

Kawerau District Council newsletter - September 2017



Looking good, Kawerau: here's to spring

We think our parks and reserves team deserves a special mention for all the effort that goes into making Kawerau look beautiful.

Local woman Tina Mitchell took the above photo of her dogs Moss (left) and Joy in Stoneham Walk in late August.

“Stoneham Walk is just gorgeous, we are so privileged to have it. Thanks to all the parks and reserves staff for providing what would have to be one of the most beautiful and inviting dog exercise areas in the country,” Tina says.

Upcoming meetings

**Regulatory and Services Committee:
Tuesday, October 10, 9am**

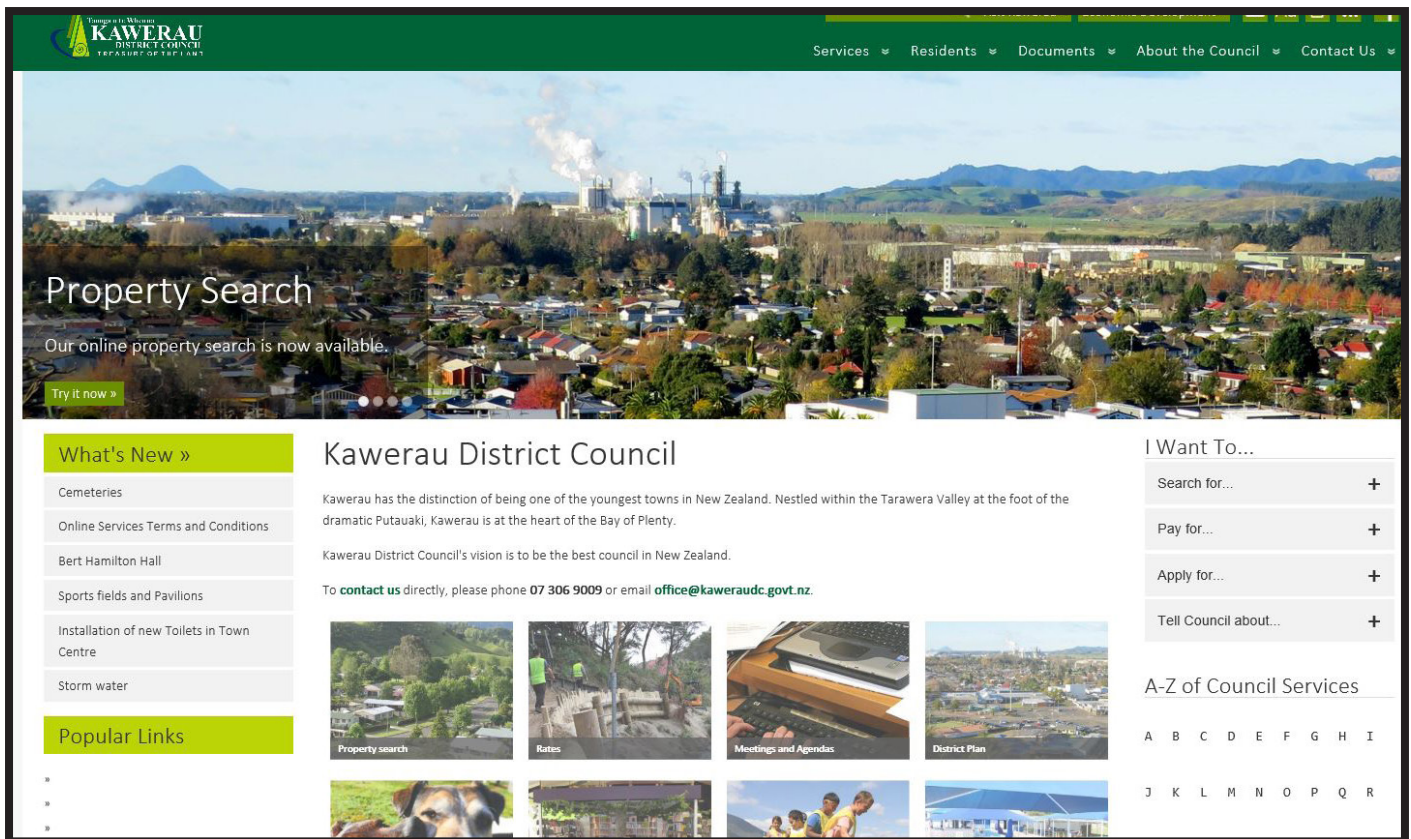
Council: Tuesday, October 24, 9am

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Refreshed website to enhance council services

The council is in the process of launching its new website.

