

COMMUNITY UPDATE

21 MAY 2021



from the Mayor

Our current focus is on the Long Term Plan 2021-2031.

During the past two weeks we have held consultation meetings with Tangata Whenua and Iwi, and stakeholders.

Further meetings with Iwi, stakeholders, the public, and industrial and commercial ratepayers are scheduled.

We believe the plan will help "To create a resilient and sustainable Kawerau District that can meet the needs of the future" – which we have adopted as our new vision.

There has been a lot of work done since the 2018 Long Term Plan including major flood mitigation works, asset renewals, community space enhancements and supporting regional economic growth.

We continue to build relationships with Iwi, particularly Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau Tangata Whenua. We wish to thank Council's Cultural Advisor Kaumātua Te Haukakawa (Boycie) TeRire, Reverend Amorangi (Graham) Te Rire and Reverend Tumihitai (George) Raerino.

Looking to the future, our priorities remain the same - to provide essential

services and to look after and invest in key infrastructure like our roads, pipes and community spaces.

The age of our district means we need to start replacing reticulation networks for water, stormwater and wastewater over the coming decades.

The first consultation topic for this Long Term Plan is the acceleration of the drinking water pipe replacement programme. We are proposing to fast-track this project by replacing 48km of drinking water pipes over the next six years as the analysis of water pipe sampling shows faster rates of deterioration than expected.

We are also consulting on the use of proceeds from residential housing developments to keep rates increases down.

Our third item for consultation is the provision for future growth. We are expecting steady increases in population and an additional 300 jobs in Kawerau by 2030 due to regional economic development proposed.

We look forward to continuing to talk with you and our community about these consultation topics.

