

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

25 JUNE 2021



## from the Mayor

We wish to thank everyone who took the time to make a submission to the Long Term Plan 2021-2031.

Council received some 80 submissions from residents, stakeholders and organisations. On Tuesday, we heard from 20 submitters who spoke to their submissions at the Hearing for the Long Term Plan 2021-2031. Submissions covered a range of issues, but mainly focused on the three consultation topics in the Consultation Document:

1. Replace 48km of the old drinking water pipes over the next six years. Council will borrow \$12 million to complete this (Council's preferred option).
2. Use sales proceeds from the residential developments to keep the rates increase to 5.1% in year one of the Long Term Plan (Council's preferred option).
3. Grow Our District by developing Stoneham Park (the old Soccer Club grounds) (Council's preferred option). Council propose a range of freehold lot sizes and a variety of housing including multi-generational, single and double-storey in keeping with the aesthetics of the area and landscape. The concept proposes developing 60% of the 5.42 hectares into residential areas, leaving 40% as green space and enhanced recreational areas. If the community supports the concept, Council undertakes to continue consulting with stakeholders and neighbours about

the development, including; Development area, lot sizes, variety of housing, roading and traffic management, parks and green spaces, lighting and the layout of the sub division. In parallel, Council will commence the land reclassification process.

We will continue to work through the suggestions and issues raised at the Council Meeting next Tuesday 29 June. The timeline is to adopt the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 by 27 July 2021.

As we approach the end of June, the closure of the Norske Skog Tasman paper mill will signal an end of an era. We wish to acknowledge the input and contribution of the company and its people to the Kawerau District during its operation.

The impacts of the closure on the community and Council are still being clarified. However, we know the Kawerau District will work through these issues with the same resilience and innovation shown in the past.

In addition, the economic development initiatives already in progress (with the development of industrial land and infrastructure) to attract new business and industry to Kawerau will serve us well.

Finally, as the threat of COVID-19 remains, I wish to encourage people to consider vaccination, which we can access here in Kawerau.

- **Malcolm Campbell, Mayor**

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This week some our Rangatahi are busy planting native trees at Stoneham Walk and the cemetery as part of work experience. Pictured are students from the Tuwharetoa Ki Kawerau To Ara Mahi programme and Kawerau District Council Parks and Reserves Team Leader Tania James (second from left).

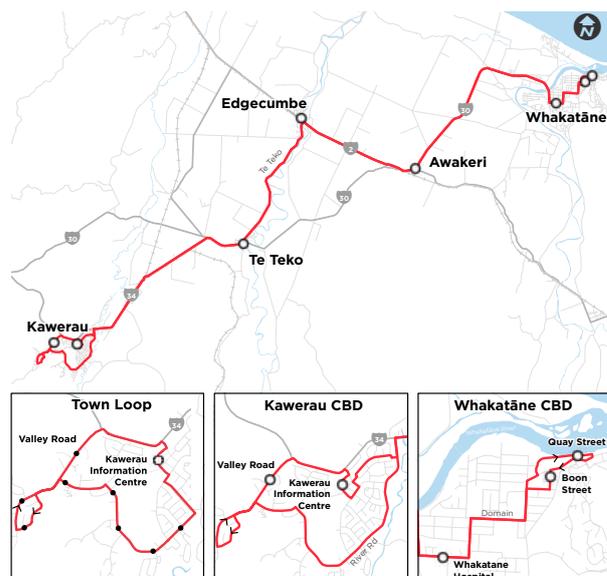


# 135 BAY HOPPER BUS AND TIMETABLE

## Did You Know?

- ▶ The new Bay Hopper bus service runs on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday (excluding public holidays).
- ▶ The bus goes to Whakatane four times a day (see the timetable).
- ▶ It also does a loop of the district from 12.45pm on the four days it operates.
- ▶ BEE Cards are available for purchase \$5 at the Kawerau i-SITE.
- ▶ BEE cards can be topped up online with a credit or debit card, or with cash on the bus.
- ▶ The bus service will do drop-offs and pick-ups throughout the route in Kawerau.
- ▶ See the map and detailed timetable for approximate pick-up and drop-off times in the District and along the route.

Maps and detailed timetables of the stops around the Kawerau District are available at the Council Offices, i-SITE, the Council website and [www.baybus.co.nz](http://www.baybus.co.nz)



## In Briefs

### Pedestrian Crossing trial for Tarawera High School

The new pedestrian crossing has been installed near Tarawera High School.

Situated at 77 River Road, the placement of the pedestrian crossing has been made in conjunction with Tarawera High School Principal and Board of Trustees.

