

MĀNAWATIA A MATARIKI

# COMMUNITY UPDATE



13 JULY 2023

## Congratulations to our Community Award Recipients during Matariki

In 2015, Kawerau District Council developed a system of annual community awards to formally recognise people who have made significant contributions – substantial effort, often over a sustained period of time – which enhances the well-being of Kawerau people and improves the District. The date for this year’s Community Awards was chosen as it coincided with the celebration of Matariki; a special occasion in Aotearoa | New Zealand that welcomes in the Māori New Year. The Community Award Ceremony began with a karakia and welcome from Ngāti Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau Kaumātua and Iwi Liaison Advisor Te Haukākawa (Boycie) Te Rire. After the karakia and blessing, the recipients for this year’s awards were recognised.



### Congratulations to all our Community Award Recipients;

#### VOLUNTEER WORK

- Barry and Gloria White.
- Marina Peni
- Sandy Stonell

#### GROUP CONTRIBUTION

- Maggies Op Shop (Accepted by Christine Larsen on behalf of the team)

#### COMMUNITY IMPACT

- Jenny Reynolds
- Stewart and Lylla-Grace Marsh

The Award Ceremony concluded with waiata | songs from Kawerau artist Nikau Grace and a shared morning tea.



*Group Photo: Standing: Councillor (Cr) J Ross, Mayor F Tunui, Awards Committee Community Representative Bill Gibson, Deputy Mayor A Rangihika, Ngāti Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau Kaumātua & Iwi Liaison Advisor Te Haukākawa (Boycie) Te Rire, Cr W Godfrey.*

*Seated: Christine Larsen, Marina Peni, Jenny Reynolds, Barry White, Gloria White, Sandy Stonell, Lylla Grace Marsh and Stewart Marsh.*

*Left: Ngāti Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau Kaumātua and Council Cultural Advisor Te Haukākawa (Boycie) Te Rire opening the ceremony with a karakia.*

*Middle: Community Impact Award Recipients Stewart and Lylla-Grace Marsh with Mayor, Faylene Tunui.*

*Right: Volunteer Work award recipient Marina Peni with her son Dean Peni and Awards Committee Community Representative Bill Gibson.*

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# Mahere ā tau Proposed Annual Plan 2023-2024 Adopted

The Mahere ā Tau|Annual Plan 2023-2024 was adopted by Council on Wednesday 28 June 2023 for the 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 year ahead.

## The key areas were:

- Overall rates increase of 8.2%
- Increase of Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) to \$850
- Fees and charges increase for most Council facilities and services

Most of Council's fees and charges have risen by the rate of inflation (around 7%). However, reviews of two areas showed that ratepayers were subsidising the use of these areas. In these areas fees were raised to cover the actual increases as follows:

## Solid Waste charges

Fees at the Kawerau Transfer Station have risen to cover the combined increases of the government waste levy rising from \$20 per tonne to \$50 per tonne and higher transportation costs to remove the refuse to the Tirohia Landfill.

Council has raised these fees so that users who dispose of Solid Waste at the Transfer Station cover the costs of the processing and disposal.

## Firmin Lodge fees

The fees for hireage of Firmin Lodge Adventure Hub have also risen by more than the rate of inflation. This is due to short-term hireage not covering the cleaning and booking costs. Council has set minimum hireage fees to ensure that all users of Firmin Lodge cover the full costs of hireage. The casual occupancy rate now starts at \$275. In raising these fees, Council noted that there are other facilities in the district available for short-term hire at lower costs including Bert Hamilton Hall, Concert Chamber and Town Hall.

## Long Term Plan feedback

Every three years residents help us build our 10 year plan and work programme. This is what we call our Long Term Plan. The earlier we can begin understanding what matters to you and the district and what the Council should be focused on to achieve this – the better.

Keep an eye out for our upcoming Long Term Plan feedback loop – which will be via hard copy (in upcoming newsletters) and also online via our website and social media pages.

The formal consultation process for the Long Term Plan will begin in 2024, with the invitation for you to guide, advise, confirm or challenge our programme of work plan through the consultation and submission process during this time.

## Monika Lanham Walkway Open

Heavy rain earlier in the year damaged the steps leading up to Opunoke the summit of Monika Lanham Reserve. The steps and the walkway are repaired and open to the public.

## Bylaw Update

Kawerau resident Debbie Simpson (pictured) is a registered poultry owner in Kawerau and owns three chickens who were rescued in a poor condition. Debbie has been keeping the chooks well-fed, safe from predators, and has nursed them back to health. The three chooks (Kath, Tuk Tuk and Roadrunner) now live happy and healthy lives as pets. The chooks also stay nice and safe in their awesome new coop, recently built by Debbie's brother-in-law.

For residents that have poultry already or any people considering poultry, a reminder that the Council recently amended the Control of Stock, Poultry and Bees' Bylaw to remove the annual fee. Council has written to all owners registered to advise them of this change.



**Dog Registration and  
Due Date for Payment**



Dog registration forms were sent out in early June via post or email (depending on how owners wish to receive the notices). Unfortunately, some dog owners have advised that they did not receive the registrations by email. Council has re-sent those registrations forms.

Dog owners have until **31 July 2023** to pay the registration fees. After this date, penalties are added. Please contact Council if you didn't receive your registration notice, or to arrange payment on 07 306 9009 or via the website payment portal.



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FOR KAWERAU**

**Download the free Antenno app from Google Play Store or Apple App Store**

- Add your “places” (i.e., Kawerau, your home address and any other districts you visit). This enables you to receive our latest updates.
- If you notice an issue somewhere in the district (i.e. a tree down) head to the ‘Report It’ tab and then follow the steps to send the issue through to us!

