

# COMMUNITY PĀNUI | UPDATE



19 SEPTEMBER 2024

## KAWERAU YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARDS 2024

**A record-breaking crowd of more than 400 attended the Kawerau Young Achievers' Awards ceremony on Friday, 6 September at the Town Hall.**

A total of 160 rangatahi received either bronze, silver, highly commended, gold, or special awards and some recipients received two or three awards! Council's youth projects officer, JJ Rika said "It was a massive night for Kawerau young people to be recognised for their sporting, academic, and cultural achievements throughout the year 2023-2024".

The ceremony started with video messages from All Black Beauden Barrett, New Zealand Women's Rugby Sevens gold medalists Michaela Blyde, Risaleaana Pouri-Lane, Portia Woodman and Tyla King, and also from Kawerau 2024 New Zealand Touch representative Elizah Ward.

Kawerau Youth Council members Sidney Waiari and Amaia Rangi MC'd the event, hyping up the crowd and introducing Mayor Faylene Tunui who encouraged the rangitahi to remember, "When you go out and represent the country one day, know you will always be representing Kawerau."

Guest speaker Sequel Lumber chief executive David Turner talked about future careers explaining, "I had always wanted my daughter to be a doctor, only for her to tell me that she wants to be a CEO, so she didn't have to work for anyone." David's advice to his daughter which he shared with the crowd, was that "CEOs are the biggest slaves as the greatest leaders are the best slaves."



*Below: CE of Sequel Lumber LTD, David Turner with Council's Gold Awardees*




A huge shout out to the Kawerau Youth Council who planned, organised and delivered the event. With the help of the youth projects officer, JJ Rika the Youth Council controlled everything including MC'ing, decorating, lighting, sound, video visuals and announcing the award recipients of the night.

Thank you to all the parents, coaches, school teachers, grandparents, aunties and uncles for getting behind and supporting our Kawerau kids. Whether dropping and picking them up from practices or supporting them on the sidelines thank you for your ongoing support.



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Applications are open for the Creative New Zealand Communities' grants.  
This is a central government fund that aims to promote arts and culture  
in our community.

For more information  visit our website  phone Council on 07 306 9009  
 email [info@kaweraudc.govt.nz](mailto:info@kaweraudc.govt.nz). Applications close Friday 27 September 2024



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1. Kawerau Young Achiever Silver Awardees with Mayor Faylene Tunui
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3. Mayor Faylene Tunui with Kawerau Young Achiever Silver Awardees
4. Kawerau Young Achievers 2024 Special Award winner Tuaine Te Rangi and his Nan
5. CE of Sequal Lumber LTD, David Turner

6. Kawerau Youth Projects Officer JJ Rika (left) with Highly Commended Awardees
7. Kawerau Young Achiever 2024 Bronze Awardees with Kawerau District Councillor Berice Julian
8. Kawerau District Councillor Berice Julian with Kawerau Young Achiever 2024 Bronze Awardees
9. Her Worship the Mayor Faylene Tunui
10. MC's Amaia Rangi and Sidney Waiari
11. Council's Cultural Advisor Te Haukaka Te Rire

# COUNCIL NEWS



## Drinking water fluoridation

In June, Council received an extension up until September 30, 2024, from the Director-General of Health to complete the installation of fluoridation infrastructure. This has now been completed and the Ministry of Health has fully funded the project of \$457,980 for this work. The Ministry of Health

has advised Council that it will need to start adding fluoride to the water as per the directive we received on 22 July 2022. Council appreciates that there are different views in the community about fluoridation, albeit Council cannot risk the \$200,000 fine (and subsequent \$10,000 per day fine) to go against this directive. This means fluoridation will start on Monday, 30 September 2024.

Please note, the taps at New World have filters that currently takes out the chlorine and will also remove fluoride. The River Road taps will remain chlorine and fluoride free.

**For more information and frequently asked questions,** please visit the Ministry of Health website [health.govt.nz](http://health.govt.nz) and Council's website [kaweraudc.govt.nz](http://kaweraudc.govt.nz)


## Thank you for your submissions

Thank you to everyone who took part in the consultation and engagement process for the Representation Review, Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw and Proposed Naming Policy. Council received 104 submissions for the representation review, 21 for the Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw Review and four for the Proposed Naming Policy.

The Freedom Camping Hearing will be held on 25 September.

If you now wish to speak to your submission,

**Please contact the Council Office on**

 07 306 9009 or

 [submissions@kaweraudc.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@kaweraudc.govt.nz)



## Council becomes more sustainable

Council is on a mission to be more sustainable and recently installed six solar panels on the Council building roof and a tesla battery in our server room. The environmental impact of using the new system is huge, Council will reduce CO2 emissions by 34% which is the same as one ton of CO2 being avoided each year. By implementing the new system, it will benefit the environment in the same way as planting 185 trees or avoiding driving a car 90,472km. It also means Council has a back-up power source for phones in the event of a power outage or natural disaster.

The cost to implement the solar panels and battery costs \$31,027. Over the next 11 years Council estimates that we will have a net saving of \$37,993.



## Important dates and meetings

**Wednesday 25 September, 9:00am**

Ordinary Council Meeting

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Hearing for Proposed Naming Policy and Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw

**Wednesday 7 October, 1:00pm**

Audit and Risk Committee Meeting

**Friday 11 October, 3:00pm**

Pools shut for annual pool closure

**Wednesday 16 October, 9:00am**

Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting

**Wednesday 30 October, 9:00am**

Ordinary Council Meeting

**Monday 4 November, 8:00am**

Main pool re-opens

**Friday 8 November, 8:00am**

Spa pool re-opens

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

Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting

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

Ordinary Council Meeting