For now, this crossing will be a trial with painted lines across the road, and include a pram crossing on either side of the road (similar to driveways). This will enable easier access for people with prams and wheelchairs.

The signage and lines are now completed and motorists are asked to proceed with caution around the time of the school opening and closing.

As an incentive for students, there will be a 'caught being good' incentive with 'mana' bands that students can redeem



at the canteen. There will be patrols of the crossing by the Police Community Constables and Tarawera High School. Motorists are also going to be rewarded with lollipops during the patrolled times.

## Digital Session from the Library



### BETTER DIGITAL FUTURES for Seniors

#### Want to build confidence and discover what you can do on the internet?

Kawerau District Library is offering another four-week Digital Session starting on Tuesday, 27 July from 10.00am to 12.00 noon at the Kawerau Library.

The initiative is thanks to the partnership between the Kawerau District Library and Digital Inclusion Alliance Aotearoa.

- ▶ Build confidence and discover what you can do on the internet through our free digital skills course.
- ▶ Get help going online.
- ▶ Learn new skills and build confidence with computers and the internet – free.
- ▶ Courses are offered in a safe, friendly environment at Kawerau Library.
- ▶ Anyone aged 65-plus is welcome to join.
- ▶ Course covers introduction to digital devices, the internet, email and browsing the web.

4 weekly sessions starting Tuesday July 27, 10.00am – 12.00 noon at Kawerau Library

Class size is limited to eight. Feel free to bring your own device - smartphone, tablet, laptop.

For details, talk to Wendy Montrose at the library or phone 07 3069041.



## In Briefs

### Maurie Kjar Memorial Pool Complex



The new steam line feed from the bore to the heat exchanger was completed, although there were lower temperatures in the main pool at the Maurie Kjar Memorial Pool Complex. Investigations of the bore found that the feed pressure is slowly decreasing although it should

be sufficient for at least another decade. Since that investigation, the operations team have discovered and cleared a blockage within the system and the pool temperature is back to its 32 to 36 C winter temp.

Thanks to the pool users for your patience while work is completed on the new entranceway. The pool entry has been moved to the double gates closer to the Kawerau Bowling Club.

### Kawerau Library and Museum

Staff have been working on the No. 3 Paper Machine display which will now be adapted to include the Norske Skog Tasman operations following the announcement of its closure.

### Backhoe to process Greenwaste

A Caterpillar Backhoe has been purchased to process bio-solids and other waste at the RIB (Retention Infiltration Basins). The machine will also serve as a back-up to equipment at the Transfer Station and other areas which could utilise the backhoe.

### Two Unchlorinated Outlets

The two unchlorinated outlets are still being used by the public with 11.6m<sup>2</sup> and 26.5m<sup>2</sup> water taken from the Pumphouse and the Town Centre taps respectively.

### Damage around the district

Damage to fences at Tarawera Park have been repaired. There were 24 incidences of graffiti covering some 20m<sup>2</sup> which was removed from Council property.

### Dog Registration Renewals

Its dog registration time and invoices have been emailed and posted out to residents who own dogs.

**Registration fees must be paid by 31 July this year.**

You will need to know your dog identification number (which is on the registration renewal form). You can complete the registration process:

- ▶ Online via the Council's website [www.kaweraudc.govt.nz](http://www.kaweraudc.govt.nz)
- ▶ At the Council Offices
- ▶ By credit or debit card over the phone 07 306 9009



### Toby Replacements

The Toby replacement programme continues and 21 were replaced in May.

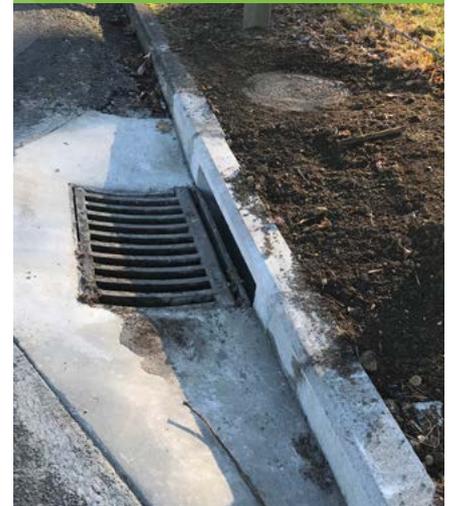
### Parks and Reserves

The winter annual beddings and the Town Centre plantings were completed. The team has also cleaned up Manuka at Stoneham Walk. Replacement of the cemetery fence has also started.

### Central Cove

Ten sections have sold at Central Cove, the Council housing development at the former Central School grounds. Another 13 sections are under contract or in serious discussions.