If you need help to download or use the app – call into the Kawerau isite, Kawerau District Library adult programmes officer Sue Gould and the Council Office.

## How’s your wai | water?

Are you still having any issues with discoloured water at your house?

Our Three Waters team need to hear from you if you are.

It appears that the issue was the higher levels of manganese in Te Wai o Marukaa (Pumphouse Spring) which are likely through the huge rainfall.

Currently, we are only using water from Tarawera Bores into all three reservoirs – which seems to have fixed the issue.

Keep in touch with us – contact Council on 07 306 9009 any time (press 2 for Duty Supervisor if after hours).

## 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 could assist.

The first round of Community Grant Scheme funding applications for the 2023-2024 financial year is open.

Further details about the Community Grant Scheme, Application Forms and Accountability Forms are available on our website at [www.kaweraudc.govt.nz](http://www.kaweraudc.govt.nz) or from the Council Office.

Applications for funding must be submitted in writing and received by 5.00pm on Wednesday 2 August 2023.

## Shout out to our newsletter delivery crews



A huge thank you to the Kawerau Community Patrol who have been delivering the Council Community Update. The Community Patrol team has been doing a sterling job but have decided to give members a welcome break and stick to their night and weekend watch work. Kadap – Kawerau and Districts Ageing in Place

are continuing to deliver the newsletters once a month and we greatly appreciate their support.

Council would like to acknowledge and welcome on board Tarawera High School’s delivery crews. These students are fundraising for various sports and extra-curricular activities this year and we thank them and their kaiako | teachers in advance for their support.

## Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Group Plan draft

**You can now have your say about the draft Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Plan.**

The Group Plan is a strategic document that outlines how the Bay of Plenty CDEM Group works with the community before, during and after emergencies.

It includes our vision and future direction for Civil Defence and Emergency Management across the region.

The plan doesn’t include operational information on how we will respond to individual hazards such as floods, earthquakes and tsunamis across different parts of the region; Emergency management and council teams have separate operational plans for different elements of emergency risk reduction, readiness, response and recovery.

Those plans are always being revised and fine-tuned, but the Group Plan is designed to chart our strategic course for the next five years.

Submission are now open until 5pm, 13 August 2023.

For more information, please check Council website [www.kaweraudc.govt.nz](http://www.kaweraudc.govt.nz) or [www.participate.bopec.govt.nz](http://www.participate.bopec.govt.nz) groupplan

**Have your say**





Volunteer Work Awardees: Gloria and Barry White with Council PA to the Mayor and CE | Awards Event Organiser, Pari Maxwell



1. Volunteer Work Awardee: Sandy Stonell with Mayor, Faylene Tunui



2. Group Contribution Awardee: Christine Larsen (Maggie's Op Shop)



3. Kawerau Artist Nikau Grace



4. Attendees of the Award Ceremony



Community Impact Awardee: Jenny Reynolds with Te Haukawa (Boycie) Te Rire



Matariki Community Award Recipients with Councillors, Friends and Whānau

## Hardie Avenue Area Dewatering

Work has now been completed on the passive drainage systems in the area to help move the ground water.

In addition, Bay of Plenty Regional Council has given permission for residents to use the stormwater system to drain their properties.

Council is now planning to install a drain on the side of Hilldale Reserve.

Then work will start on the dewatering drains for the area of River Road by Transfer Station Road.

Temporary fixes of the big potholes have been done, but until the drainage is in – it's likely these potholes could resurface due to the water under the road.

We appreciate your patience with this.

## Upcoming Mānawatia a Matariki Events and Meetings

**Ongoing Kawerau isite Matariki Hikoi** | Walk on Foot

Nine checkpoints on the hikoi each represent one of the nine stars of Matariki. Pop into the iSITE for a brochure.

**12 July Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting**, 9am

**Sir James Fletcher Kawerau Museum Exhibition**

(located on Jellicoe court, inside the Kawerau District Library) "Kia Whakatōmuri te haere whakamura- I walk backwards into the future with my eyes fixed on my past"

11:00am opening ceremony

**Matariki Film Screening Mauri** (1998) Directed by Merata Mita (Ngāti Pikiao, Ngāi Te Rangī). (90min).

(PG Parental Guidance Recommended) 1:30pm

Concert Chamber; Film courtesy of Te Tumu

Whakaata Taonga New Zealand Film Commission

**13 July Matariki Morning Tea with the Mayor for Seniors**

10am Town Hall, Ranfurly Court Kawerau

**14 July Matariki Public holiday (Council Office Closed)**

**Tiroiro Whetū o Matariki Ki Kawerau Hautapu**

at Opunoke the summit of Monika Lanham

Reserve 5am at Opunoke, the summit of Monika

Lanham Reserve to remember those who have passed and view the stars.

Light breakfast afterwards Concert Chamber

(please join us at the breakfast, even if you are not able to make it to the event at the summit)

**Kawerau industrial public open day**

10am to 2pm, Manukorihi Drive, Kawerau. Event

to showcase industrial businesses in Kawerau and

promote rangatahi | youth joining the work force.

Hosted by Industrial Symbiosis Kawerau, Mayors

Taskforce for Jobs and Kawerau Youth Council.

**19 July Ordinary Council Meeting**, 9am

**Matariki Film Screening, Ngāti** (1987) Directed

by Barry Barclay (Ngāti Apa). (93 min). (PG)

1.30pm, Concert Chamber Kawerau

**20 July Porritt Glade Lifestyle Village completion celebration and open day;**

Piripiri Crescent, Kawerau

Karakia and Completion Celebration 9am;

Open Day – view the village and a completed unit 11am and 5pm