

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

2 DECEMBER 2022

## Koromātua | Mayor's Message

Welcome to this issue of Council's Community Update.

Tēnā tātau katoa – warm greetings to you all, to us all, to everyone in our community of Kawerau.

As was signaled at the start of our term, we are committed to keeping you informed of Council work, projects, successes and challenges ahead.

There has been a focus on whakawhanaungatanga | collaboration since starting our new term.

In October and November it was a pleasure to attend alongside the Chief Executive Russell George and elected members the swearing in ceremonies of fellow mayors and elected members for the Bay of Plenty Regional Council Toi Moana and Whakatāne, Ōpōtiki, South Waikato and Western Bay Councils.

Recently, we also attended a Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum in Tauranga, which was also attended by Tauranga City Council Commission Chair Anne Tolley. With five new Mayors in the Bay region, this was a productive get-together with the sharing of new ideas, thinking and connections.

The elected member induction by Local Government New Zealand was attended by all of our councillors, either in Kawerau or Rotorua.

Councillors, the Chief Executive and myself attended our regional Local Government NZ meeting and also the Local Government NZ Rural and Provincial forum in Wellington. We continue to foster relationships with our Members of Parliament (MPs) representing our district and have recently met with Minister Kiritapu Allan.

Closer to home we have been meeting with our community and industry stakeholders including Grey Power, Sequel Lumber, Oji Fibre Solutions, Industry Symbiosis Kawerau and Canoe Slalom NZ who continue their interest in our rohe.

It is timely to acknowledge the contribution and resilience of our education sector in Kawerau that have continued to deliver quality education to our rangatahi despite the recent challenges of the pandemic.

With the end of the school year upon us, it was an honour to attend the Tarawera High School prizegiving and acknowledge all the rangatahi who have completed the year. Within our Council whānau, we held our Christmas event and awards presentation. Thank you to our community for your support with our services to enable this. Thank you to our Council staff and their whānau for their ongoing support and commitment to do our level best to serve our community.

We are now preparing for the Christmas and holiday period.

It is our pleasure to welcome whānau and our community back to attend the annual Christmas in the Park event on Saturday, 17 December at Prideaux Park. The event comprises:

- 11.00am New World Santa Parade
- 12.30pm to 5.15pm Radio 1XX Community Concert
- 7.15pm to 10.00pm Evening Variety Show and Fireworks

Looking ahead, we are planning to complete various major projects and work in the 2023 year, including the Rangi Delamere Pavilion rebuild and the drinking, waste and stormwater pipe replacement projects. There is more about the next phase of these water projects including the replacement of the River Road drinking water pipes, outlined on page three.

As we had outlined in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031, we are borrowing \$2 million from the Local Government Funding Agency to fund this pipe replacement project. Our Council approved the raising of this loan on 15 November 2022.

We are also planning our engagement activities for the coming year including the Stoneham Park residential development and Māori representation.

We look forward to sharing these details with you.

**Nga mihi nui,**

**Her Worship the Mayor Faylene Tunui**



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## NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS ON TOUR

As part of the induction process for the 2022-2025 Councillors completed a tour of the district. The visit included a tour of the water treatment plant in River Road, the Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village, Council offices, Kawerau District Library and Sir James Fletcher Kawerau Museum. The Transfer Station, Kawerau i-SITE, depot and waste watertreatment plant and the dog pound were on the tour schedule.

The elected members were briefed by Council's Team Leader Three Waters Glen Penny at the Water Treatment plant. Currently the district is using 3,000m<sup>2</sup> per day of wai | water. This water is firstly treated via ultra violet (UV) light and then chlorinated to ensure no harmful bacteria in the drinking water. A planned upgrade at the plant will see the installation of four new pumps, improving energy efficiency of the system.



