

# COMMUNITY PĀNUI | UPDATE

7 MAY 2024

## Anzac Day 2024

**On 25 April, Council, in conjunction with the RSA, Veteran's Affairs and Rautahi Marae held the annual ANZAC 2024 remembrance ceremony. The ceremony began at dawn with residents and distinguished guests gathering outside the Kawerau ex-Navalmen's Club and marching to Rautahi Marae for the memorial service.**

Guest Speaker Melville Neil Wilson Webb, MBE spoke at the ceremony recounted his time at war and also acknowledged the unsung heroes; those who stayed home and the families impacted by loved ones leaving and coming home from war. The ceremony closed with the Ode of Remembrance, the laying of wreaths and poppies and breakfast at Rautahi Marae.

Council and the organisers would like to extend their appreciation and thanks to all the parties and individuals who helped plan and deliver the ANZAC Dawn Parade and Ceremony, and the community members who took the time to attend.

Special mention to Kawerau Putauaki School, Tūwharetoa Ki Kawerau Hauora, Kawerau Ministers Association, Air Training Corps, The Kawerau Youth Council and the Kawerau Womens RSA for their support with this memorial event



## Annual Plan 2024/25

**If you want to have your say on the Annual Plan for 2024-2025 – please ensure your submission is received by Council by 5pm on Tuesday, 14 May 2024.**

Kawerau District Council is completing an Annual Plan this year from 2024-2025. Council proposes an overall rates increase of 15.1% that maintains our current levels of service.

The weekly increase for each property will vary depending on the individual value of residential, commercial, and industrial properties

Council is proposing to increase the uniform annual general charge (UAGC) from \$850 to \$950 in 2024-2025.

Submission forms were sent with the latest rates instalments; they are also available on the Council website or at the library, isite or Council Offices.

If you wish to present your submission in person to the Mayor and elected members, the Annual Plan Hearing will take place on Wednesday, 22 May 2024 from 9am. Contact Council to book a suitable time.

*Kōrero mai  
Let's talk*

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## Rangi Delamere Centre *reopening*

**Hundreds gathered to be part of the official reopening of the Rangi Delamere Centre recently. Heteraka Chris Hall of St Gerard's Catholic Church opened with a karakia | prayer in front of the outside sign before getting revealed by Her Worship the Mayor Faylene Tunui and Kauri Thornton (brother to Rangi Delamere). The Rangi Delamere sign was made and installed by Flame Cut Profiles Kawerau.**

Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau Kaumātua and Council Cultural Advisor Te Haukakawa Te Rire uncovered the carving at the northern entrance, which was completed by Heke Collier. Paul Delamere (nephew of Rangi Delamere) talked about what the carving represents.

The third unveiling was a photo and a plaque dedicated to Rangi Delamere by mokopuna (and daughter of eldest son Larry), Kim Delamere Westrup who read the plaque that listed Rangi Delamere's many achievements and contributions to Kawerau and the Eastern Bay community.

As the mihi whakatau | welcome continued there were speeches from Iwi, special guests and family of Rangi Delamere who all demonstrated the admiration and love everyone had for Rangi Delamere.

Council acknowledges and thanks NZCT (NZ Community Trust) for their generosity and support of \$300,000 towards the rebuild of the Rangi Delamere Centre.

Council also wishes to thank and acknowledge the community, the Delamere whānau, special guests; Ngāti Tūwharetoa Ki Kawerau (BOP), Waikato BOP Netball Zone Aimee Te Whata for attending; Hammer Hardware, Flame Cut Profiles Kawerau Council staff and Tūtawake Kapa Haka .