The launch will follow months of work to modernise the council's existing site and improve functionality to allow people to do more online. The new-look site will also enable people to report problems and submit feedback, questions and complaints online.

Website project manager Su

Cammell says the revamp will better connect the council with its community. "This project demonstrates the council's ongoing commitment to providing the best possible customer service via its online channels.

Website users will be able to pay rates, register their dogs, search for properties and check rubbish collection days, among other things. Previously none of

these functions were available. The site will be mobile-compatible and will link to the council's Facebook page.

A new marketing website will also be launched as part of this web development project. This site (kawerauNZ.com) will showcase local events, attractions and visitor facilities and provide useful information for visitors and residents.

Container terminal project progressing well

There was a great response to the call for registrations of interest for this project; there were 14 responses received from a variety of established companies including operators, construction and design consultancies.

The next stage is identifying a preferred operator from a shortlist of three experienced container terminal operators; these three have recently presented proposals for terminal operation to the Industrial Symbiosis Kawerau (ISK) Assessment Panel.

They presented their proposals in mid-September and a decision on who the terminal operator will be is expected in the near future. Preliminary de-

sign and layout plans for the terminal will then be put together in liaison with all project partners.

These preliminary designs and layout will form the basis for Requests for Proposals from civil and structural construction firms.

This month the ISK project team has also been working on the terminal ownership model, which in turn will negotiate a head lease over the site with the Pūtauaki Trust.

"Things are progressing well and we're still on track to open the terminal by mid-2019," council economic and community development manager Glenn Sutton says.

CEO's contract extended

The council has re-appointed Russell George as its chief executive officer at an extraordinary meeting on Tuesday, September 12.

The Local Government Act requires councils to advertise the CEO position every five years, with a possible two-year extension. LGNZ Equip was engaged to provide external, executive recruitment services and the CEO position was advertised in July.

Mayor Malcolm Campbell says there was a large volume of high-calibre responses to the advertisements but Russell (pictured) proved to be the top candidate. "Council recognised his strong financial stewardship, institutional local government knowledge and experience, as well as his long-term service, loyalty, and leadership, and his commitment to maintaining stability within Council while pursuing future growth opportunities for the community of Kawerau."

In agreement with the council, Russell has been re-appointed for a four-year term instead of five years, to avoid clashing with a local body election and a CEO review in the same year. The four-year term also gives council staff assurance of the



operational leadership of the organisation throughout the local body election period, a time where the views, preferences and opinions of the community decide the make-up of the community representation and governance responsibility for Kawerau.

"Russell will continue to keep the council tracking in the positive direction it's been taking under his tenure," Malcolm says. "We've been stable and successful financially, and are well-positioned to meet the current and new challenges of local government for Kawerau. With the Long Term Plan, which focuses on

key services i.e. three waters (water supply, storm-water and wastewater), industry growth and jobs coming online, we need experience and energy to lead us. We're confident we have the right man to do this."

Russell says the council has been working hard on opportunities to grow employment in the district while continuing to deliver high-quality services. "I look forward to continuing that work. There are exciting times ahead for Kawerau and I am honoured I have been selected to be part of that."

Big 3 event draws people of all ages

Congratulations to Team Blood Brothers, which took out the \$2000 first prize in the Big 3 event held in Kawerau last month.

The team, comprising Graham Campbell, Trent Takurua and Waata Houia, weighed in on August 27 with a 101.8kg stag, a 69.6kg boar and a 9.22kg snapper (pictured).

This is the ninth year the iconic hunting event has been held.

Event organiser Rhys Dawson says 28 teams and 53 individuals took part this year - more than in 2016, making the event better than ever.

For more images visit the Big 3 page on Facebook.





Families support tree-planting event

This year's Trees for Babies event on August 26 saw 10 families take part.

The rain cleared in time for a welcome by mayor Malcolm Campbell and a blessing of the trees and babies by Margaret Brierley.

Each baby received a certificate to show a native tree was planted in Monika Lanham Reserve to commemorate their birth. Each tree was tagged with a baby's name and birth date.

The rain held off until the planting was finished.



Community day a huge success

Kawerau SPCA, Bay Vets and Kawerau District Council held a community day at Ranfurly Court on September 2, offering free microchipping, desexing, worm and flea treatments and dog advice.

The day was a huge success with many pet owners using the services on offer.

Organisers appreciate the efforts of all those involved.



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Recycling expansion

The contractor who receives the council's recycled material has expanded the types of plastics that are being processed, from grades one and two to 1-7. This will enable more material to be diverted from the waste stream into the reuse stream.

So put any additional grade plastics you may have into the recycling bins for pick-up.