### Cesspit Replacements



One hundred cesspits have been identified for replacement within the district. Twenty five cesspits were replaced in May and a further 25 will be replaced in June.

### Council Office Hours

#### Reminder

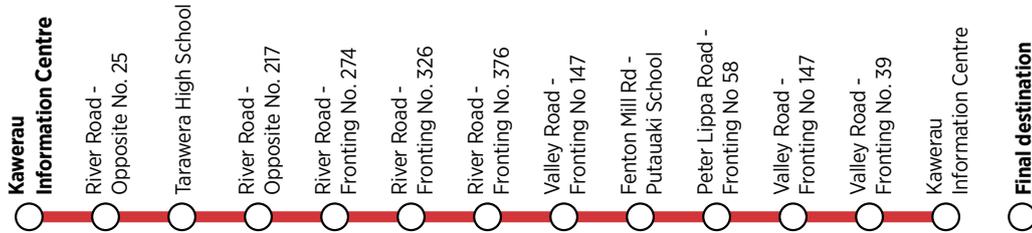
The Council Offices open at 8:30am on a Wednesday morning.

All other days remain 8:00am until 5:00pm opening.

NZ AA services are open from 8:30am until 4:30pm daily.



### 135 Kawerau Bus Stops to Te Teko, Edgecumbe, Awakeri & Whakatane



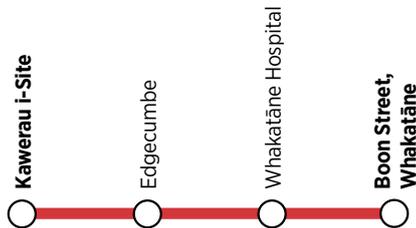
#### Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday except public holidays

Picking up from listed bus stops at the approximate times below

AM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7:00	WHAKATANE
	-	9:10	9:11	9:12	9:13	9:13	9:4	9:15	9:16	9:17	9:18	9:19	9:20	WHAKATANE	
	-	11:45	11:46	11:47	11:48	11:48	11:49	11:50	11:51	11:52	11:53	11:54	11:55	ON TO KAWERAU TOWN LOOP	
TOWN LOOP	12:45	-	-	12:50	12:52	12:55	12:57	1:00	1:05	1:08	1:12	1:16	1:20	WHAKATANE	
PM	-	3:30	3:31	3:32	3:33	3:33	3:34	3:35	3:36	3:37	3:38	3:39	3:40	WHAKATANE	
	-	6:03	6:04	6:05	6:05	6:05	6:06	6:06	6:07	6:07	6:08	6:09	6:10	FINISHED	

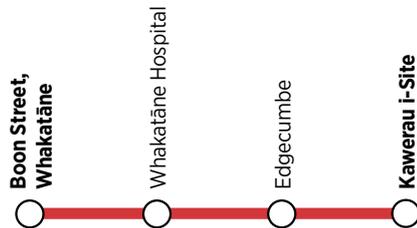
Please note that times provided are estimates only. Please be at your bus stop at least 5 minutes before the expected departure time.

#### Kawerau to Whakatāne



AM	7:00	7:20	7:50	8:05
AM	9:40	10:00	10:30	10:40
Town Loop departs from Kawerau i-Site at 12.45pm				
PM	1:20	1:40	2:10	2:25
PM	4:00	4:20	4:50	5:05

#### Whakatāne to Kawerau



AM	8:10	8:20	8:50	9:20
AM	10:45	10:55	11:25	11:55
Town Loop departs from Kawerau i-Site at 12.45pm				
PM	2:30	2:40	3:10	3:40
PM	5:10	5:20	5:50	6:10

#### FARES

	Kawerau		Te Teko		Edgecumbe		Awakeri		Whakatāne	
	Adult	Conc	Adult	Conc	Adult	Conc	Adult	Conc	Adult	Conc
Kawerau	\$3.40	\$2.00	\$4.40	\$2.60	\$4.40	\$2.60	\$4.40	\$2.60	\$7.60	\$4.60
Te Teko	\$4.40	\$2.60	-	-	\$3.40	\$2.00	\$3.40	\$2.00	\$4.40	\$2.60
Edgecumbe	\$4.40	\$2.60	\$3.40	\$2.00	-	-	\$3.40	\$2.00	\$4.40	\$2.60
Awakeri	\$4.40	\$2.60	\$3.40	\$2.00	\$3.40	\$2.00	-	-	\$4.40	\$2.60
Whakatāne	\$7.60	\$4.60	\$4.40	\$2.60	\$4.40	\$2.60	\$4.40	\$2.60	\$3.40	\$2.00