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1. Mayor Faylene Tunui and Kauri Thornton revealing the Rangi Delamere Centre sign. 2. Rangi Delamere's mokopuna (daughter of eldest son Larry), Kim Delamere Westrup, unveils and reads the plaque. 3. Left to right Council Cultural Advisor Te Haukawa Te Rire, Paul Delamere (nephew of Rangi Delamere) talking about what the carving represents and Her Worship the Mayor Faylene Tunui. 4. Kawerau Borough Council 1983-86. 5. Tūtawake Kapa Haka group Haka. 6. Everyone who attended the reopening of the Rangi Delamere Centre. 7. Kawerau Netball Courts 28 June 2011, 8. Rautahi Marae chairman Te Waraki Te Ruki with Mayor Faylene Tunui and Councillor Berice Julian. 9. Her Worship Mayor Faylene Tunui with Richard Collier of the former Kawerau Tennis Association and Puti Coates of former Kawerau Netball Association. 10. Rangi Delamere receiving flowers at the naming of the Rangi Delamere Courts.

# COUNCIL BRIEFS

## Dog Fees

Dog registration fees are increasing from July 1, 2024, by 4.7% (rate of inflation). The decision to increase the fees by 4.7% was made at a Council Meeting on Wednesday, April 24, 2024. Dog registration fees contribute 14.4% of the total dog control activity costs.

### The new fees will be:

- Neutered (de-sexed) dog \$42 (\$2 increase from \$40).
- Entire (unneutered) dog \$84 (\$4 increase from \$80).

**Dog registration fees are due for payment by 5pm, 31 July 2024.**

**Check the Council website for a full list of 2024-2025 dog fees.**



## Water trunk main replacement success

Recently, Kawerau District Council and Loveridge contractors undertook major water pipe replacement work on the trunk main from the reservoirs at Monika Lanham Reserve to the reticulation that services residents.

## Congratulation Putauaki Trust

On Thursday 28 March Putauaki Trust opened a new office 'Te Whare Ohaaki' in Tamaoho Drive in Kawerau. Mayor Faylene Tunui attended the event on behalf of Council. The opening recognised current trustees and inaugural trustees who have recently passed Tamaoho Waaka Vercoe and Anaru Rangihueua.



## Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Constituencies) Amendment Bill

Thank you to the everyone who filled out our early engagement survey for the Representation Review. We appreciate the time that more than 70 people took to have their say.

Council is completing a representation review following the introduction of Māori representation (via Māori wards). Council must complete the review by September 2024 for the upcoming election in 2025.

Last month, the coalition government announced the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Constituencies) Amendment Bill would be enacted by late July 2024. The Bill will restore the pre-2021 poll provisions and mean (once the Bill is law) Council will need to:

- **Rescind the decision to introduce Māori wards at the 2025 election OR**
- **Proceed with Māori wards in place for the 2025 to 2028 period AND Carry out a binding poll at the 2025 elections**

The outcome of the public vote will remain in place for the 2028 and 2031 triennial periods.

Council will keep the community informed.

## Fluoridation extension sought

At a meeting on Wednesday April 24, Council unanimously agreed to request an extension from the Director General of Health to the deadline to fluoridate Kawerau's drinking water.

The original directive from the Director General of Health to Council in July 2022, had a 30 June 2024 deadline. Council will now request an extension to this deadline.

Council acknowledges the petition by 723 residents opposing the directive to fluoridate received by Council on 13 December 2023, and further requests in writing and in person at recent public forums.

Although Council cannot consult on the directive – that power is for the Ministry of Health and Director General of Health to exercise, Council is mindful that that members of the community take a firm view on the merits or otherwise of the directive and the issue of fluoridation.

Council will keep residents informed of the request to extend this deadline.

## Meetings and important dates

### May 9, 10am

'Drop-in' session to discuss the Annual Plan and Representation Review at the Kawerau Markets, Circus Paddock

(Please note: if the Kawerau Markets are cancelled due to the weather, the 'drop-in' session will be held in the Concert Chamber.)

### May 14, 5pm

Annual Plan 2024-2025 Annual Plan 2024-2025 submission period closes

### May 15, 9am

Regulatory and Services Committee, followed by an Extraordinary Meeting

### May 22, 9am

Extraordinary Meeting for the Annual Plan 2024-2025 Hearing for submitters

### May 29, 9am

Ordinary Council Meeting

### 10 June, 1pm

Audit and Risk Committee

### 12 June, 9am

Regulatory and Services Committee

### 26 June

Council adopts Annual Plan 2024-2025