OCTOBER
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SCHOOL HOLIDAY
ACTIVITIES

10.30AM - 12PM

Kawerau District Library
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Downwards trend in crime this year

Here's the latest update from the Kawerau Police Station team. Crime levels continue to fall this year, which follows on from the Eastern Bay's NZ-leading total crime reduction last year of 19 percent.

Less crime means fewer victims and a safer community for us all, so let's keep working together to keep things going. Everyone can play a part by letting us know whenever - day or night - you see anything suspicious happening. We would rather come out at any time to find something innocent going on than have to take an offence report the following day for something that could have been avoided.

Family harm offences were one of the few categories that increased last year but, pleasingly so far this year, we have reduced those numbers by about half.

Although this is encouraging, family harm is one of our main areas of focus. Exposure to domestic violence has ongoing effects

for everyone involved (especially children) so we urge anyone aware of abuse to let us know.

"It's not okay" is the message we need to keep reinforcing. Only when we're aware of a problem can we (with help from partner agencies) put things in place to end the cycle.

Youth crime in Kawerau is also low. To keep it that way we encourage anyone who sees young people wandering the streets when they should be at school to call the school involved (if they are in uniform) or let us know.

We're always happy to reinforce the importance of a good education to our young people.

The only other issue that seems to be on the rise recently is that of dirt bikes being ridden around town. If you see this happening please let us know and, even better, if you can pass on the addresses the riders have come from we'll follow up with them.

Kawerau is a great place



to be a police officer. A lot of this is due to the relationships we have with the council, government agencies, our community partners and all the people who live here.

It's easier to do a great job when everyone shares a common goal and we have support across the community.

Let's all keep Kawerau a happy and safe place that we're proud to live and work in.

**- Sergeant Al Fenwick,
Kawerau Police**

Card launch opens up Bay libraries

Bay of Plenty library users can now access the resources of public libraries across the region with the launch of One Library Card this month.

The One Library Card concept means people can use their existing library card to use resources and borrow material from other council libraries in the Bay of

Plenty without joining up again.

The Bay libraries offering One Library Card are Kawerau, Opotiki, Whakatane, Rotorua, Taupo and Western Bay.

People will still need to follow the rules of the library they are using and return all borrowed items to the library it came from.

Aussie invasion expected for mountain race

Early indications are that Kiwi runners will have a tough task ahead of them at this year's Kawerau King of the Mountain race.

A strong Australian team of 11 will form a mini-invasion of Kawerau ahead of the October race as part of the trans-Tasman mountain race challenge between Kawerau and Pomona. The team comprises current Pomona king Mark Bourne, previous Kawerau king Ben Duffus, super veteran woman Leslie Saunders and Pomona runner-up Ashild Krige, who is debuting this year. Also debuting is veteran Trevor Allen, who ran Pomona recently in an impressive sub-30 minutes.

Dan King and junior Lachlan Challis are back for a second and third time; Lachlan's previous two attempts have resulted in sub-60-minute finishes.

For the first time the Pomona Prince will compete in Kawerau's curtain-raiser," Kawerau District Council events and venues manager Lee Barton said. "In the 32-year relationship between the two races, no Prince has ever travelled across the ditch to attempt to seize the opposite Prince title.

"(Pomona race director) Barry Stewart has done a marvellous job in pulling together a squad of this calibre. It has me a bit nervous; we may see an Australian dominance this year. Our

2016 king Shay Williamson, has relocated to the South Island and we don't expect him back to defend. Eight-time winner Chris Morrissey and four-time winner Sjors Corporaal have confirmed their presence, though, which is excellent.

"We have some great juniors coming through. It will be an interesting race that may bring surprises," Lee said.

To enter or to view past results and find out more information visit www.kaweraukingofthemountain.co.nz

Additional information:

- Prince and Princess training sessions start on Thursday, September 14 at Kawerau's Firmin Lodge, from 4.15pm. The sessions will run weekly for six weeks. All participants must register on arrival. Runners aged nine and over are welcome.

- Entries for the Prince and Princess race close on October 20. There will be no race-day entries.

- Main race online entries close on October 25. Race-day entries will be permitted if the 200 race spots are not sold prior.

- Limited-edition Eastern Bay flood fundraiser garments are available at: <http://www.kaweraukingofthemountain.co.nz/merchandise/>

Coming up on the events calendar

September 30 - October 1

Kawerau Woodfest (in and around Prideaux Park). This popular annual event showcases the artistic side of working with wood and features a range of activities for people of all ages.

National Woodskills Competition (Ron Hardie Recreation Centre). This is New Zealand's premier event for wood craft artists. This year there are more than 15 categories, with big cash prizes up for grabs.

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