- Malcolm Campbell, Mayor

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**LONG
TERM
PLAN**
2021-31

**CONSULTATION
OPEN 14 MAY
TO 14 JUNE 2021**

**Tell us what
you think**

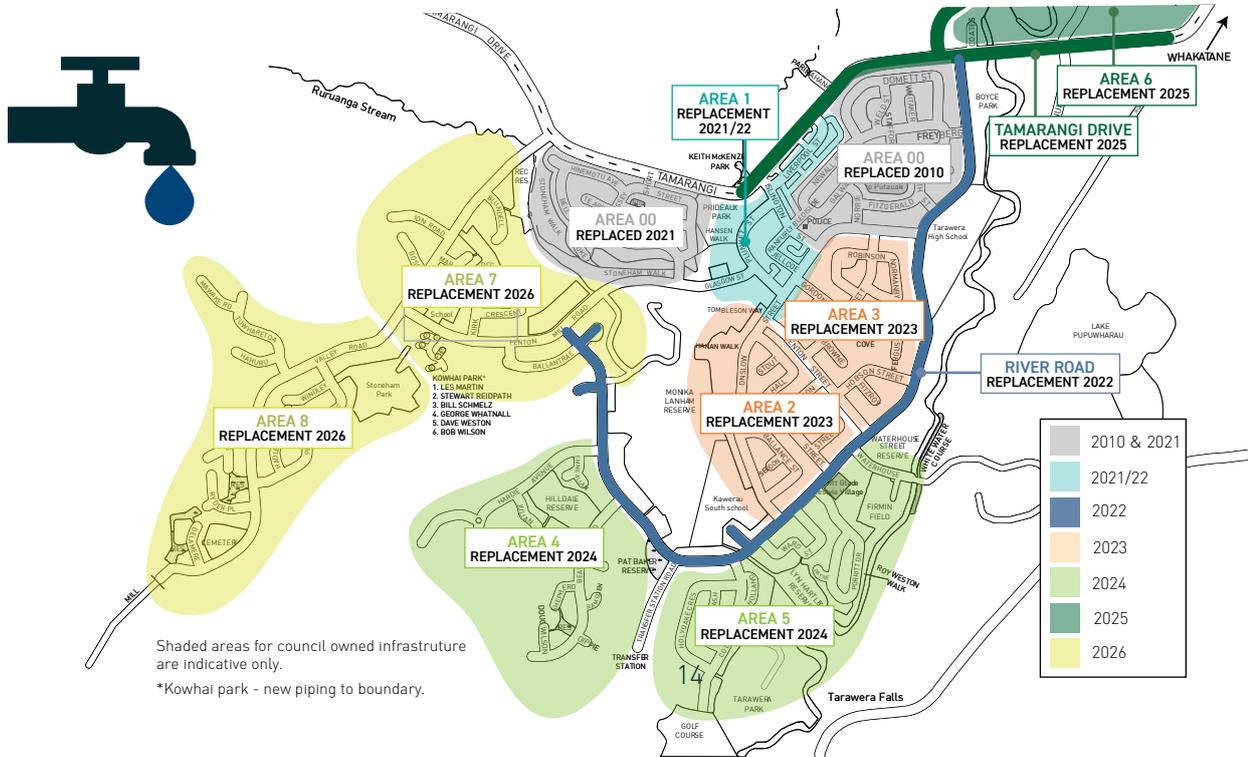
Long Term Plan 2021 – 2031

Three Consultation Topics

CONSULTATION TOPIC 1

DRINKING WATER PIPE REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME

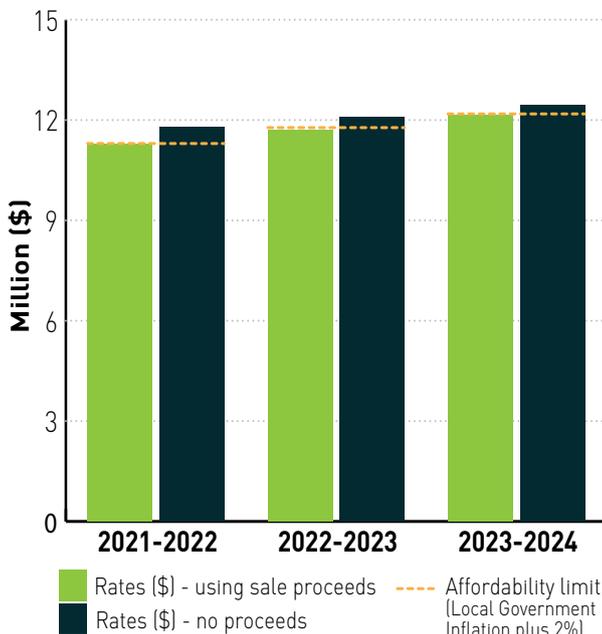
Accelerating the project by borrowing money and replacing 48km of old water pipes over the next six years.



CONSULTATION TOPIC 2

USING PROCEEDS

from residential developments to keep the rates increases to 5.1% in year one 2021/22.



Where to find more information?

Copies of the consultation document are available at the Council Offices open between 8.00am and 5.00pm.

Check the Council website and Facebook for more information and meeting dates.

Make a submission:

Online Visit our website www.kaweraudc.govt.nz and use our online submission form.

Email submissions@kaweraudc.govt.nz

Drop in the hard copy submission form from this consultation document to the Council Offices weekdays from 8am until 5pm.

Post the submission form to us.
Chief Executive Officer
Kawerau District Council
Private Bag 1004, Kawerau 3169

Council Policies out for Consultation

Council is also consulting on the following policies:

- ▶ Financial Contributions Policy
 - ▶ Review of Revenue and Financing Policy
- These documents are available at the Council Offices and on the Council website kaweraudc.govt.nz

Long Term Plan 2021 – 2031

CONSULTATION TOPIC 3 GROWING OUR DISTRICT

we want to plan for the future population growth. The current developments are going well and interest remains high.

We believe the best parcel of land to develop is Stoneham Park (the old Soccer Club grounds). We heard concerns from the community when we first raised this in 2019 and have engaged expert landscape architects to ensure we can achieve a development and retain green space, enhanced recreational areas and safe areas to live.