1. Mayor Faylene Tunui and Deputy Mayor Aaron Rangihika get the low-down on a major technology upgrade at the Waste Water Treatment Plant gives Glenn Penny and his team online access to the oper
2. Team Leader Three Waters Glen Penny explains to the elected members the operation of the River Road Water Treatment Plant
3. Deputy Mayor Aaron Rangihika and Councillor Berice Julian
4. Team Leader Three Waters, Glen Penny demonstrating the ultraviolet water filtration system.
5. Mayor Faylene Tunui and Elected members Carolyn Ion, Warwick Godfrey visit the Kawerau District Library as part of their induction tour

## PECHAKUCHA NIGHT 20X20

### PechaKucha Night 20X20 was a blast recently at the Concert Chambers.

Our thanks to everyone who made the night a success:

MC Michael Sparks for running the show!

The presenters for entertaining everyone with their presentations:

- ▶ Wendy Montrose who described how to look after birds – what to do and what not to do!
- ▶ Manveer Kaur who described her adventure of leaving India and moving to New Zealand.
- ▶ Murray Fookes who made everyone wish they drove an electric car.
- ▶ Anne Bailey who showed everyone how to enjoy Australia on a bike.
- ▶ Andrew Broxholme who is bringing his Real Estate talents to Kawerau with Professionals.
- ▶ Les Jones who proved that men (and some women) never outgrow their toys.
- ▶ Patrick Te Pou stole the show with his talk about meat pies.
- ▶ Robyn Metzger who showed the process of muttonbirding! How they are prepared and more.

The library team for making the night run smoothly - Wendy, Susan, Janice, Erica, Mel and Veerle.

And of course, the audience.

### WHAT IS "PECHAKUCHA"?

PechaKucha is a slide show of 20 images, each auto-advancing after 20 seconds. It's non-stop and you've got 400 seconds to tell your story, with visuals guiding the way. PechaKucha was created in Japan in 2003 by renowned architects, Astrid Klein and Mark Dytham. The word "PechaKucha" is Japanese for "chit chat."

Are you keen to share your passion or interest? Keep an eye out for next year's Pechakucha night and get involved.



Top: Patrick Te Pou

Bottom: Manveer Kaur

# ZONE TWO WATER RETICULATION PROJECT 2022

## DRINKING WATER PIPE REPLACEMENT PROJECT CONTINUES

The Zone 2 River Road area will be replaced along with the Shepherd Road drinking water pipes as planned in the 2022-2023 financial year.

This tender was awarded to Lovridge Limited which is a contractor that Council has used to install the rising main in 2021. The tender was awarded for \$1.2 million which is within budget and is planned to be completed by May 2023.

The addition of Shepherd Road to the Zone 2 replacement project is due to the low water pressure that these residents experience. As this water line meets up with the River Road line, the replacement of Shepherd Road's drinking water pipes can be bought forward from 2024.

## DRINKING WATER PIPES

There is approximately 77km of pipes to properties in Kawerau that supply drinking water. Work originally began on these pipes in 2010. From 2010 to 2021 approximately 20 percent or nearly 15km of pipe has been replaced with the new. Further pipe replacement work will continue until 2027.

In the 2021-2022 year, 5km of pipes have been replaced in the Town Centre and also in Hine Te Ariki Place, Hinemotu, Massey,

Bell, Short, McKenzie Streets. Also replaced was the Riser Main (feeder main), flow restrictor and pump on Monika Lanham Reserve.

## STORMWATER PIPES

There are 39.2km of stormwater pipes to be replaced. There will be approximately 1.5km's of stormwater pipes replaced each year until 2032. These will be replaced as they degrade.

