

Community

Pānui Update

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TRANSFER STATION CHANGES FOR WHITEWARE

A new process for accepting whiteware has been put in place for the Kawerau Transfer Station. The reason for the new process, is that certain items of whiteware (like fridges and freezers) have fluorinated gases that need to be safely and removed by certified tradespeople.

Council has now put an agreement in place with a local business that will complete this process for whiteware at the Transfer Station. However, this means there will be a charge of \$47 per item which pays for the de-gassing to be completed.

On arrival, please check in with our Transfer Station staff to ensure that your whiteware does not contain the F-gases, which are harmful to the environment, and cannot be disposed of in the residual waste (the pit) or in the metal recycling collection bin (without first having the F-gases removed).

THESE ITEMS CONTAIN FLUORINATED GASES AND ARE ACCEPTED WITH A FEE OF \$47 PER ITEM:



- ✓ Airconditioning unit
- ✓ Dehumidifier
- ✓ Fridge
- ✓ Freezer

THESE ITEMS ARE ACCEPTED FREE OF CHARGE: WHITEWARE - ZERO COST (METAL BIN)



- ✓ Ovens
- ✓ Toaster
- ✓ Dishwasher
- ✓ Washing Machine
- ✓ Stove
- ✓ Microwave Oven
- ✓ Range Hood
- ✓ Dryer
- ✓ Cooktops
- ✓ Kettle
- ✓ Blender
- ✓ Coffee Machine
- ✓ Vacuum Cleaner

Thank you, LOCAL WATER DONE WELL SUBMITTERS

At the extraordinary meeting on 18 June, 2025 Council received 107 submissions. 103 submitters or 92% want Council to deliver drinking, stormwater and wastewater services to the district. Thank you to all our submitters, and a special thank you to Patrick Condon and Jane Richards for presenting to the Mayor and Elected Members. Council greatly appreciates the speakers conveying their submission points, Council confirmed the preference of continuing to deliver water services via an in-house business unit. Additionally, Council will continue to explore collaboration opportunities with its partners in Rotorua Lakes, Whakatāne and Ōpōtiki District Councils.

To view all the submissions or to see the Local Water Done Well hearing for submitters, please visit the Council website. The water service delivery plan must be adopted and submitted to the Department of Internal Affairs, by 3 September 2025.

Notice of Representation Arrangements Review

Basis of Election

On 20 September 2024, Kawerau District Council gave public notice of its final proposal for representation arrangements to apply for the Council for the elections to be held on 11 October 2025.

Notification of the right to appeal was also given. No valid appeals were received in respect of the resolution, therefore the representation arrangements for Kawerau District Council's 2025 local elections will be the same as in the final proposal:

Council representation

The Kawerau District Council to comprise the mayor elected at large and eight councillors, these being:

- (i) **Kawerau Māori Ward**, represented by three Māori ward councillors, with the ward boundaries aligning with the district's boundaries.
- (ii) **Kawerau General Ward**, represented by three general ward councillors, with the ward boundaries aligning with the district's boundaries.
- (iii) In addition, Kawerau District Council will elect two councillors at large.
- b) The number of Māori ward councillors complies with Schedule 1A of the Local Electoral Act 2001.
- c) There being no community boards.

Any queries should be addressed to
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Kawerau District Council

How to change your roll

If you're of Māori descent and enrolling for the first time, you have an important choice to make. You need to decide which electoral roll you want to be on, the general roll or the Māori roll.

Your roll choice affects which candidates you can choose from in parliamentary elections and local elections. It also helps determine the number of Māori and general electorates in future elections.

To change your roll visit www.vote.nz/enrolling/enrol-or-update/enrol-or-update-online/

If you are already enrolled, select I want to check or update, put in your details and then select 'I want to review and update' and verify your identity. Once verified, you can change any of your enrolment details, including your personal information and your roll.

Once you are happy, click declare and then click finish!

You have now updated your roll or information.



Questions about the election?

Wanting to know how to enrol to vote, what ward you can stand for or more information about the upcoming 2025 local elections? Then meet us at the Kawerau Markets on Thursday 3 July 2025 from 10am – 1pm.

We will be joined with the electoral commission team, who will provide more information about the introduction of Māori wards and what that will mean to you! Enrolment and nomination forms will be available.



Important dates and meetings

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

Tuesday 24 June, 5:15pm Candidate Information Evening, Rautahi Marae

Wednesday 25 June 9am Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 1 July, 6pm - 8pm Night Library

Thursday 3 July, 10am – 1pm For more information meet at us the Kawerau Markets

Friday 4 July Candidate nominations open and roll opens for public inspection

Wednesday 9 July 9am Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting

Friday 11 July Māori Roll changes pause (last day to change rolls)

Wednesday 30 July, 9am Ordinary Council Meeting: 9am

Thursday 31 July Dog registration fees are due

Friday 1 August, 12 noon Candidate nominations close

Monday 11 August, 1pm Audit and Risk Committee Meeting

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

Tuesday 7 October Last day for posting your vote by mail. After this date votes must be returned to council's secure ballot boxes

Tuesday 11 October, 12 noon Election Day Voting closes Drop your votes to the Council Offices, Library or Kawerau New World

Friday 17 October Declaration of results

Wednesday 29 October Elected Members' Inauguration Ceremony (Swearing in)