

Community Pānui Update

21 AUGUST 2025

LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS 2025

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Notice Of Day Of Election And Poll For The Kawerau District Council



NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

Notice is given under section 65 of the Local Electoral Act 2001 that the following persons have been duly nominated as candidates for

Mayorality (1 Vacancy)

ION, Carolyn
TUNUI, Faylene Karen Ngareta

Council District Wide (2 Vacancies)

ANDREWS, Wayne
ION, Carolyn
JULIAN, Berice Joyce
KINGI, Sela

General Ward (3 Vacancies)

DRUMMOND, Melissa Joy
HILL, Tracy-Ann (Independent)
KENNEDY, Lyndal
ROSS, Justin
WORSLEY, Anthony Ross

Kawerau Māori Ward (3 Vacancies)

APIATA, Waikite
DOWIE, Mal
HOWARD, Lyzette
LEOKAVA-TAANI, Gloria Te Paki

As there are (for each office) more candidates than there are vacancies to be filled, an election will be held between the listed candidates on Saturday, 11 October 2025, under the First Past the Post electoral system by postal vote.

Order of candidate names

The Kawerau District Council has resolved under regulation 31 of the Local Electoral Regulations 2001 to adopt the alphabetical order of candidate names to appear on the voting documents.

Māori Ward Poll

Notice is also given under section 65 of the Local Electoral Act 2001, that the Kawerau District Council is required to hold a poll on its Māori ward in conjunction with its 2025 elections. The poll will be held on Saturday, 11 October 2025 under the First Past the Post electoral system by postal vote.

The outcome of the poll will be binding and apply for the 2028 and 2031 triennial elections.

The poll is a vote to KEEP or REMOVE the Kawerau District Council's Māori ward.

Issuing of voting documents

Voting documents will be posted to electors from Tuesday, 9 September 2025.

Return of voting documents

Voting documents must be returned not later than noon, Saturday, 11 October 2025 to the electoral officer.

Voting documents can be returned by post or hand delivered at the following locations during normal business hours between Tuesday, 9 September 2025 and Friday 10 October 2025.

On Saturday, 11 October 2025 voting papers can be dropped to:

District Office, 2 Ranfurly Court, Kawerau 8:00am - noon

District Library, Jellicoe Court, Kawerau 10:00am - noon

Kawerau New World, Tarawera Court, Kawerau. 7:30am - noon

Special voting

Special voting in terms of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and the Local Electoral Regulations 2001 may be exercised at the District Office, 2 Ranfurly Court, Kawerau, during normal business hours between

Tuesday, 9 September 2025 and Friday 10 October 2025 and between 8:00am - noon on Saturday, 11 October 2025, or by phoning the electoral office on 0800 922 822.

A person can apply to enrol as either a residential or ratepayer elector right up to and including Friday, 10 October 2025 – the day before the close of voting.

Dale Ofoske, Electoral Officer

Kawerau District Council 2 Ranfurly Court, Kawerau

6 August 2025



Upcoming Meet the Candidates events

Kawerau has four Meet the Candidates events scheduled this year!

- 📍 Rotary Club of Kawerau, Tuesday 2 September, 6:15pm – 8:15pm, Firmin Lodge (doors open at 6pm)
- 📍 Grey Power Kawerau and Districts, 1:30pm Friday 12 September, Concert Chamber
- 📍 It's in the Ballot, Saturday 13 September, starting at 10am, Town Hall, Kawerau
- 📍 Kawerau Mayoral Debate, 11:10am Wednesday 17 September, Radio 1XX Day Show

These events are a great way to make informed decisions, before you cast your vote, for the 2025 Local Body Elections. Come along and hear where candidates stand on important issues affecting the district.

For more information about these events, please visit our Council website.



Can your dog be identified?

Recently, there have been more roaming dogs in our district. Please make sure your property is secure, to prevent your beloved pets from getting out and wandering.

If your dog does escape and is not registered or microchipped, there is no way of knowing who the owner is or what address they belong to.

Wandering dogs that are not registered or microchipped will end up in the pound, and Council won't know who the owner is.

If your dog needs to be microchipped, it costs \$18.50. Please contact Council on 07 306 9009, to book an appointment.

It is important to be able to identify the dog and know who the owner is.

We understand losing your dog is worrying and we would much rather they are snuggled up by your fire, at the end of the day.

Applications open for Community Grant Scheme

If you are a non-profit group or organisation, seeking funding to deliver a service to benefit the Kawerau district – the Kawerau Community Grant Scheme is here, to help you!

The Community Grant Scheme for 2025 – 2026 is now open.

More information about the Community Grant Scheme, application and accountability forms are available online on our website Kaweraudc.govt.nz and to pick up from the Council Offices.

Applications for funding must be submitted in writing and received by 5pm on Friday 5 September.



Important dates and meetings

Anytime Check vote.nz or call 0800 36 76 56 so you are enrolled to vote or stand in elections

Wednesday 27 August, 9am Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 9 September – Friday 22 September Voting documents delivered by post

Wednesday 10 September, 9am Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting

Wednesday 24 September, 9am Ordinary Council Meeting

Monday 6 October Start of the Maurie Kjar Aquatic Centre Annual maintenance closure

Tuesday 7 October Last day for posting your vote by mail. After this date votes must be dropped to the secure ballot boxes at Council Office, District Library or Kawerau New World

Saturday 11 October 12 noon Last day to vote in the Local Body Elections and Māori Ward Poll: Drop your voting papers to the Council Offices, District Library or Kawerau New World

Friday 17 October Declaration of results