## WASTEWATER (SEWER) PIPES

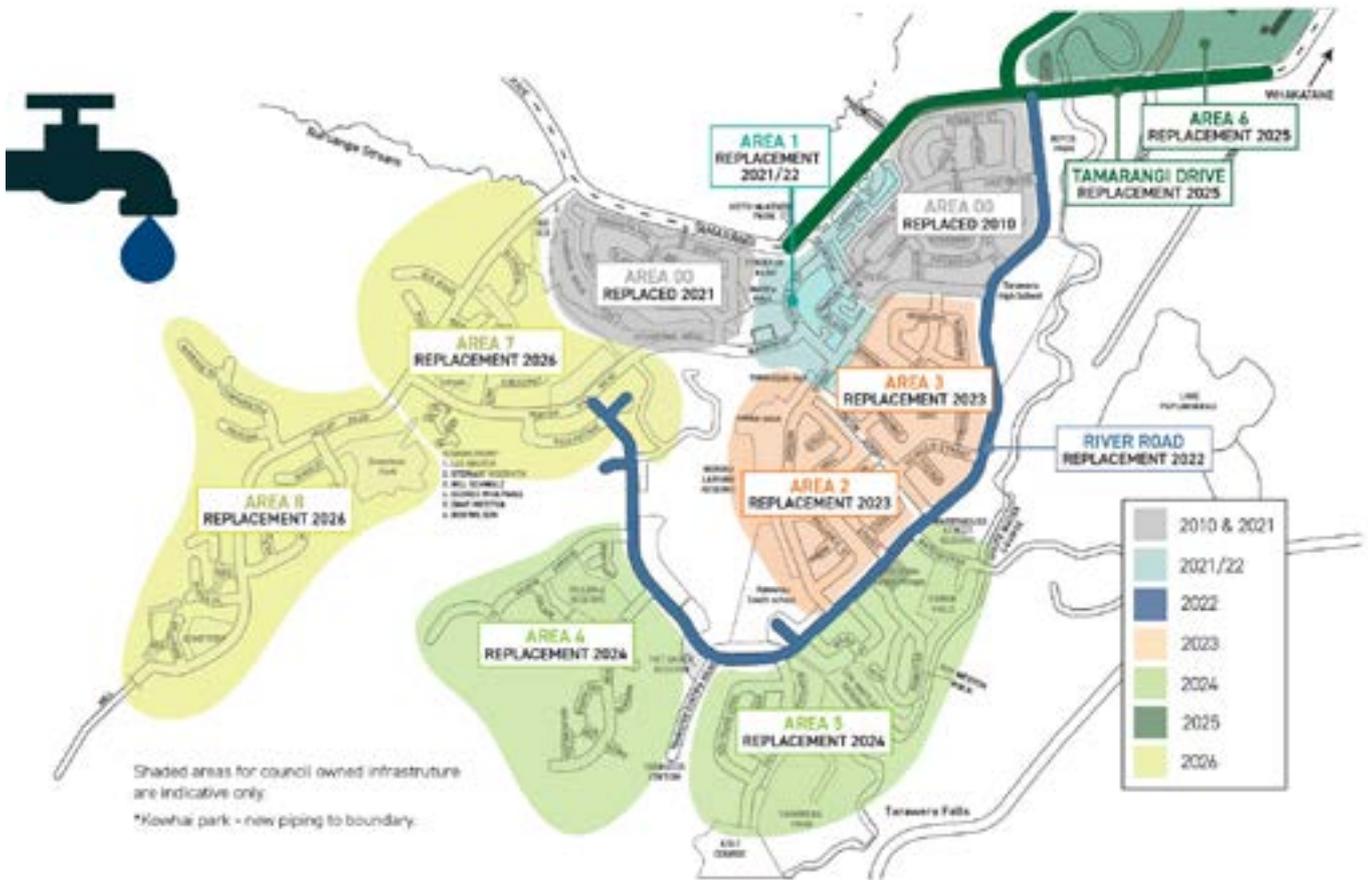
Kawerau has 20km of wastewater pipes to replace, which will be completed over the next 10 years.

Council has awarded a tender to reline specific lengths of the sewer lines near the Town Centre to Pipeworks (Brian Perry Civil Limited).

At a cost of \$790,000 this tender entails the relining of the existing wastewater pipes with a 4mm or 6mm fibreglass lining.

This product consists of a fibreglass bag that is blown into the existing pipe and hardened with a ultra violet (UV) lamp. This method has been previously used to reline the stormwater pipes going through Ranfurly Court in 2019.

Work will start in January 2023 and aim to be completed by June 2023.



## RANGI DELAMERE PAVILLION

Escalating building material costs has caused further delays with the rebuilding of the Rangi Delamere Pavilion.

Council has received and put aside the insurance sum of \$550,000 paid out as the pavilion was the subject of arson in late 2019.

