

Kawerau District Council newsletter - June 2017



Iconic race supports flood-affected residents

Participants in this year's Kawerau King of the Mountain race have the chance to purchase limited-edition singlets and t-shirts, thanks to former Eastern Bay photographer Jason Wright.

Jason has given race organisers permission to use his stunning image of comet McNaught hanging over Putauaki (Mt Edgecumbe). This well-known photo was taken in 2007, when the comet was evident in the night sky. Proceeds from the sale of the garments (pictured) will go towards the Radio 1XX charitable fund, which was set up to help people affected by the April floods.

The design will be produced this year only.

Kawerau District Council events and venues manager Lee Barton says the garments will be a collector's item not to be missed. "With so many people badly affected by the recent flooding, we felt it was important to do what we could to help out. The design depicting Pūtauaki is breath-taking and we hope people will take the chance to buy them, and do their bit for people in need."

The garments are available online (www.kaweraukingofthemountain.co.nz/merchandise) from now until race day on October 28. Orders must be in by August 31 to ensure they're ready for race-day collection.

This year sees the 62nd running of Kawerau King of the Mountain. Entries are now open, with a residents' rate again available



to locals. This is limited to 50 spots. General entries into this year's King of the Mountain and Prince and Princess races are limited to 200; early bird rates close on August 31.

Race day starts at 9am with school relays, followed by the Prince and Princess of the Mountain events at 10am. The main event starts at 12 noon.

"Once again we can all look forward to another exciting race day in Kawerau," Lee says.

"In 2016 we witnessed one of the great races in the event's history, ending with Shay Williamson setting a new record. Early indications are that Shay may not compete this year, as he has moved to the South Island for work. While his absence will be disappointing, it does mean the king title will be up for the taking."

For more information or to enter visit www.kaweraukingofthemountain.co.nz. Residents' entry forms are available at the council office.

Control of water supply a major issue

Council is seeking public input into the future of our district's water. In light of the water contamination issues in Hastings, the question is being asked whether local authorities should manage their own water.

Currently we are one of only five councils to supply unchlorinated water.

Retaining control of our water is very important to us.

Nevertheless, by maintaining control, council runs a grave risk of facing serious consequences should contamination occur.

On the other hand, if control of Kawerau's water supply is taken out of our hands, it's almost guaranteed changes will be introduced, probably in the form of chlorination as it adds another level of health protection to users.

Currently, Kawerau's water comes from two springs. There are also three wells used during peak times in some summers, when the supply from the springs can't meet local demand. The water is sterilised with UV and pH is corrected by the addition of lime. We treat water from the source and test the district's supply twice a week, on average. If contamination is found, the water is treated with small amounts of chlorine for two weeks, or until it tests clear again.

We believe our current delivery method for water is cost-effective. Residents enjoy an unmetered supply.

These water supply issues don't just affect Kawerau. They are a major concern that will impact water suppliers around the country.

To discuss the future of Kawerau's water supply please contact myself or any of the councillors.



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Appreciation night a success

The dinner held earlier this month to thank volunteers from the Edgcumbe flood response was a great success, with more than 100 people attending.

MC Russell Harrison and well-known singer Howard Morrison Jr (pictured) entertained the crowd at the June 12 event.

Kawerau mayor Malcolm

Campbell says the dinner was a wonderful way to recognise everyone who supported Edgcumbe residents following the April floods.



Neighbourhoods of Healthy Homes - 2017 cooking classes

The popular community cooking classes continue throughout the second half of the year. Dates are as follows:

- June 29
- July 27
- August 30
- September 28

- October 26
- November 23

All classes are on Thursdays and run from 10am - 2pm at the Edgecumbe-Kawerau Anglican Parish, 1 Newall St (next to Maggie's Op Shop).

Participation is free.



Do you jot down poems?

Make up stories?

Write to newspapers?

Have a half finished novel?

Enjoy researching?

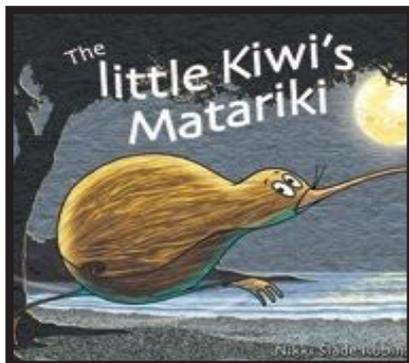
Join a writers group for adults at the Kawerau Library

For details talk to Wendy at the library
or email Wendy.Montrose@kaweraudc.govt.nz

Kids' author to visit library

Ohiwa author-illustrator Nikki Slade Robinson has released her latest children's book, featuring some well-known characters.

Ruru's Hāngi uses the much-loved characters from *The Little Kiwi's Matariki*, winner of best picture book at last year's New Zealand Book Awards for Children and Young Adults.



