so licences can be issued prior to Council's Christmas closure.

**For more information on alcohol licensing, check out the Council web page <https://www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/services/environmental-health-and-liquor-licensing/liquor-licensing>**

## New filters for New World taps

Thank you for your patience while Council was fixing the taps in the New World carpark. The new filters were installed after fluoride was added to the drinking water. The taps were back up and running, but further difficulties have been experienced with the filter. Apologies as the taps are now out of service until reverse osmosis filters can be sourced and installed. In the meantime, please use the River Road drinking water taps.



## Important dates and meetings

**Wednesday 6 November 8:00am**

All pools re-open

**Friday 8 November, 1:30pm**

Our Places Eastern Bay Spatial Plan Presentation at Kawerau and Districts Grey Power, Concert Chamber

**Wednesday 13 November, 9:00am**

November Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting

**Sunday 17 November, 5:00pm**

Our Places – Eastern Bay Spatial Plan Submission Period Closes

**Friday 22 November, 5:00pm**

Rates are due

**Wednesday 27 November, 9:00am**

November Ordinary Council Meeting

**Saturday 30 November, 9:00am**

Annual Dog Day

**Saturday 14 December**

Christmas in Aotearoa Float Parade, Christmas in the Park Community and Evening Concerts