

Community Pānui Update

4 JUNE 2025

LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS 2025

**PŌTI
2025**

NGA PŌTITANGA Ā-ROHE

**ETŪ MŌ TOU HAPORI
ETŪ MŌ TE KAUNIHERA**

**STAND UP FOR YOUR COMMUNITY
STAND FOR COUNCIL**

**VOTE
2025**

LOCAL ELECTIONS

CANDIDATE INFORMATION EVENING

Nau mai, haere mai | All welcome

Are you thinking about standing for the 2025 Local Body Elections?

Come along to the Candidate information evening, Tuesday 24 June from 5:15pm at Rautahi Marae. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about standing for Council and what it means if you are elected.

There will be a presentation from Kawerau District Council's Chief Executive Morgan Godfery and Election Services to help you in the lead up to the election period.

If you think you may be interested, more information is available online on votelocal.co.nz

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR CANDIDATES ON Friday, 4 July and close at 12 noon on Friday, 1 August 2025.

TIMELINE FOR CANDIDATE INFORMATION EVENING

- 5:15pm Arrival
- 5:30pm Presentation by Election Services and Council
- 6:30pm Informal Q&A with light refreshments

CHANGES IN THIS ELECTION

Local Elections are coming up this year and there are some changes about who you can vote for!

If you're of Māori descent, you can choose to enrol on the Māori roll or the general roll. The roll you choose will affect who you can vote for at this year's local elections.

If you are enrolled and would like to change the roll you are on before the local elections, you need to do it by Thursday 10 July 2025.

If you are on the Māori roll you can vote for the Mayor, two district wide councillors and three Māori ward councillors.

If you are on the General roll you can vote for the Mayor, two district wide councillors and three general ward councillors.

Last year, Council decided to retain Māori wards in place for the 2025 local elections. There will be a poll at the 2025 local elections to ask voters if they would like to retain or remove Māori wards.

ELECTION 2025 KEY DATES

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

Friday 4 July

Candidate nominations open and roll opens for public inspection

Friday 11 July

Māori Roll changes pause (last day to change rolls is Thursday 10 July)

Friday 1 August, 12 noon

Candidate nominations close

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

Saturday 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)

Kawerau COMMUNITY AWARD 2025 Nominations Now Open

In celebration of Matariki and the wonderful work that volunteers and organisations do for the Kawerau community, Council is hosting their annual Community Awards. The Kawerau Community Awards will be held as part of the Matariki week celebrations on Wednesday 18 June at 1pm in the Concert Chamber.

The Community Awards acknowledge individuals and/or groups who have made an outstanding contribution to the Community of Kawerau for:

- Voluntary work
- Community Impact
- Group Contribution
- Contribution by a young person

If you know of someone from Kawerau who deserves one of these awards, please collect a nomination form from our Council Office's, library, isite or from our website.

Nomination forms can be returned to the office or emailed to info@kaweraudc.govt.nz

Nominations close on Friday 6 June 2025 at 5pm.

The Awards will be held on Wednesday 18 June at 1pm.

For more information, please contact Council on 07 306 9009 or the website.



Health and safety awards

Recently, Council held the 2025 Health and Safety Awards, to celebrate the excellent work by teams and individuals to keep themselves, their peers and the public safe.



(left to right) Roading and Facilities Manager Janitha Karunaratne, Kawerau's Deputy Mayor Aaron Rangihika, and Customer Services team Tania Ferrier, Paula Webb, Jess Lloyd, Liana Kerei, Regulatory and Operations Administrator Raiha Andrew and Justice Apiata.

Congratulations to:

Roading and Facilities Manager, Janitha Karunaratne for being awarded the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Leader. Janitha was recognised for embedding the importance of everyone's health and safety into his role, promoting Council's vision and a safety-first approach through positive engagement, encouraging incident and near miss reporting and involving his team with continuous improvement.

Regulatory and Operations Administrator, Raiha Andrew received the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Champion Award. Raiha demonstrates a safety-first approach on a daily basis by promoting Council's health and safety policies, assessing risks in decision-making, actively reporting health and safety incidents and embracing continuous improvement.