This time Ruru has eggs and, when they hatch, Little Kiwi and friends put down a hāngi to celebrate. Nikki cleverly guides readers through the process of putting down a hāngi. Her books are educational and entertaining.

Nikki will be at Kawerau District Library on Wednesday, July 19 between 10.30am and 12pm, sharing her stories and illustrations with young children. A special ruru (morepork) from the Department of Conservation will also be there to lend a hand.



Eastern Bay author Nikki Slade Robinson will be at Kawerau District Library on Wednesday, July 19.

Dog fees

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Dog Control Act 1996, that the Kawerau District Council has fixed dog control fees for the registration period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 as follows:

Registration fees

Neutered Dog/Approved Owner	\$25.50
Neutered Dog/Non-approved Owner	\$61.20
Entire Dog/Approved Owner	\$66.30
Entire Dog/Non-approved Owner	\$102.00

Any fees not paid by the due date will be subject to a late payment penalty of 50 percent of the original fee.

Impounding fees

Fee for first impounding	\$77.00
Fee for second and subsequent impounding	\$102.00
Sustenance fee (daily)	\$5.00

Microchipping fee \$15.00

Replacement tag fee \$1.00

All fees are inclusive of GST

Note: All dogs are required to be registered before they attain the age of three months. In the terms of the Act, every person commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding \$300 who keeps any dog of a greater age than three months, unless that dog is registered for the current registration year.



New controllers ready in case of an emergency

Council has two new controllers who will lead Kawerau's response in any Civil Defence incidents in the future.

Council engineering officer Dayle Johnson (bottom left) and events and venues manager Lee Barton (top left) have undergone recent training to enable them to fill this position.

A group controller's duties include appointing, directing and co-ordinating personnel, material, information, services and other resources during a state of local emergency for the area in which he or she is appointed.

A controller must also perform any functions or duties delegated by the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group and may exercise any power conferred by the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002.

Dayle and Lee join existing controller Chris Jensen, council's manager, planning, compliance and capacity.

The three controllers will rotate duty as required during a Civil Defence emergency.



Community Grant Scheme 2017/2018

Are you a non-profit organisation which has the ability to deliver services that have a significant benefit to people within the Kawerau community?

Council is currently accepting Community Grant Scheme funding applications for the 2017/18 financial year.

All applications for funding must be submitted in writing. Further details about the Community Grant Scheme, Application Forms and Accountability Forms are available from the Council office or from Council's website www.kaweraudc.govt.nz.

Applications must be received no later than 5pm on Friday, July 7, 2017 for consideration.

Are you prepared for a natural disaster?

Natural disasters can happen at any time and with little or no warning. All disasters can cause disruption, damage property and take lives.

You could find yourself confined at home or forced to evacuate. In the immediate aftermath of a disaster, emergency services may not be able to help as quickly as necessary.

Therefore it's vital to have a household emergency plan and survival kit so you and your family can manage for at least three days.

Survival kits should include food, water, a radio, batteries and a torch, among other things.

Household emergency plan templates and checklists are available at www.getthru.govt.nz

EMERGENCY SURVIVAL ITEMS

- Torch with spare batteries or a self-charging torch
- Radio with spare batteries
- Wind and waterproof clothing, sun hats, and strong outdoor shoes
- First aid kit and essential medicines
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Pet supplies
- Emergency toilet - toilet paper and large rubbish bags
- Face and dust masks

Check all batteries every 3 months.

Maurie Kjar Memorial Pool winter hours 2017

Monday to Friday	9am – 7pm
Saturday/Sunday	10am – 7pm

All pools are cleared 30 minutes before closing times.

Aqua classes

Tuesday and Thursday mornings	9-10am
Monday and Thursday afternoons	5.30pm

Aqua Zumba

Wednesday evenings	5.30pm
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Admission to these classes is free.

Barbeques

These are available for hire during public time, and after hours for private hire. Phone the council office on (07) 306 9009 to enquire or to book.



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June/July events

Kawerau Mini Hunt Competition July 21-23, 2017

The Mini Hunt Competition is a land-based hunting event for children. In previous years the event has been part of the annual Big

3 competition, but is being run separately for the first time this year.

The final weigh following two days of competition will be at 3pm on Saturday, July 23, on the reserve behind the Ex-Navalmen's Club on Onslow St.

Entry fee is \$5.

Entry forms are available from the Kawerau i-SITE on Plunket Street.

For more information phone Rhys Dawson on 027 323 7034.

* Kawerau Big 3 competition is on from August 25-27.

Upcoming meetings

Council: Tuesday, June 27

**Regulatory and
Services Committee:
Tuesday, July 11, 9am**



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