At the 15 November Regulatory and Services Meeting the Council resolved to fund the remainder of the costs. The tender has been re-awarded to Wren Building Company and work will start in the first quarter of 2023.

## WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER

### DECEMBER

#### SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 10AM – 12PM:

Launch day. Come down, join in on the crafts, and enjoy the entertainment as we launch our Annual Summer Reading Programme.

#### TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 3.30PM – 4.30PM:

Decorate Christmas stars

#### THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER 3.30PM – 4.30PM:

Design Christmas scratch ornaments

#### TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER 3.30PM – 4.30PM:

Decorate Christmas tree baubles

#### THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER 10.30PM – 12PM:

Design a Christmas card

#### TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER 10.30AM – 12PM:

Decorate Christmas star baubles

#### THURSDAY 29TH DECEMBER 10.30AM – 12PM:

Folding woodland animals

### JANUARY

#### THURSDAY 5TH JANUARY 10.30AM – 12PM:

Construct a sword

#### TUESDAY 10TH JANUARY 10.30AM – 12PM:

Build a cardboard castle

#### THURSDAY 12TH JANUARY 10.30AM – 12PM:

Build and decorate a fairy house

#### TUESDAY 17TH JANUARY 10.30AM – 12PM:

Build and create a cardboard dragon

#### FRIDAY 20TH JANUARY 10.30AM – 12PM:

Medieval Dress up day

### COMPETITIONS

#### LEGO COMPETITION:

Build your best medieval setup using your own Lego or come in to the library to use ours. Opens Saturday 3rd December and closes Friday 20th January.

#### COLOURING COMPETITION:

Saturday 3rd December until Friday 20th January.

#### DRESS UP COMPETITION

Friday 20th January. Medieval themed dress up to end our Summer Reading Programme.

## KAWERAU DISTRICT COUNCIL CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR 2022-2023

### KAWERAU DISTRICT OFFICE AND AA SERVICES

Closing 12.00 noon Friday 23 December 2022

Re-opening 8am Wednesday, 4 January 2023

### TRANSFER STATION

Open from 8am to 12 noon on 23 December 2022

Closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Refuse and Recycling collections will NOT be affected over this period

### KAWERAU DISTRICT LIBRARY

Open: Friday 23 December 2022 10am to 12.00 noon

Closed: 24, 25, 26 and 27 December 2022

Open: 28, 29 and 30 December 2022 10am to 5pm

Open: 31 December 2022 10am to 1pm

Closed: 1, 2 and 3 January 2023

Normal hours resume Wednesday, 4 January 2023

### MAURIE KJAR MEMORIAL AQUATIC CENTRE

Friday, 23 December 2022 open 8am to 12.00 noon

Saturday, 24 December 2022 open 8am to 3pm

Closed Christmas Day

No private hires on Christmas Day

Normal hours resume 26th December 2022

Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm

Saturday and Sunday 8am to 6pm

### KAWERAU I-SITE

23 December 2022 9am - 12 noon

24 December 2022 10am - 2pm

Closed on Christmas Day

26 & 27 December 2022 10am - 2pm

28, 29 and 30 December 2022 9am - 4pm

31 December 2022 10am - 2pm

1, 2 and 3 January 2023 10am - 2pm

4, 5 and 6 January 2023 9am - 4pm

7 and 8 January 2023 10am - 2pm

For enquiries phone 07 323 6300 during opening hours.

For any dog, noise or stock control matters, phone 07 3069009.

## COUNCIL VACANCIES

Want to serve your community? The following vacancies are now open at Council:

- ▶ **Swimming Pool Lifeguards** Open.
- ▶ **District Cleaner** (Full-Time) Closes 5pm, 9 December 2022.
- ▶ **Recycling / Solid Waste Team Member** (Part-Time) - Closes 5pm, 9 December 2022.
- ▶ **Transfer Station Attendant** (Part-Time) - Closes 5pm, 9 December 2022.
- ▶ **Team Leader Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre** - Open.

More information, job descriptions and application forms are available on our website at [kaweraudc.govt.nz](http://kaweraudc.govt.nz).

For any queries, please contact us 07 306 9009.