The Customer Services team was awarded the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Champion Team for demonstrating a safety-first approach to their work and those around them through reporting, investigating and managing health and safety incidents.

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



New World Drinking Tap Update

Since Wednesday, 30 April Council has reinstated the chlorine free drinking water taps at the Kawerau New World carpark for use by the public.

Please note, the water from the taps at the Kawerau New World carpark contains fluoride, as per the direction of the Ministry of Health.

The River Road drinking water taps beside the pumphouse continue to be available for the community, offering chlorine and fluoride-free water.

Water from the River Road drinking water taps has undergone ultra-violet (UV) treatment only to deal with any protozoa, viruses and bacteria that might be present as the water comes out of the springs.

Matariki Tribute Video

As we approach Matariki 2025, we would like to commemorate our loved ones who have passed on since the rising of Matariki in July 2024 to the setting in June 2025.

This special memorial slideshow will be made available during the week of Matariki, so we can all remember our loved ones together. The video will be available on our social media platforms.

Calling out to all our Kawerau community who would like to share this opportunity with us! If you have a loved one who has passed within the last year, and you would like them to be included in the tribute video

please send a **high-resolution photo** and their name to info@kaweraudc.govt.nz or DM us on Facebook messenger by Friday 13 June 2025.

Our Places

Eastern Bay Spatial Plan



Submissions open

During the past decade the Eastern Bay region has experienced a steady rise in population due to lifestyle appeal, improved transport connections, and more people choosing to live and work in smaller, more affordable centres.

Between 2013 and 2023, Kawerau's district population grew by 22%, and in the next 30 years, we estimate we'll need around 650 additional homes.

Our Places – Eastern Bay Spatial Plan is a long-term planning framework that looks at how and where growth should occur across the Eastern Bay region and Kawerau is a relatively small district geographically, it is home to major manufacturing operations, key transport links, and a growing population. But, with limited land, we need to plan carefully, making the most of what we have, and make sure growth happens in a way that benefits current and future generations. Check out the Council website for more information and submission forms at Kaweraudc.govt.nz

Submissions close on Monday 9 June 2025.



Important dates and meetings

Wednesday 9 June, 1pm

Audit and Risk Committee Meeting

Wednesday 9 June

Submissions close for Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan

Wednesday 11 June, 9am

Regulatory and Services Committee Meeting

Wednesday 11 June, 11am

Draft Gambling Venues Policy hearing for submitters to talk to the Mayor and Elected Members.

Wednesday 18 June, 9am

Local Water Done Well hearing for submitters to talk to the Mayor and Elected Members

Tuesday 24 June, 5:15pm

Candidate Information Evening, Rautahi Marae

31 July

Dog registration fees are due



Thank you, Mahere Iwa Tau | Long Term Plan 2025 - 2034 submitters

Thank you to the 23 people who submitted on the Mahere Iwa Tau | Long Term Plan 2025 – 2034 and a special thank you to Bay of Plenty Regional Councillor Malcom Campbell (former Kawerau Mayor) and Sport Bay of Plenty GM Strategic Partnerships Larissa Cuff and Sport BOP Locally Led Advisor Devena Ruwhiu-Edmonds for presenting to the Mayor and Elected Members.



ATTENTION ALL DOG OWNERS

Please take note of the following timeframes for dog registrations.

28 May 2025

Dog registration renewal notices issued

30 June 2025

Dog registration fees are due

1 July 2025

Reminder notices issued that registration is overdue

1 August 2025

Last day for Dog Registration payment to avoid penalties

2 August 2025

Last reminder issued advising 50% penalty added to registration fee.

1 September 2025

Infringements will be issued for all unpaid dog registrations. Dog registration fees are still required to be paid, along with the infringement fee.

1 October 2025

Reminder Noticed for unpaid infringements issued

November 2025

Infringements must be paid by November to avoid being sent to court for collection of the infringement fee.

Dog registration fees are still required to be paid.