The concept proposed in this consultation process works on the idea of building a variety of low to medium density housing on 60% of the land, and keeping 40% for a green corridor, green spaces and enhanced recreational spaces (playgrounds).

If the community supports the development, Council will continue consulting with Iwi, neighbours and stake holders as we work through the next stages of reclassifying this land

What do you think?

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These concepts are only a stepping stone to show what could be possible with some good planning. These models work on using 60% of Stoneham Park for low and medium density housing, leaving 40% for enhanced recreational use areas.



Greenwaste Contamination

A reminder to residents there is now a one strike rule. Contaminated bins will be stickered to advise why they weren't collected the first time. However, if contamination is found again, the bin will be confiscated.



Your 240 litre Greenwaste bin can be used for:



- ▶ Lawn clippings
- ▶ Leaves
- ▶ Old plants
- ▶ Soft prunings

Your 240 litre Greenwaste bin cannot be used for:



- ✗ Soil
- ✗ Concrete/bricks
- ✗ Bamboo
- ✗ Food Scraps
- ✗ Plastics
- ✗ General Rubbish
- ✗ Flax/Yucca

Police Update

Kia Ora – It's May already and quite a few changes have happened in New Zealand and around the world since our last update. A bubble opening with Australia and the Cooks is great for the economies along with giving us Kiwi's the option of travelling abroad for a holiday or reconnecting with family and friends.

Although crime is a constant that continues to thrive. Some could be attributed to the impact of Covid-19 which will have an ongoing ripple effect.

In the four weeks ending 12 May, Kawerau had 138 offences recorded including 35 Family Harm, 18 burglaries, seven stolen cars, and six cars broken into and personal possessions taken along with the offenders trying to start them.

Securing your cars, taking out valuables and 'hardening your address' to make it a



less vulnerable target are some of things you can do to lessen the chances of you being a target.

What does 'hardening' mean?

Locks – lock your car, bike, house.

Lights – install sensor lighting or leave a house or outside light on, and

Sight – if you can see it then it's a target so hide valuables away.

For more information visit <https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/personal-community/protectproperty-vehicles>

For Police, our long association with Holden has come to an end, you will still see them on the road along with the Skoda as they roll out to the Districts in the coming months.

Shane Tailby
Sergeant, Kawerau

Life After Cheques Information Session

10.30am Tuesday, 8 June at the Kawerau Library

Most banks and businesses no longer accept cheques. What does this mean for you?

The library is holding an information session to share a little bit about the alternatives to cheques that are available at most banking institutions so you can continue to do your banking with confidence.

Come along to this free session to find out more about:

- ▶ how you can pay your bills
- ▶ what other options there are
- ▶ what all those banking terms mean.

Creative NZ Communities



The application period for Creative NZ Communities grant scheme has been extended until 28 May 2021.

Due to COVID-19 and the lack of applications, there is currently nearly \$20,000 worth of funding available to eligible organisations or individuals.

For further information please phone the Administration Officer through the Council office on 07 306 9009 or by email to office@kaweraudc.govt.nz.

Reminder

Check our Council Facebook page for the latest updates and information. You don't have to be a Facebook user – you can simply type in the address in your browser:

www.facebook.com/KawerauDistrictCouncil

Or visit our Council website for information, and the supporting documents behind the Long Term Plan 2021 – 2031. www.kaweraudc.govt.nz

Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village



PORRITT GLADE LIFESTYLE VILLAGE

At the last Council meeting, Council approved the construction of a further seven units at Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village with the plan to complete these by December 2021.

For more information about Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village, please contact Council on

07 306 9009 or email kaweraudc@kaweraudc.govt.nz

Council Office Hours

From Wednesday, 2 June the Council Office opening hours will change every Wednesday with the offices opening at 8.30am.

Council Opening Hours
(from 2 June '21)

Monday	8:00am to 5:00pm
Tuesday	8:00am to 5:00pm
Wednesday	8.30am to 5.00pm
Thursday	8.00am to 5.00pm
Friday	8.00am to 5.00pm

